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HKSH Medical Group Officially Launched Reorganisation Benefits Service Development and Long-term Sustainability

(29 September 2017, Hong Kong) HKSH Medical Group, which brings together Hong Kong Sanatorium & Hospital and HKSH Healthcare and future affiliates under the same umbrella, has been officially launched.

The launch on 28 September follows a successful corporate reorganisation which aims to bring benefits of operation efficiency and convenience for patients.

HKSH Healthcare is the operating entity for community network while future affiliates include the advanced medical centre under construction in A Kung Ngam.

Dr. Walton Li, Medical Superintendent of the Hospital said that the Group will continue to serve the local community with the Hospital's 95-year tradition and motto of "Quality in Service, Excellence in Care", providing world-class medical services with advanced technologies beyond its Happy Valley campus.

The launch facilitates the Group's development from a single site to a multi-faceted and multi-site integrated healthcare delivery system, he said, adding that the new structure will streamline management and work processes of different operating entities. Improved operating efficiency will enhance the Group's ability to meet challenges in the ever-changing healthcare sector and to develop quality services in new growth areas.

"The reorganisation will bring greater synergy and a unified approach in the patient-facing front between inpatient-based hospital and outpatient-based community network and future affiliates which will in turn benefit patients as a whole. Total Patient Experience will be enhanced through simplified procedures and processes involving patients and doctors," Dr. Li said.

From late September, a consent updating exercise has been underway to invite patients to update their consent to allow Group doctors to access their medical records in different service locations within the Group. Doctors will be able to provide a timely and effective diagnosis through the HKSH Joint Medical Records system with this arrangement.

The Group, following reorganisation, will become the only Healthcare Provider under the Electronic Health Record Sharing System (eHRSS). With consent updated starting from mid-October, doctors in the Hospital and satellite specialty centres can access patients' records in public hospitals for more thorough consultations.

At present, the 500 plus-bed Hospital is served by Group doctors in collaboration with Honorary Consultants and university professors. They form a strategic partnership with nurses, allied health professionals and supporting staff in service delivery. On top of Happy Valley campus, under HKSH Healthcare and since 2007, specialty services have been provided to a wider community with satellite centres in Central, Taikoo, Island West, Admiralty and North Point.

Dr. Li said that the official launch of the Group will provide a new platform in pursuit of clinical excellence. "The Group will give rise to a peer standard for all to look up to and a group identity to associate with, while the management is also committed to further improving the quality and care in our service through training and education," he noted.



Under Project 100, nurses and allied health professionals are granted local and overseas training opportunities with donations from Lady Lau Ip Sok Wun Memorial Scholarship and Ma Huateng Education & Training Fund. “These highly-trained nurses and allied health staff will set a new standard of care while working as a trustworthy partner to our world-class doctors,” Dr. Li remarked.

The new corporate move is also of paramount importance in funding the Group’s efforts in meeting future medical needs of Hong Kong and staying ahead of competition, said Mr. Wyman Li, Manager (Administration) of the Hospital.

Introducing the first proton therapy into Hong Kong is one of the key projects initiated by HKSH adding to the armamentarium an advanced cancer-fighting technology. The construction of advanced medical centre in A Kung Ngam is now in full steam, following Town Planning Board’s approval in 2015 to build Hong Kong’s first proton therapy. The rezoning into a hospital permits up to 100 inpatient beds.

Proton therapy is recognised as the best course of treatment for solid children cancer for fewer side effects and impediments to their future growth.

It is the Group’s mission and vision to bring the best medical options to Hong Kong community and patients in the region. To properly support proton therapy, the Group is also planning to set up another centre in A Kung Ngam to house some of the most advanced radiotherapy facilities in Hong Kong, including Radixact and possibly MR/Linac.

“Proton therapy has been in the making for 20 years and the first patient intake is expected in 2022, coinciding with the 100th anniversary of the Hospital. We will then have the most advanced cancer treatment centre in Asia when they are all in place,” Mr. Li noted.

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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 HKSH Medical Group include Hong Kong Sanatorium & Hospital, HKSH Healthcare and future affiliates. All members are dedicated to providing quality care to patients.

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.

HKSH Healthcare

HKSH Healthcare comprises a network of medical centres, which aim at delivering state-of-the-art and patient-centred care in Hong Kong. A member of HKSH Medical Group, HKSH Healthcare shares the core values of Hong Kong Sanatorium & Hospital on clinical excellence and patient care. It offers top-quality community care, primary care and specialty care at convenient locations throughout Hong Kong.



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Photo Captions:

- 1) HKSH Medical Group (HKSH) officially launched on 28 September 2017.



- 2) Dr. Walton Li (left), Medical Superintendent of the Hospital said that HKSH Medical Group will continue to serve the local community with the Hospital's 95-year tradition. He said that the official launch of the Group will provide a new platform in pursuit of clinical excellence. While Mr. Wyman Li (right), Manager (Administration) of the Hospital echoed, the new corporate move is of paramount importance in funding the Group's efforts in meeting future medical needs of Hong Kong and staying ahead of competition.

