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CUHK Medical Centre

The healthcare system in Hong Kong is operated on a dual-track basis which includes both public and private elements. The public sector serves as the cornerstone of the healthcare system and a safety net for all citizens, whilst the private sector provides personalized and more accessible services for those who can afford to use such services. In facilitating the development of private hospitals, the HKSAR Government will increase the overall capacity of the healthcare system and provide the public with more choices of high quality private healthcare services.

CUHK has embarked on a project to develop a private teaching hospital within our campus that will provide quality private healthcare services at affordable prices under a transparent pricing structure, including the extensive use of packaged prices. The hospital—known as CUHK Medical Centre—will be a not-for-profit organization that contributes to the training of healthcare professionals in Hong Kong. With professional expertise of the Faculty of Medicine, CUHK Medical Centre will create synergies with the Prince of Wales Hospital as a new model of teaching hospital serving Hong Kong as a whole.

CUHK Medical Centre will consist of over 500 beds initially and cover a range of specialties as well as an outpatient clinic. Whilst providing quality healthcare services, the private hospital will also alleviate pressures on the public sector by taking up referrals of specialist outpatient and day procedure cases from the Hospital Authority (HA). Indeed, CUHK Medical Centre is committed to handling up to 17,600 new specialist outpatient cases and 6,600 new day surgery cases referred by the HA each year. These patients referred by the HA will continue to be charged fees at the levels set by the HA, and this partnership arrangement will help shorten the waiting time for public healthcare services.

This project is a prime example of CUHK leveraging its strengths in teaching, research and services, and creating a new model of servicing the local community. The hospital is also a partnership venture with the HKSAR Government which provides a loan and the Hong Kong Jockey Club which has contributed the largest single donation in its 130-year history.