

## Secretary for Health and delegation proceed to visit Dongguan (with photos)

The Secretary for Health, Professor Lo Chung-mau, and his delegation headed to Dongguan from Guangzhou today (March 14) to continue their two-day visit, meeting Dongguan Municipal Government and health officials, and visiting the Dongguan Tungwah Hospital.

The delegation first met with Deputy Mayor of the Dongguan Municipal People's Government Ms Li Jun and the Director of the Dongguan Municipal Health Bureau, Ms Zhang Qiaoli. Professor Lo introduced to them the latest healthcare developments in Hong Kong and engaged with them in a thorough exchange on issues such as the Elderly Health Care Voucher Greater Bay Area Pilot Scheme, optimisation of hospital management, improvement of public health and enhancement of healthcare service quality.

Professor Lo said, "The Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government endeavors to keep strengthening and deepening healthcare exchanges and co-operation with Mainland cities to promote healthcare development in Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area cities in a bid to enhance the quality and efficiency of medical and healthcare services, thereby contributing to the major national strategy of 'Healthy China' through concerted efforts."

The delegation visited the Dongguan Tungwah Hospital in the afternoon. The hospital was included in the Pilot Scheme as one of the pilot medical institutions by the Health Bureau last month. Hong Kong elderly persons who are eligible for receiving Elderly Health Care Vouchers will be able to use the vouchers to pay for outpatient healthcare services they receive at designated medical centres or medical service departments of the Dongguan Tungwah Hospital later this year.

Deputy Secretary for Health Mr Eddie Lee; the Senior Advisor (Secretary for Health's Office), Dr Joe Fan; and the Deputising Chief Executive of the Hospital Authority, Dr Simon Tang, of the Hong Kong delegation also joined the visit programme today. They returned to Hong Kong afterwards this afternoon.

