

Recruitment Day for non-locally trained doctors successfully held in Sydney (with photos)

A Recruitment Day for non-locally trained doctors was successfully held in Sydney, Australia, today (June 3). The Hospital Authority (HA), together with the Department of Health (DH) and the medical schools of the University of Hong Kong and the Chinese University of Hong Kong, promoted the latest pathway and registration arrangement for non-locally trained doctors to practise in Hong Kong to medical students and medical practitioners from Australia, with a view to attracting them to serve in public healthcare institutions in Hong Kong.

The Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office, Sydney (Sydney ETO) supported the organisation of the Recruitment Day. Over 200 medical students and medical practitioners participated.

The Secretary for Health, Professor Lo Chung-mau, said he is delighted to know that the second overseas recruitment exercise was successfully held in Sydney. Professor Lo said, "Attracting talent is a key priority of the Government. The overseas recruitment exercise is one of the initiatives to attract medical students and medical practitioners to serve in the HA, the DH and the two medical schools in Hong Kong. The Health Bureau will continue to spare no effort to attract, retain and nurture healthcare talent."

The Chief Executive of the HA, Dr Tony Ko, said, "It gives us great pleasure to travel to Sydney and meet with medical students and medical practitioners in person and online in Australia. Members of the delegation introduced to them the working environment of public hospitals, training ladders, living arrangements, etc, for employment in Hong Kong. We received positive responses from the participants and we look forward to seeing them in the HA family soon."

Addressing the participants in her welcoming remarks, the Director of the Sydney ETO, Miss Trista Lim, said, "Hong Kong has unveiled various initiatives to attract top talent worldwide. In addition to the pathway for qualified non-locally trained doctors to practise in Hong Kong, the Government has recently expanded the Talent List to cover 51 professions, including 13 professions under the healthcare services sector."

The Government has earlier announced 75 medical qualifications recognised by the Special Registration Committee, including seven in Australia.

The Recruitment Day was also supported by the Australasian Medical Services Coalition and the Hong Kong Medical Society of Australia.

