

## Secretary for Health expresses deep sorrow over passing of Princess Margaret Hospital oncologist

The Secretary for Health, Professor Lo Chung-mau, today (February 11) expressed profound sadness over the passing of an oncologist at the Princess Margaret Hospital and extended his deepest sympathies to the doctor's family.

He said, "The young doctor who died from a sudden illness was determined to practice medicine and save lives, and has been working for the Hospital Authority (HA) since graduation from the medical school to serve Hong Kong citizens. The doctor just obtained a specialist qualification in oncology, and was still taking care of patients in the ward right before the onset of symptoms. I am deeply moved by the doctor's professionalism, passion for work and care for patients. The doctor is genuinely a role model for colleagues of the healthcare profession.

"I would like to extend my deepest condolences to the doctor's family on behalf of the Health Bureau, and the HA will make every effort to assist them. The Centre for Health Protection of the Department of Health is conducting epidemiological and environmental investigations into the incident at full strength, and will submit a report and give an account to the public as early as possible."