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Dear Ms Wong,

Redevelopment of Kwong Wah Hospital

I refer to item 7 of LC Paper No. CB(2)32/12-13(02). At the Panel meeting held on 11 June 2012, the Administration was requested to provide the following information in relation to the redevelopment of the Kwong Wah Hospital (KWH) –

- (a) how the Chinese and Western models of care would be integrated in the treatment of inpatients of the redeveloped KWH;
- (b) the recruitment of the local Chinese medicine graduates since 2004; and
- (c) its initial thoughts on the implementation programme and decanting arrangement for the redevelopment project.

Response to item (a)

The Administration has policies to support ongoing Chinese medicine services in the public health care system. Since 2003, the Government has established Chinese Medicine Centres for Training and Research (CMCTRs) in 16 districts through tripartite collaboration involving the Hospital Authority (HA), a Non-governmental Organization (NGO) and a local university to promote the development of the Chinese medicine services. The NGO partner is responsible for the day-to-day operation of the CMCTR.

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KWH, under Tung Wah Group of Hospitals (TWGHs), has been providing outpatient Chinese medicine services of their own uniqueness. KWH had pioneered outpatient integrated Chinese and Western Medicine services. In the redeveloped KWH, there would be designated floor areas for the provision of inpatient integrated Chinese and Western Medicine services. Details of the service model would be further deliberated by TWGHs Board and HA.

Response to item (b)

It was the Government's intention to require NGOs operating CMCTRs to employ local full-time Chinese Medicine (CM) Bachelor's Degree graduates from CM Schools of the three local Universities (The University of Hong Kong, the Chinese University of Hong Kong and the Hong Kong Baptist University) for training opportunities. The number of CM graduates employed by CMCTRs in the past three years is as follows:

Year*	CM Graduates employed	No. of CMCTRs
2009-10	171	14
2010-11	193	15
2011-12	200	16

* Remarks: A structured three-year training programme was established to increase training capacities for Chinese Medicine Practitioners (CMPs) in 2009-10. Since then, employment data was collected systematically and thus data since 2009-10 is provided above.

Response to item (c)

As we have explained at the Panel on Health Services meeting on 11 June 2012, existing acute services provided by KWH would not be affected during the redevelopment period. Any disruption of other services, if unavoidable, will be kept to a minimum.

According to the preliminary implementation programme, the first phase of the main works will involve demolition of the following four hospital buildings for construction of the Phase 1 of the new complex :

- (i) **Administration Building** which mainly houses department offices, lecture theatres, training facilities and staff accommodation;
- (ii) **Nurses Quarters and CM Clinical Research and Services Centre** which currently house CM General Out-patient Clinic, staff training facilities, offices and staff accommodation; and
- (iii) **South Wing of Main Hospital Building** with key clinical departments such as medicine and geriatrics, surgery, paediatrics, obstetrics and gynaecology and operating theatres.

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To facilitate construction works during the Phase 1, we have to arrange decanting of the existing hospital wards, service diversion and renovation works in stages. While essential clinical services will remain on-site, other ancillary facilities such as offices, stores and staff accommodation will be temporarily decanted off-site so that the vacated spaces in buildings not demolished in the first phase could be used to accommodate the affected clinical services.

Other measures to maintain clinical services include extending service hours of the operating theatres in the North Wing of the Main Hospital Building as and when necessary. After re-locating the existing Geriatric Day Hospital on 4/F of the TWGHs Yu Chun Keung Memorial Medical Centre (YCKMMC), KWH to TWGHs Wong Tai Sin Hospital of the Kowloon West Cluster (KWC), the vacated space would be converted into a clinical ward to provide inpatient service. To ensure adequate capacity and capability to deliver quality patient service, we will also arrange clinical support from hospitals in KWC when surging demand for clinical services is anticipated.

Upon completion of the construction of Phase 1, the services in the remaining buildings will be decanted into the newly completed facilities. Staff Barracks, the rest of the Main Hospital Building and TWGHs YCKMMC will then be demolished for the construction of the Phase 2 of the new complex.

Although detailed design and planning has yet to be carried out, we intend to commence decanting in early 2014 subject to funding approval by the Finance Committee. A more definitive time table could only be available after a detailed decanting plan and a survey of potential vacant sites have been worked out by the KWH and the professional consultants appointed for the preparatory works.

Yours sincerely,



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