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## **HKSH Eastern Medical Centre and HKSH Cancer Centre Now in Service A New Medical Landmark in Hong Kong East**

(Hong Kong, 11 July 2019) — HKSH Eastern Medical Centre, a new medical landmark in Hong Kong East which uniquely houses a specially designed cancer centre, a community-based family medicine outpatient clinic and a health assessment unit, was officially opened today.

The Li Shu Fong Building of HKSH Eastern Medical Centre, with a total floor area of over 20,000 square metres, will join Hong Kong Sanatorium & Hospital and HKSH Healthcare as part of the HKSH Medical Group. Earlier in the day, the Group also celebrated the topping out of the adjacent Tsao Yin Kai Block of the Centre in A Kung Ngam, Shau Kei Wan, where a hospital and a proton therapy centre are being built with commissioning targeted in 2022, coinciding with the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of HKSH.

Equipped with a comprehensive range of diagnostic and therapeutic equipment including Asia's first Unity MR Linac in clinical use, the HKSH Cancer Centre offers all major cancer treatment modalities to cancer patients. It is Hong Kong's first and largest non-hospital-based facility specially designed for cancer care from diagnosis to management, including radiotherapy, chemotherapy, immunotherapy and targeted therapy. A new service model is adopted to provide patient-centric and one-stop treatment service to patients in a relaxing, comfortable environment.

The Grand Opening Ceremony was officiated by the Secretary for Food and Health, Professor Sophia CHAN; Chairman of Eastern District Council, Mr. WONG Kin Pan, and District Officer (Eastern), Mr. Simon CHAN, together with HKSH management representatives including Chief Operating Officer of HKSH Medical Group and Manager (Administration) of Hong Kong Sanatorium & Hospital, Mr. Wyman LI and Chief Executive Officer of HKSH Medical Group and Medical Superintendent of the Hospital, Dr. Walton LI.

**Mr. Wyman LI, Chief Operating Officer of HKSH Medical Group and Manager (Administration) of Hong Kong Sanatorium & Hospital** said at the ceremony that fighting cancer, the No. 1 killer in Hong Kong, was of paramount importance to HKSH. "To provide patient-centric and one-stop treatment service, we have assembled the finest personnel and equipment to provide the best quality care for cancer patients. Among the advanced technologies adopted are MR Simulator and Unity MR Linac which are unique in Hong Kong."

An oncologist used to request for an MRI to delineate the tumour while CT image with contrast would be used for planning and positioning. "With MR Simulator, the 2-tier planning requirement could be combined into one and this will help minimise the geometric distortion to the image, making it possible for drawing the margin of the tumour and the location within the body for treatment planning," Mr. LI said.

"The benefit of the MR Simulator is that MR has no radiation and causes no additional radiation damage to the patient. Without radiation, the patient will have no additional irradiation risk to have daily scanning to determine whether the tumour has moved, changed shape or the organ at risk has come into the targeted area. We have the only 2 MR Simulators in Hong Kong, one of which has been used for research and development for the past three years," Mr. LI said.



Asia's first clinical Unity MR Linac is the second important cancer-fighting ammunition equipped by HKSH at the Centre. It enables a high degree of precision in radiotherapy as guided by magnetic resonance imaging (MRI). "A tumour – its position, shape and the organ at risk - can be checked on a daily basis, before and during radiation treatment. We are now collaborating with a consortium of leading international medical centres to explore the clinical application of this technology," Mr. LI said. As the official opening of the centres in Shau Kei Wan, HKSH in Happy Valley will be undergoing expansion. Radiotherapy will be one of the affected areas, in which all the outpatients will be directed to the HKSH Cancer Centre at A Kung Ngam and only to retain some radiotherapy capacity for the inpatients at Happy Valley.

HKSH will continue to seek ways to provide the best care for cancer patients by offering the most advanced technology and skills at HKSH Eastern Medical Centre. "We will soon be moving our Molecular Laboratory over and will also include a new stem cell therapy GMP Laboratory for cellular therapy," Mr. LI remarked.

**Dr. Walton LI, Chief Executive Officer of HKSH Medical Group and Medical Superintendent of Hong Kong Sanatorium & Hospital** added that with advances in medicine and technology, most cancers could now be cured or controlled over a long period of time.

