

Secretary for Health meets delegations of Shanghai Municipal Health Commission and Shanghai Hospital Development Center (with photos)

The Secretary for Health, Professor Lo Chung-mau, had separate meetings with delegations led by Deputy Director General of the Shanghai Municipal Health Commission Professor Hu Hongyi and Vice Director General of the Shanghai Hospital Development Center Mr Zheng Ning today (May 17) to explore areas for strengthening healthcare co-operation.

Professor Lo said, "Hong Kong and Shanghai embrace seamless co-operation in the realm of healthcare. The two places have signed the Memorandum of Understanding on Healthcare Cooperation between the Shanghai Municipal Health Commission and the Health Bureau of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) Government last month at the 6th Plenary Session of the Hong Kong/Shanghai Co-operation Conference to establish co-operation mechanisms in four key areas of collaboration, namely traditional Chinese medicine, high-quality development of public hospitals, community health and prevention and control of infectious diseases, as well as health emergency responses.

"For the very first time, the Chief Executive adopted cross-boundary medical collaboration as one of the subtitles in the 2023 Policy Address, demonstrating how deep the HKSAR Government values medical collaboration with the Mainland, Shanghai included, on various fronts. The HKSAR Government has indeed been strengthening co-operation on healthcare service developments and enhancing healthcare quality with various Mainland counterparts under the principles of complementarity and mutual benefits and on the premise of benefitting the healthcare development of the Mainland and Hong Kong. Looking ahead, the two places will continue to strive to foster cross-boundary healthcare collaboration and draw concerted efforts to push forward the important national strategy of 'Healthy China'."

The delegations of the Shanghai Municipal Health Commission and the Shanghai Hospital Development Center also attended the Hospital Authority (HA) Convention during their visit to Hong Kong.

The Director of Health, Dr Ronald Lam, and the Chief Executive of the HA, Dr Tony Ko, also joined some of the meetings today.

