

Over 3 800 blood donors commended at Annual Donor Award Ceremony (with photos)

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

The Hong Kong Red Cross Blood Transfusion Service (BTS) today (June 10) held its Annual Donor Award Ceremony to commend outstanding blood donors. BTS also announced that a total of 3 855 donors gave blood 25-times or in its multiples in 2022/23, which was a BTS record. BTS thanks all donors for their enthusiasm in contributing to a sustainable blood supply for the city.

The officiating guests at the award presentation included the Acting Secretary for Health, Dr Libby Lee; the Chairman of the Hospital Authority (HA), Mr Henry Fan; the President of the Hong Kong Red Cross (HKRC), Mr George Joseph Ho; Deputy Chairperson of HKRC Ms Wendy Tsang; the Chairman of BTS Governing Committee, Mr Ignatius Chan; the Chief Executive of HA, Dr Tony Ko, and the Cluster Chief Executive of the Kowloon Central Cluster, Dr Eric Cheung.

In her opening remarks, Dr Lee pointed out that there's no substitute for blood, and the shelf life of blood is limited. BTS needs regular blood donations by the public in order to ensure a sufficient and stable blood supply for the city. She said she hoped the spirit of mutual support and care would spread across the society and added that the Government would continue to give its full support to blood donation.

Mr Fan reiterated that a sustainable and stable blood supply is an integral part of the health system. He also expressed his deep gratitude to all blood donors on behalf of HA. He also presented awards to representatives from awarded schools to commend their efforts and commitment in promoting blood donation to the younger generation.

Ms Tsang called on the public to support World Blood Donor Day on June 14. There is no substitute for blood despite advances in medical technology, she added. Therefore, it is crucial to ensure all patients have access to safe blood in time for clinical treatments.

With strong support from the community, 123 823 donors came forward and donated 210 532 units of blood, turning into over 330 000 units of blood products for clinical treatment this year. They have brought warmth, hope and light to patients and their families.

In addition to individual donation awards, Elite Partnership Awards were presented to following corporate, community and academic partners, in recognition of their enthusiastic support in blood donation. The respective winners are:

Elite Partnership Award – Corporate Partners

- Sino Group
- Nan Fung Group
- Swire Properties Limited
- LAWSGROUP – D2 Place
- Prudential Hong Kong Limited

Elite Partnership Award – Community Partners

- Lions Clubs International District 303 – Hong Kong and Macao, China
- Rotary International District 3450
- Tsz Shan Monastery
- Iglesia Ni Cristo (Church Of Christ)
- Buddhist Compassion Relief Tzu-Chi Foundation Hong Kong Ltd

Elite Partnership Award – Community Partners (Blood Donation Vehicle)

- Whampoa Garden Management Limited
- Hong Kong Science & Technology Parks Corporation
- Lung Mun Oasis
- Discovery Bay Services Management Limited
- Savills Property Management Limited – The Center

Elite Partnership Award – University

- The Chinese University of Hong Kong
- The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology
- Hong Kong Baptist University
- The Hong Kong Polytechnic University
- Hong Kong Metropolitan University
- Lingnan University

Elite Partnership Award – Secondary School

- Cheung Sha Wan Catholic Secondary School
- Tung Chung Catholic School
- Po Leung Kuk Wu Chung College
- Heung To Middle School
- Jockey Club Ti-I College
- Heep Yunn School
- Hong Kong and Kowloon Kaifong Women's Association Sun Fong Chung College
- Buddhist Hung Sean Chau Memorial College
- Carmel Pak U Secondary School
- Pui Ching Middle School

BTS invites members of the public to keep donating blood and maintain a stable blood supply for clinical transfusion to patients. To prevent crowds from gathering and long waiting times at the donor centres, donors are advised to make appointments by calling BTS donor centres or via "HK Blood" mobile app. For details, please visit www.ha.org.hk/rcbts.

