

Record-breaking of over 3 900 blood donors and Elite Partners 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 8) held its Annual Donor Award Ceremony to commend outstanding regular blood donors. The BTS also announced that a total of 3 908 donors gave blood 25 times or in its multiples in 2023/24, which breaks the BTS record for two consecutive years. On behalf of all patients who have received blood transfusion treatment, the BTS would like to express its sincerest gratitude to all the enthusiastic blood donors.

The officiating guests of award presentation included the Under Secretary for Health, Dr Libby Lee; the President of the Hong Kong Red Cross (HKRC), Mr George Joseph Ho; the Chairperson of the HKRC, Dr Lau Chor-chiu; the Chairman of the BTS Hospital Governing Committee, Mr Ignatius Chan; and the Chief Executive of the Hospital Authority (HA), Dr Tony Ko, etc.

Dr Lee said, "A steady supply of blood is getting more crucial when the demand for healthcare services is growing with an ageing population. I particularly welcomed the BTS' strategy in enlisting the youth community as a new force for blood donation and urged blood donors to engage their family and friends in making it a habit to donate blood. The Government would continue to give full support to blood donation activities, including holding another blood donation event at the Central Government Offices next week with participation of government staff to appeal more businesses and organisations in organising blood donation activities."

Dr Ko stated that, "A sustainable and stable blood supply is of utmost importance to the healthcare system. I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to all blood donors across Hong Kong, whose donations have enabled patients to receive appropriate blood transfusion treatments. The HA has been strongly supportive of blood donation activities, and many healthcare professionals are outstanding blood donors who are dedicated to safeguarding patients' wellbeing both at work and in their personal lives."

Dr Lau reiterated that the BTS has been continuously promoting the recruitment of young blood donors by visiting various universities and secondary schools to organise campus blood donation activities, with the aim of cultivating a habit of regular blood donation among the youth. He hopes to see more young faces at the blood donation award ceremony in the future.

A total of 126 400 donors donated nearly 213 000 units of blood, turning into over 342 800 units of blood products for clinical treatment after they

underwent processing and testing at the various laboratories of the BTS this year.

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

Elite Partnership Award – Corporate Partners

- Prudential Hong Kong Limited
- Sino Group
- Nan Fung Group
- Sun Hung Kai Properties Limited

Elite Partnership Award – Community Partners

- Tsz Shan Monastery
- Lions Clubs International District 303
- Rotary International District 3450
- Scout Association of Hong Kong

Elite Partnership Award – Community Partners (Blood Donation Vehicle)

- Whampoa Garden Management Limited
- Langham Place
- Lung Mun Oasis
- Hong Kong Science & Technology Parks Corporation

Elite Partnership Award – University

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

Elite Partnership Award – Secondary School

- West Island School
- Discovery College
- Po Leung Kuk Wu Chung College
- The ISF Academy
- Sha Tin College
- Lingnan Secondary School
- TWGHs Yau Tze Tin Memorial College
- TWGHs Chang Ming Thien College
- Lai Chack Middle School
- CCC Fong Yun Wah Secondary School

The BTS invites members of the public to keep donating blood and become a regular blood donor. Donors are advised to make appointments via "HK Blood"

mobile app or by calling the BTS' donor centres. For details, please visit www.ha.org.hk/rcbts.

