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Clerk to Panel
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Dear Miss Chu,

**Legislative Council Panel on Health Services
Follow-up to the meeting on 15 April 2019**

During the discussion of the Second Ten-year Hospital Development Plan (“HDP”) at the meeting of the Legislative Council Panel on Health Services held on 15 April 2019, members requested the Administration to provide supplementary information on the first and the second ten-year HDPs. Having consulted the Hospital Authority (“HA”), the following information is provided.

(a) Advise the timetable for the opening of the planned additional beds of each proposed project under the first and the second ten-year HDPs as set out in Annexes A and B to LC Paper No. CB(2)1167/18-19(07).

2. The ten-year HDPs cover a number of large-scale projects involving complicated procedures. As many of the hospital redevelopment projects have to take place in-situ, we need to ensure that the daily operation of the hospitals would not be affected by the construction works when implementing the HDPs. The HA therefore adopts a step-by-step approach according to project complexity and related factors when implementing the HDP projects.

3. The latest estimated timeline for completion of the various projects under the first ten-year HDP is set out in **Annex**. Projects under the second ten-year HDP are under initial planning and the detailed timetable for each project is not yet available.

4. The HA will work out the detailed operational arrangements for the HDP projects at a later stage when the commissioning plans are finalised. In general, a phased implementation approach for hospital service commissioning is adopted to cater for the prevailing service needs of the community.

(b) Advise the factors and the relevant statistics (in particular public healthcare demand based on the demographic profile of the population projections in the catchment areas) that the HA had taken into account in coming up with its plan to provide over 5 000 and over 9 000 additional beds under the first and the second ten-year HDPs respectively.

5. When preparing the development plans of public hospitals, the HA will consider a number of factors, including population growth and demographic changes in various districts, increasing prevalence of chronic diseases, organisation of services of clusters and hospitals as well as the service utilisation across the spectrum of the HA services.

6. According to the projected population and demographic profiles across different districts in Hong Kong by the Census and Statistics Department and the Planning Department, the population of Hong Kong is projected to increase from 7.34 million in 2016 to 7.84 million in 2026 and further to 8.15 million in 2036, with a growth of 11.1% in these 20 years. Majority of the growth will be attributed to the increase of elderly people (aged 65 and above) which will double from 1.16 million to 2.36 million during this period. The proportion of elderly people will grow from 15.9% of the total population in 2016 to 23.3% in 2026 and 29.0% in 2036.

7. Elderly population has a much higher hospital service demand than those aged below 65, in particular hospital bed requirement per thousand capita. In 2016, despite making up about 16% of the Hong Kong population, elderly patients accounted for about half of all patient days in the HA. The anticipated increase in the elderly population would result in a rapidly growing demand on HA services. With the population growth and ageing, the HA has carried out an exercise in 2017 and updated its public health service demand projection to 2036.

8. The HA regularly reviews the service capacity and physical conditions of its healthcare facilities so as to better plan for the redevelopment or expansion of existing hospitals and the development of new hospitals. The

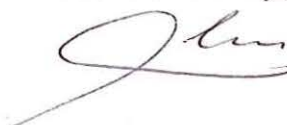
first ten-year HDP will increase the number of hospital beds in public hospitals by more than 6 000 to cover service needs up to 2026. After considering projected hospital bed requirement by 2036, the additional beds to be provided by the first ten-year HDP and also additional bed capacities through planned ward renovation projects in existing hospitals, it is estimated that an additional 8 900 to 9 800 beds will be required to meet the public's demand for medical services. According to the service needs of each hospital cluster and catchment geographical district, the HA has identified a number of hospital projects for inclusion in the second ten-year HDP with a view to boosting the inpatient service capacity, enhancing the service quality and renewing its building facilities. Upon completion of the second ten-year HDP, there will be a planned capacity of over 9 000 additional beds and other additional hospital facilities that will largely meet the projected service demand up to 2036.

(c) In respect of the Administration's advice that the general bed capacity would be increased to 4.8 beds per 1 000 persons by 2036, explain the reason why it still fell short of the planning standard of 5.5 beds per 1 000 persons as set out in the Hong Kong Planning Standards and Guidelines ("HKPSG").

9. In the HKPSG, the beds as referred to in the beds to population ratio include all types of hospital beds (general (acute and convalescent), infirmary, psychiatric and mentally handicapped beds) in public and private hospitals, and are not limited to general beds in public hospitals. The long-term planning target is to provide 5.5 beds per 1 000 persons and the ratio can be applied with flexibility to meet the medical needs of different districts in a region.

10. The general bed capacity in HA would be increased to 4.8 beds per 1 000 persons by 2036. This figure has not taken into account the infirmary, psychiatric and mentally handicapped beds in the HA or the beds in private hospitals.

Yours sincerely,



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Summary of Projects under the First Ten-year Hospital Development Plan

Proposed Projects	Planned Additional Beds ¹	Estimated Works Completion Timeline
Expansion of Haven of Hope Hospital	160	2021
Extension of Operating Theatre Block for Tuen Mun Hospital	–	2021
Community health centre cum social welfare facilities at Pak Wo Road, North District ²	–	2023 (To be confirmed)
Expansion of United Christian Hospital – main works ²	560	2024 (To be confirmed)
Redevelopment of Queen Mary Hospital, Phase 1 – main works	–	2024
Redevelopment of Grantham Hospital, Phase 1 ²	100 ³	2024 (To be confirmed)
New Acute Hospital at Kai Tak Development Area	2 400	2024
Hospital Authority Supporting Services Centre ²	–	2024 (To be confirmed)
Redevelopment of Our Lady of Maryknoll Hospital	56 ⁴	2025
Redevelopment of Kwai Chung Hospital	Phase 1	–
	Phases 2 and 3	80
Expansion of Lai King Building in Princess Margaret Hospital	400 ⁵	2026
Redevelopment of Kwong Wah Hospital – main works	520	2026
Expansion of North District Hospital	1 500	2028
Redevelopment of Prince of Wales Hospital, Phase 2 (Stage 1)	450	2028
Community Health Centre in Shek Kip Mei	–	To be confirmed
Community Health Centre (site to be confirmed)	–	To be confirmed

¹ Planned additional beds are assumed to be provided upon full commissioning of the proposed project concerned. Actual number of additional beds of individual projects may vary subject to detailed planning and design.

² We aim to seek funding approval from the LegCo for the four projects within 2019-20. The estimated completion timeframe for these projects would be subject to the exact timing of funding approval.

³ The Town Planning Board (TPB) has approved the HA's planning application to relax the building height restriction of the proposed Clinical Block of Grantham Hospital, and around 100 additional beds could be provided upon redevelopment.

⁴ The HA plans to submit an application to the TPB to relax the building height restriction of the proposed Clinical Block of Our Lady of Maryknoll Hospital. Subject to the approval of the planning application, around 100 additional beds could be provided upon redevelopment (on top of the increase of 56 hospital beds under the original planning).

⁵ The HA will invite its consultant to study the feasibility of relaxing the plot ratio and the building height restriction of the Lai King Building in Princess Margaret Hospital. The number of planned beds may be increased subject to feasibility.