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Launch Ceremony for the Exhibition of “The Centenary of Hong Kong Sanatorium & Hospital” Serving Patients • Nurturing Talents • Driving Innovations

(16 September 2022, Hong Kong) Over the past century, the growth of the Hong Kong Sanatorium & Hospital (HKSH) has been intricately bound with that of Hong Kong and the neighbouring region. In celebration of its 100th anniversary, HKSH today hosted the Launch Ceremony for the Exhibition titled “The Centenary of Hong Kong Sanatorium & Hospital” (the Exhibition) at the Hong Kong Museum of Medical Sciences (HKMMS).

Building upon the vision and mission of Dr LI Shu Fan, the founding father and former Medical Superintendent of HKSH, the devotion of HKSH to patients as well as the commitment to advancing clinical excellence and medical education continues to this day. The Exhibition will take audience on a journey through a hundred-year history of HKSH as an integral part of Hong Kong’s medical development. Shedding light on HKSH’s contributions to healthcare services, medical education, and clinical research in the past century, the Exhibition shows how HKSH embraced opportunities and challenges to further medical sciences and provide total patient care in the community.

A number of precious historical objects will be made public for the first time, which include the medical suitcase of Dr. LI Shu Pui, the former Medical Superintendent of the Hospital, to treat injured in the Mainland during WWII; some surgical instruments in the early days such as skin stapler, bladder retractor, Yankauer sucker and tonsil snare; operation room charge records in the 1950s; and a gold grain implantation gun for treating cancers in the 1960s.

The Launch Ceremony was officiated by Professor LO Chung-mau, Secretary for Health, Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region; Dr. Walton LI, Chief Executive Officer of HKSH Medical Group and Medical Superintendent of the Hong Kong Sanatorium & Hospital, and Professor Rosie YOUNG, Patron of Hong Kong Museum of Medical Sciences Society. The ceremony was joined by Dr. LEONG Che-hung and Mrs. Sophie LEUNG, who are the Co-chairpersons of the Clinical Governance Committee of HKSH Medical Group, Professor Gilberto LEUNG, President of the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine; Dr. Victoria WONG, Associate Dean (Clinical Affairs) of LKS Faculty of Medicine, The University of Hong Kong; Professor Samuel WONG, Associate Dean of Medicine (Education) of The Chinese University of Hong Kong; Dr. Yen Chow TSAO, Chief Clinical Officer of HKSH Medical Group and Deputy Medical Superintendent of Hong Kong Sanatorium & Hospital; and Dr. Joseph CHAN, Chief Medical Officer of HKSH Medical Group and Deputy Medical Superintendent of Hong Kong Sanatorium & Hospital.

Speaking at the launch ceremony, **Professor LO Chung-mau, Secretary for Health**, expressed appreciation to HKSH for its contributions to local medical development. He said, “Since its establishment, HKSH has flourished from a 28-bed nursing home to a private healthcare provider with about 650 beds and more than 30 specialty centres. Apart from offering medical services to

patients, HKSH also plays a prominent and leading role in nurturing talents and fostering medical research. The current pandemic has posed once-in-a-century challenge to local healthcare system. We are thankful that HKSH has shown support to the Government's appeal by providing hospital beds for public hospital patients transferred by Hospital Authority, and offering out-patient and telemedicine services to COVID-19 patients in the community. The efforts made by HKSH help alleviate the enormous pressure faced by the public healthcare system. I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to HKSH and those working in our healthcare system for their support during the pandemic.”

Dr. Walton LI, Chief Executive Officer of HKSH Medical Group and Medical Superintendent of Hong Kong Sanatorium & Hospital, said at the ceremony that HKSH has witnessed many significant moments of Hong Kong over the past century. The Hospital offered medical assistance to the injured in Hong Kong during WWII in the 1940s; post-war immigration wave from the Mainland and economic recovery in Hong Kong created an opportunity for HKSH to expand its service scope to meet the increasing medical needs of the population; the formation of Hospital Authority in the 1990s heralded a new era of public-private collaboration, with HKSH tackling some of the in-patient demands and medical consultations on all levels of specialty care. In battling SARS in 2003 and the COVID-19 epidemic in recent years, HKSH again holds the fort on the frontline with appropriate anti-pandemic measures to treat mild symptoms of COVID-19 patients and receive non-COVID-19 patients transferred from public hospitals.