"Together with the Hospital in Happy Valley, the new centre caters for a full range of cancer disciplines and an ambulatory spectrum of cancer patients with the most comprehensive diagnostic, therapeutic and patient support on two campuses," Dr. LI said.

Cross-disciplinary teams will be set up to cater for patients' needs in physical and psychological wellness. "At HKSH Cancer Centre, we provide more personalized support to patients, their families and carers every step of the way with our case nurse team, counselling, patient support group, dietary consultation and cancer rehabilitation."

"Our service model sets out to help them overcome fear and anxiety with a pleasant environment for patients and their carers. They get our support, no one needs to walk alone and fight alone. Given proper treatment, continuous care and support from families and our staff, cancer patients can preserve the quality of life," Dr. LI said.

He added that the new centre has heralded a new era of HKSH development. "With this Centre, Hong Kong Sanatorium & Hospital in Happy Valley and other outpatient centres under HKSH Healthcare, we will continue to bring quality healthcare to further corners for the wider community," Dr. LI noted.

**The Secretary for Food and Health, Professor Sophia CHAN**, is grateful to the HKSH Medical Group for its support to the private healthcare sector in Hong Kong. "I notice that cancer management services are among the major services provided in HKSH Eastern Medical Centre, and a Cancer Centre has been set up therein. Indeed, cancer is a major public health issue in Hong Kong, and the Government accords high importance to cancer prevention and control," Professor CHAN said.

Apart from oncology services, family medicine outpatient and health assessment services are also available at HKSH Eastern Medical Centre. Family Medicine and Primary Care Centre (Island East) will be run from 9 am to 7 pm on weekdays and Saturdays at the initial stage with a view to extending to 24 hours in future. Health vouchers will be accepted for consultation.



**Dr. Joseph CHAN Woon Tong, Chief Medical Officer of HKSH Medical Group and Deputy Medical Superintendent of Hong Kong Sanatorium & Hospital** said that HKSH would also introduce its first cancer-related screening services at the Department of Health Assessment (Island East) on 6/F when it comes into service by end of the month. Vaccination services will be available to promote public awareness of disease prevention.

**Dr. LAU Chor Chiu, Chief Operating Officer of HKSH Eastern Medical Centre** added that HKSH was confident that the facility in A Kung Ngam would meet the service demand for outpatient service in Eastern District. “CT and MRI service at the Centre will also be made available for public patients at discounted price.”

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#### **About HKSH Medical Group**

Officially launched in September 2017, promotes public health and advanced medicine through a multi-faceted, coordinated approach in clinical services, medical education, scientific research and public health education. Members of the Group, including Hong Kong Sanatorium & Hospital, HKSH Healthcare HKSH Eastern Medical Centre, are dedicated to offering top-quality holistic care to patients, upholding the motto “Quality in Service, Excellence in Care”.

#### **About HKSH Eastern Medical Centre**

HKSH Eastern Medical Centre is the new medical landmark in Hong Kong East. It houses HKSH Cancer Centre which provides advanced and full range of cancer treatment options, Family Medicine and Primary Care and Health Assessment services.

#### **About Hong Kong Sanatorium & Hospital**

Hong Kong Sanatorium & Hospital is one of the leading private hospitals in Hong Kong. With the motto “Quality in Service Excellence in Care”, the Hospital is committed to serving the public as well as promoting medical education and research.

#### **About HKSH Healthcare**

Comprises a network of medical centres, which aim at delivering state-of-the-art and patient-centred care in Hong Kong. It offers top-quality community care, primary care and specialty care at convenient locations throughout Hong Kong.

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**Caption:**

1. HKSH Eastern Medical Centre is a new medical hub by HKSH in Island East. Professor Sophia CHAN, Secretary for Food & Health (middle) officiates at the grand opening ceremony together with Mr. Wyman LI, Chief Operating Officer of HKSH Medical Group and Manager (Administration) of Hong Kong Sanatorium & Hospital (4<sup>th</sup> from left) and Dr. Walton LI, Chief Executive Officer of HKSH Medical Group and Medical Superintendent of the Hospital (4<sup>th</sup> from right).



2. A group photo at the grand opening ceremony.





3. Topping out of Tsao Yin Kai Block of HKSH Eastern Medical Centre in A Kung Ngam represents a milestone in HKSH's history and an important countdown to the commissioning of the new hospital and proton therapy centre in 2022. The ceremony is officiated by HKSH management and Yau Lee Holdings Ltd.

