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## **HKSH Strengthens Strategic Partnership with Peking Union Medical College Hospital for Knowledge Exchange and Professional Training**

(29 May 2019, Hong Kong) Hong Kong Sanatorium & Hospital (“HKSH”) has signed a cooperation agreement with Peking Union Medical College Hospital (“PUMCH”) in a historic move for high-end medical collaborations between Hong Kong and the Mainland.

The agreement will strengthen the existing platform for knowledge exchange and professional training in medicine, nursing and research through such initiatives as staff attachments at HKSH and PUMCH, as well as joint efforts in research.

The Strategic Partnership Agreement was signed by Dr. Walton LI, Medical Superintendent of HKSH and Professor. ZHAO Yu-pei, President of PUMCH at a ceremony on 15 May which was attended by senior officials of National Health Commission of the People’s Republic of China, The Liaison Office of the Central People’s Government in the HKSAR, senior representatives from HKSH and PUMCH, HKU and CUHK’s Faculties of Medicine and other distinguished guests.

The collaboration came almost a century after Dr. LI Shu Pui, the former Medical Superintendent of HKSH, began his journey of medical education at Peking Union Medical College in 1920 at the age of 17, said Dr. Walton LI.

“It is our great honor to work with PUMCH, China’s No. 1 hospital and we look forward to expanding our existing platform of clinical exchange, meeting more high-end healthcare professionals in the Mainland and benefitting the profession and patients on both sides through more mutual exchanges,” Dr. LI said.

“With this new platform with PUMCH, an even stronger clinical partnership in care between doctors, nurses and allied health personnel can be promoted and this can be translated into enhanced total patient experience with better patient journey and improved patient outcome,” Dr. LI added.

Also speaking at the signing ceremony, Prof. ZHAO Yu-pei considered the collaboration with HKSH “a great union of two hospitals with same standing and common vision”.

“Both PUMCH and HKSH are industry leaders and most trusted by patients. We aspire to be the world’s best hospitals in medicine, education and research, all for the benefits of patients and their families,” Prof. ZHAO said.

“I am confident that, by adhering to the principle of common development, we can complement each other with our strengths and make great leaps together in wide-ranging areas for the common people and a healthy China,” he added.

HKSH and PUMCH have been arranging pilot professional exchanges since 2017. The signing of the 3-year agreement marks the beginning of the strategic partnership between HKSH and PUMCH to further strengthen the platform for medical education, knowledge exchange, research collaborations and patient services.



## Photos:

1. Dr. Walton LI (third from the right), Medical Superintendent of Hong Kong Sanatorium & Hospital with Professor. ZHAO Yu-pei (third from the left), President of Peking Union Medical College Hospital signed the Strategic Partnership Agreement, witnessed by Mr. WANG He-sheng (second from the left), Deputy Director, National Health Commission, Mr. YANG Jian (second from the right), Deputy Director, The Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in the HKSAR, Dr. Yen Chow TSAO (far left), Deputy Medical Superintendent, HKSH, and Mr. Wyman LI (far right), Manager (Administration), HKSH.



2. Distinguished guests at the Peking Union Medical College Hospital and Hong Kong Sanatorium & Hospital – Signing Ceremony of Strategic Partnership Agreement



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