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Dear Ms Lam,

Expansion of Haven of Hope Hospital

During the discussion on “Expansion of Haven of Hospital (HHH)” project at the Panel meeting held on 21 March 2016, Members requested the Administration to provide the following supplementary information :

- (a) the number of convalescent and rehabilitation beds in the Kowloon East ("KE") Cluster, with a comparison of the ratio of such beds per 1 000 geographical population of the catchment districts with the HA-wide figure; and
- (b) the estimated shortage of convalescent and rehabilitation beds in the KE Cluster before and after the expansion of the Haven of Hope Hospital and the United Christian Hospital, and the long-term plan to address the shortage, if any.

2. Having consulted the Hospital Authority (HA), the required supplementary information is set out in the ensuing paragraphs.

3. HA will take into account various factors when planning public healthcare services, including projected service demands based on population growth and demographic changes, the service arrangement of respective clusters and hospitals, etc. Moreover, having regard to medical technology advancement, population ageing, and increased prevalence in chronic diseases, HA is promoting ambulatory care services to meet the needs of patients. For example, with the use of minimally invasive technology, patients do not need to be hospitalised after receiving complex day surgeries in ambulatory settings. Elderly patients and patients with chronic diseases may also receive rehabilitation services and one-stop treatment in such settings. As the services provided by public hospitals become more diversified, HA does not focus solely on inpatient service (including the number of beds) in its service planning. It also plans for other types of healthcare services, such as ambulatory care services.

4. KE Cluster of HA manages three hospitals in the Kwun Tong and Sai Kung districts, namely, the United Christian Hospital (UCH), the Tseung Kwan O Hospital (TKOH) and the HHH. KE Cluster is one of the clusters with a focused development in HA, and expansion projects are planned or being carried out in all the three hospitals in the cluster to meet the growing healthcare demands of its catchment districts. In particular, the TKOH expansion project completed in 2013 included the construction of a new ambulatory block to accommodate the non-inpatient services and supporting facilities decanted from the hospital main block, as well as the conversion and renovation of the vacated spaces in the main block for accommodating around 180 additional beds. The new ambulatory block has a Construction Floor Area (CFA) of about 36 600 square metres (m²).

5. As regards the expansion of UCH, the main works of the project comprises the demolition of three existing hospital blocks and in-situ construction of a new ambulatory block, as well as the construction of an extension to the existing Block S. The total CFA of the hospital will increase from around 160 000 m² to around 350 000 m² upon project completion. Apart from a new ambulatory block, a new oncology centre will also be developed to facilitate UCH in providing comprehensive healthcare services for the community. It is anticipated that the total bed capacity of the hospital will increase from about 1 400 to around 1 960 after the expansion, including enhanced convalescent and rehabilitation services. The demolition and substructure works of the project have commenced in the third quarter of 2015.

6. As for the expansion project of HHH, the main scope of the project comprises the construction of a new hospital block for re-provisioning 116 infirmary beds that are currently accommodated in three old buildings, together with the provision of 160 additional extended care beds and a day rehabilitation centre. The CFA of the new block is about 36 400 m². We plan to commence the proposed works immediately after obtaining the funding approval of the Finance Committee for completion in 2021.

7. As at March 2014, the number of general beds (including acute and convalescent/rehabilitation beds) made available to KE Cluster was 2 477; the ratio of general beds (including acute and convalescent/rehabilitation beds) per 1 000 geographical population was 2.3 for KE Cluster and 2.9 for overall HA hospitals. After the completion of all the hospital expansion projects in KE Cluster, the ratio of general beds (including acute and convalescent/rehabilitation beds) per 1 000 geographical population of its catchment districts in 2026 will be 2.8 for KE Cluster.

Yours sincerely,



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