Two additional Recognised Service Providers registered under Residential Care Services Scheme in Guangdong

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) announced today (May 2) that two additional residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs), located in Foshan and Shenzhen respectively, will newly become Recognised Service Providers under the Residential Care Services Scheme in Guangdong starting from May 6. These two RCHEs are operated under partnerships formed by Hong Kong private organisations with experience and satisfactory track records in providing subsidised residential care services in Hong Kong, and Mainland elderly service operators.

Information of the two RCHEs is as follows -

Name of Hong Kong private organisations	Location of RCHEs	Type of places
Limited		Care and attention place
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Taking into account the two original RCHEs of the Scheme in Shenzhen and Zhaoqing operated by non-governmental organisations of Hong Kong, the total number of RCHEs registered under the Scheme will increase to four to provide more options for elderly persons waitlisted under the Central Waiting List for Subsidised Long Term Care Services (CWL) and intending to retire in the cities of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area (GBA).

Elderly persons who are waitlisted for subsidised residential care services in the CWL and would like to apply for the Scheme may contact their responsible workers to file an application.

In addition, the SWD is exploring expansion of the Scheme to include RCHEs solely operated by Mainland entities this year. Liaison with relevant departments in the GBA cities is in progress. On-site inspections were arranged to jointly select Mainland RCHEs which are rated four stars or above on the "List of Star-rated Senior Care Organisations" by the Department of Civil Affairs of Guangdong Province based on the standards of "Classification and Accreditation for Senior Care Organisation of China" with a minimum of two years of operational records to join the Scheme as Registered Service Providers.

Details of the Scheme are available at the SWD's website

<pre>(www.swd.gov.hk/en/pubsvc/elderly/cat_residentcare/subrcheplace/guangdong/index.html).</pre>