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HKSH Medical Group Signs MOU with Hong Kong University of Science and Technology to Collaborate in Medical Education, Clinical Training and Medical Research

(11 March 2025, Hong Kong) HKSH Medical Group (HKSH) and The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (HKUST) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to establish a long-term partnership in medical education, clinical training, and medical research. The partnership aligns with the HKSAR Government's vision of establishing the third medical school to develop Hong Kong into an international health and medical innovation hub. Subject to the HKSAR Government's approval of HKUST's proposal to establish a medical school, the MOU seeks to enhance the quality of medical education and drive innovation in medical research, contributing to the advancement of Hong Kong's medical sector.

As the first local private hospital to support undergraduate clinical training and specialist higher training and establish a dedicated clinical trial centre, HKSH brings a wealth of expertise to the realm of medical education and research. With state-of-the-art technology, a robust research division, and a rich history of medical breakthroughs, HKSH is uniquely positioned to collaborate with HKUST in cultivating tech-savvy and clinically adept physicians with scientific mindset ready to tackle future healthcare challenges. The partnership will include HKSH offering short-term clinical courses and practicum opportunities for HKUST students, while facilitating staff exchanges for clinical services, practice, and education, as well as joint research initiatives in pioneering fields such as proton therapy and artificial intelligence (AI). HKSH will also provide access to its advanced facilities, including simulation and medical laboratories, to support hands-on training.

Dr. Walton LI, Chief Executive Officer of HKSH Medical Group, expressed full support for HKUST's bidding to establish the third medical school in Hong Kong. He said, "Our MOU with HKUST signifies a new milestone in HKSH's ongoing commitment to advancing medical education and research through strategic partnerships for the betterment of healthcare and medical innovation. As Hong Kong's first private hospital to provide training for medical students, HKSH has about 30 years of experience in teaching medical students in Hong Kong, and offering higher training in various specialties including family medicine, surgery, ophthalmology, plastic surgery and orthopaedics. The HKSH Institute for Innovation and Professional Development (IIPD) is recently established to advance medical education and research, addressing the need for improving healthcare practices and fostering innovation within the medical community. HKSH has also been in the forefront of bringing advance medical technologies to Hong Kong while HKUST is the city's first research university distinguished by its excellence in bioengineering, AI and data science. We believe our combined expertise and experience will drive pioneering research, nurture medical talents through advanced clinical education, and open new doors to enhancing healthcare and medical innovation for Hong Kong, the Greater Bay Area, and beyond."

Prof. Nancy IP, President of HKUST, expressed sincere gratitude to HKSH for its pivotal support. "This partnership reflects our shared commitment to advancing the future of healthcare in Hong Kong and represents an important leap forward in our journey to establish the city's third medical school. HKSH is a pillar of Hong Kong's healthcare excellence, renowned for its comprehensive and patient-centered medical services across diverse specialties. By leveraging HKSH's advanced clinical facilities, invaluable expertise, and extensive medical networks, we will create unparalleled opportunities for students to engage in immersive clinical training. This strategic alliance, together with our existing collaborations with leading hospitals in the Greater Bay Area and Beijing, further



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strengthens our foundation to nurture the next generation of physicians equipped with clinical competence, a scientific mindset, and compassionate care—to lead the charge in addressing the city’s evolving challenges and shaping a healthier tomorrow for all.”

The partnership with HKUST demonstrates HKSH’s commitment to continuing the mission of The Li Shu Fan Medical Foundation in advancing medical education, research and charity. HKSH has provided in-hospital training since 1998 for over 6,500 medical students from two local medical schools. Since 2000, HKSH has been recognised by the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine to provide specialist training in Family Medicine, Surgery, Ophthalmology, Orthopaedics, and Plastic Surgery, through leveraging advanced medical technologies and facilities for education, research, and clinical care, thus strengthening public-private healthcare collaboration. With an aim to fostering medical innovation and improving clinical outcomes, HKSH has a long history of conducting clinical research covering areas including Cardiology, Ophthalmology, Clinical Oncology, Nuclear Medicine, PET/CT technology, diagnostic and interventional radiology, radiotherapy, medical physics, and pathology. HKSH is also Hong Kong’s first private hospital with a Clinical Trials Centre accredited by National Medical Products Administration. In addition, HKSH has established ten Endowed Professorships at the University of Hong Kong and the Chinese University of Hong Kong over the years. In recognition of the importance and achievement of dedicated clinicians in different specialties, these Professorships demonstrate HKSH’s commitment to promoting advanced medical research and improving patient care.

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About HKSH Medical Group

Officially launched in September 2017, HKSH Medical Group, through its operating members, adopts a multi-faceted, coordinated approach to promote public health and advanced medicine through relentless efforts in clinical excellence, medical training and research as well as public health education.

Members of the Group, including Hong Kong Sanatorium & Hospital, HKSH Healthcare, HKSH Eastern Medical Centre and HKSH Cancer Centre, are dedicated to offering top-quality holistic care to patients, upholding the motto ‘Quality in Service, Excellence in Care.’

Established in 1922, Hong Kong Sanatorium & Hospital is one of the key members of HKSH Medical Group and a leading private hospital in Hong Kong. Living up to its motto of ‘Quality in Service, Excellence in Care’, the Hospital is committed to serving the public as well as promoting medical education and research.

For more information about HKSH Medical Group, please <http://www.hksh.com>.

About The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology

The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (HKUST) (<https://hkust.edu.hk/>) is a world-class university committed to innovative education, research excellence, and impactful knowledge transfer. Our holistic and interdisciplinary pedagogy approach is recognized globally. HKUST placed



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3rd in the Times Higher Education's Young University Rankings 2024, 19th Worldwide and No.1 in Hong Kong in Times Higher Education's impact Rankings. Twelve of HKUST's subjects were ranked among the world's top 50 in the QS World University Rankings by Subject 2024. Of these, "Data Science and Artificial Intelligence" ranked first in Hong Kong and 10th in the world. Our graduates are highly competitive, consistently placing among the world's top 30 most sought-after employees. Our research and entrepreneurship endeavors are also innovative and impactful. Over 80% of our work was rated "Internationally excellent" or "world leading" in the latest Research Assessment Exercise 2020 of Hong Kong's University Grants Committee. As of November 2024, HKUST members have founded 1,800 active start-ups, including 10 Unicorns and 16 exits (IPO or M&A).

Photo Captions:

1. On 20 February 2025, Dr. Walton LI, Chief Executive Officer of HKSH Medical Group and Medical Superintendent of Hong Kong Sanatorium & Hospital (second from left), and Prof. Nancy IP, President of HKUST (second from right), signed the MOU, as witnessed by Dr. Joseph CHAN, Chief Medical Officer of HKSH Medical Group and Deputy Medical Superintendent of Hong Kong Sanatorium & Hospital (first from left), and Professor Yung Hou WONG, Dean of Science at the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (first from right).



2. The MOU between HKSH and HKUST seeks to enhance the quality of medical education and drive innovation in medical research, contributing to the advancement of Hong Kong's medical sector.



3. Distinguished guests from HKSH and HKUST at the Clinical Medical Education and Research MOU Signing Ceremony.





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4. As Hong Kong's first private hospital to provide training for medical students, HKSH has about 30 years of experience in teaching medical students in Hong Kong, offering higher training in various specialties. To date, HKSH has provided in-hospital training for over 6,500 medical students from two local medical schools.