Dr. LI remarked, “Over the past hundred years, HKSH has seen the changes of times and faced countless challenges and opportunities, like all Hong Kong people. What remains unchanged is our endeavor to stay at the forefront of medicine, offer patient-centred care, and serve the community. As we embark on a new era, HKSH will continue to follow the footstep of our predecessors. Despite of the unprecedented pandemic and the momentous changes in society in recent years, we remain committed to pushing back the frontiers of medical knowledge and contributing to our community and our country. Building on the long-standing relationship with the stakeholders in the public health sector and universities, we will further deepen our partnerships, while making contributions in the areas of healthcare services, nurturing of medical professionals, and clinical research.”

Dr. LI recalled that there were only 28 beds when the Hospital was first established in 1922 and most Hong Kong people were skeptical about Western medicine at that time. Thanks to a group of leading Chinese medical practitioners and dignitaries who spared no pain in bringing in concept of Western medicine and cutting-edge technologies, Hong Kong Sanatorium & Hospital (formerly The Yeung Wo Nursing Home) at “The Happy Retreat”, overlooking the racecourse in Happy Valley, was thus established, offering local Chinese residents with alternative healthcare options. Dr. LI said it is especially meaningful to stage the Centenary Exhibition at HKMMS as it is a heritage building with more than 100 years of history, which provides the most stimulating environment for the general public to look back on how the Western medicine developed and flourished in Hong Kong over the past century.



Professor Rosie YOUNG, Patron of Hong Kong Museum of Medical Sciences Society, said, “For many years, the Hong Kong Museum of Medical Sciences has been working hand in hand with different sectors of Hong Kong to strengthen education on medical history. It is our hope that Hong Kong’s rich medical heritage can be best preserved and displayed. Housed in a declared monument that links to much of Hong Kong’s medical past, HKMMS embraces the value of heredity as HKSH does. The special exhibition themed ‘The Centenary of Hong Kong Sanatorium & Hospital’ has undoubtedly demonstrated HKSH’s relentless pursuit of improvement and the spirit of humanistic care and virtues of medical practitioners. I believe that the exhibition will enable the general public to better understand the medical history and clinical technology advancement of Hong Kong over the past century.”

With the theme of “Serving Patients • Nurturing Talents • Driving Innovations”, the Exhibition is one of the centenary celebratory events for HKSH. The Exhibition will be open to the public from 17 September to 30 December 2022. Guided tours and public seminars are available upon appointment. For more details, please visit the HKMMS website:

https://www.hkmms.org.hk/en/exh/events/hksh_exhibition/ .

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About HKSH Medical Group

Officially launched in September 2017, HKSH Medical Group 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 and HKSH Eastern Medical Centre, are dedicated to offering top-quality holistic care to patients, upholding the motto “Quality in Service, Excellence in Care”.

About Hong Kong Sanatorium & Hospital

Established in 1922, 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.

Photo Captions:

1. Officiating at the Launch Ceremony were Professor LO Chung-mau, Secretary for Health (5th from left); Dr. Walton LI, Chief Executive Officer of HKSH Medical Group and Medical Superintendent of the Hong Kong Sanatorium & Hospital (5th from right); Professor Rosie YOUNG, Patron of Hong Kong Museum of Medical Sciences Society (4th from right); Dr. LEONG Che-hung (3rd from right) and Mrs. Sophie LEUNG (3rd from left), who are the Co-chairpersons of the Clinical Governance Committee of HKSH Medical Group; Professor Gilberto LEUNG, President of the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine (2nd from left); Professor Samuel WONG, Associate Dean of Medicine (Education) of The Chinese University of Hong Kong (1st from left); Dr. Victoria WONG, Associate Dean (Clinical Affairs) of The University of Hong Kong (1st from right); Dr. Yen Chow TSAO, Chief Clinical Officer of HKSH Medical Group and Deputy Medical Superintendent of Hong Kong Sanatorium & Hospital (4th from left), and Dr. Joseph CHAN, Chief Medical Officer of HKSH Medical Group and Deputy Medical Superintendent of Hong Kong Sanatorium & Hospital (2nd from right).



2. Professor LO Chung-mau, Secretary for Health, expressed appreciation to HKSH for showing support to the Government's appeal by providing hospital beds for public hospital patients transferred by Hospital Authority, and offering out-patient and telemedicine services to COVID-19 patients in the community. The efforts made by HKSH help alleviate the enormous pressure faced by the public healthcare system.



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4. Professor LO Chung-mau, Secretary for Health, visited “The Centenary of Hong Kong Sanatorium & Hospital” exhibition to learn more about HKSH’s contributions to healthcare services, medical education, and clinic research.



5. “The Centenary of Hong Kong Sanatorium & Hospital” exhibition with the theme of “Serving Patients • Nurturing Talents • Driving Innovations” is one of the centenary celebratory events for HKSH.



6. In the Exhibition, a number of precious historical items are showcased for the first time, which enables the public to know more about the history of HKSH and medical development in Hong Kong.





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