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Expansion of Haven of Hope Hospital

Haven of Hope Hospital ("HHH") is an extended-care hospital providing sub-acute, rehabilitation and infirmary services to population in the catchment area of the Kowloon East Cluster covering Kwun Tong and Sai Kung districts. Other public hospitals in the Kowloon East Cluster include the United Christian Hospital and the Tseung Kwun O Hospital. Established in 1955, HHH currently provides 461 hospital beds, of which 116 are infirmary beds. The existing infirmary wards at HHH are accommodated in three hospital blocks built in 1950s, which have been dilapidated over the years and lack proper infection control facilities. According to the Administration, there is a need to enhance the existing facilities and service capacity of HHH in order to meet with nowadays' standard and cope with the growth in demand for healthcare services.

2. The subject of the expansion of HHH has not been discussed by the Panel on Health Services ("the Panel"). At the meeting of the Panel on 18 January 2016, in the context of receiving a briefing from the Administration on an update on public hospital developments, members noted that consultancy services for the preparatory works of the expansion project for HHH, including detailed design and tender documentation, had been ongoing and nearing completion. Under the expansion project which was aimed at strengthening longer-term care and rehabilitation services for elderly persons suffering from chronic diseases, a new hospital block would be constructed to re-provision the existing infirmary wards and provide 160 additional extended care beds in HHH.

3. The Administration will consult the Panel on the proposed expansion project of HHH on 21 March 2016.