

Hospital Authority recruitment event in Australia successfully held (with photos)

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

The Hospital Authority (HA) representatives participated in the recruitment event in Sydney of Australia organised by the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government for two consecutive days (June 2 and 3). The event was held successfully with more than 200 medical students and medical practitioners participating in person and online to learn about the latest pathway for working in Hong Kong, registration arrangements, specialist training development, etc. Forty-five conditional offers were given to suitable participants by the HA during the event.

The HA Chief Executive, Dr Tony Ko, summed up the activities and said, "We are delighted to have the opportunity to meet and exchange ideas with medical students and medical practitioners in Australia, and to show the HA's utmost sincerity in recruiting talents from all over the world. The participants' responses are very positive, with many expressing great interests in working in Hong Kong and hoping to learn more about specialist training and other living arrangements in Hong Kong. We sincerely invite them to develop their career in Hong Kong, and also encourage medical students to visit our public hospitals for clinical observership to experience the daily operation of our public healthcare system."

The delegation, composed of representatives from the HA, the Department of Health and the two medical schools in Hong Kong, explained to the participants latest registration arrangements for working in Hong Kong, and also introduced the opportunity to receive specialist training in public healthcare institutions and the arrangements for obtaining specialist qualifications, with a view to attracting more non-locally trained doctors to join the public healthcare sector and serve patients in Hong Kong.

During their stay in Australia, the delegation also visited a medical school and met with local medical organisations, to exchange views and explore co-operation on the latest developments in medical training, professional fields and academic areas.

Dr Ko also said that the HA is stepping up its effort to recruit non-locally trained doctors from overseas and interviews have been arranged for interested candidates over the past two months. The HA had arranged interviews with over 40 non-locally trained doctors and has already matched them with corresponding jobs, specialties and departments. Relevant registration applications will be submitted to the Medical Council of Hong Kong accordingly. It is hoped that these doctors will be able to serve in Hong Kong as early as the third quarter of this year. The HA is currently processing the interview and appointment procedures of other candidates and

will continue to follow up with other participants on their willingness to work in Hong Kong so as to facilitate them to come to Hong Kong as soon as possible.

At present, there are 58 non-locally-trained doctors working in public hospitals through limited registration or special registration. The HA will continue to proactively promote in different countries and places, and will continue to recruit eligible non-locally trained doctors to join Hong Kong's public healthcare sector through various registration scheme to meet the growing demand for services.

The HA has established various online platforms (see appendix) to handle enquiries from medical students and medical practitioners and will provide full assistance.

