

Record-breaking of over 4 000 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 14) held its Annual Donor Award Ceremony to commend outstanding regular blood donors. The BTS also announced that a total of 4 081 donors gave blood 25 times or in its multiples in 2024/25, which breaks the BTS record for three consecutive years. This highlights the growing awareness and embrace of blood donation culture in Hong Kong. The BTS expressed its sincerest gratitude to all the enthusiastic blood donors.

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

Dr Libby Lee said, "The BTS has adopted a multipronged approach to promote blood donation as a habit to ensure a stable blood supply in Hong Kong. I would like to urge blood donors to inspire their family and friends to become fellow blood donation champions, to help patients through their life-threatening moments. I would also like to encourage everyone to register as a bone marrow donor to save lives. I look forward to seeing more young people recognised at the Donor Award Ceremony as key players in this lifesaving effort in the future."

Dr Tony Ko added that, a stable blood supply ensures the healthcare system functions effectively to safeguard the health of in Hong Kong people. The HA has always supported blood donation activities. In the past year, HA staff donated more than 1 800 units of blood. Many colleagues dedicate themselves to protecting patients both within and beyond their workplace. We would like to extend our sincere gratitude to all staff members and blood donors across the city for their invaluable contribution.

Dr Lau Chor-chiu said, "To strengthen our network with universities, the BTS has collaborated closely with the Hong Kong Red Cross Youth Development Service. Following the establishment of the Hong Kong Red Cross University Club (Hong Kong Baptist University) last year, this year BTS has also engaged in the establishment of the Club of Chinese University of Hong Kong. The BTS will actively engage in the campus blood donation activities."

Mr Ignatius Chan stated that, "BTS has paid our utmost effort recruiting young donors over the years, aiming at strengthening the team dedicated to saving lives through blood donation. This year, the BTS organised a

University Blood Donation Marathon and visited 13 universities and tertiary institutions. During the event, the BTS collected over 2 800 units of blood, among which 1 200 people were first-time donors. Besides, the BTS continues to collaborate with the Education Bureau to promote blood donation education in secondary schools, ensuring that the culture of blood donation is rooted in campus."

This year, a total of 127 800 enthusiastic blood donors donated nearly 219 200 units of blood, turning into over 372 100 units of blood products for clinical treatment in Hong Kong hospitals after they underwent processing and testing at various laboratories of the BTS.

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

Elite Partnership Award – Corporate Partners

Prudential Hong Kong Limited

Sino Group

Nan Fung Group

Link Asset Management Services Limited

Sun Hung Kai Properties Limited

Elite Partnership Award – Community Partners

Tsz Shan Monastery

Rotary International District 3450

Scout Association of Hong Kong

Evangelical Free Church of China – Yan Fook Church

Elite Partnership Award – Community Partners (Blood Donation Vehicle)

Whampoa Garden Management Limited

Lung Mun Oasis

Hong Kong Science & Technology Parks Corporation

Elite Partnership Award – University

The Chinese University of Hong Kong

The University of Hong Kong

The Hong Kong Polytechnic University

Hong Kong Metropolitan University

Hong Kong Baptist University

The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology

Elite Partnership Award – Secondary School

Shatin College

West Island School

Po Leung Kuk Wu Chung College

Discovery College

Buddhist Hung Sean Chau Memorial College

F.D.B.W.A. Szeto Ho Secondary School

Cheung Sha Wan Catholic Secondary School

King's College

PHC Wing Kwong College
Lai Chack Middle School

The BTS invites members of the public to support blood donation activities continuously and become regular blood donors. Donors can make appointments via "HK Blood" mobile app or by calling the BTS' donor centres. For details, please visit www.ha.org.hk/rcbts.

