

# Task Group on New Medical School receives three proposals for establishment of third medical school

â€‹The Government announced today (March 17) that the Task Group on New Medical School has received a total of three proposals for the establishment of the third medical school before the submission deadline. These proposals were submitted by Hong Kong Baptist University, the Hong Kong Polytechnic University, and the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology respectively.

The Task Group issued a letter of invitation on December 2 last year to all universities funded by the University Grants Committee to invite local universities interested in establishing the new medical school to submit proposals by the deadline of March 17 this year.

The Task Group will proceed to the next stage of work to evaluate proposals according to the devised parameters. [The Task Group earlier agreed](#) to adopt a holistic and comprehensive approach for evaluating the proposals submitted by universities from various perspectives, in accordance with the 10 key parameters set (including innovative strategic positioning, curriculum structure and assessment methodologies, and financial sustainability). The expert advisors and other members of the Task Group will conduct an in-depth evaluation of the proposals in their respective areas of expertise. The Task Group also plans to conduct interviews within the second quarter of this year with the universities that have submitted proposals to gain a better understanding of the proposals for making a consolidated consideration.

The Task Group expects to complete the evaluation and recommend to the Government within this year a proposal that could nurture more talented medical practitioners in support of the high quality development of the local healthcare service system, while at the same time aligning with the development of Hong Kong into an international medical training, research and innovation hub.

[Established in October last year](#), the Task Group comprises seasoned local, Mainland and overseas academics in medical teaching and university management, professionals, representatives from the Medical Council of Hong Kong and the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine, as well as representatives from relevant government bureaux and departments, and is responsible for devising the direction and parameters for establishing the new medical school and selecting a suitable university for setting up the new medical school.