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HKSH Medical Group and The First Affiliated Hospital, Sun Yat-sen University Advance Medical Exchange and Talent Development

(20 June 2025, Hong Kong) HKSH Medical Group (HKSH) and The First Affiliated Hospital, Sun Yat-sen University (FAH-SYSU) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on 9 June, marking the beginning of a strategic partnership aimed at fostering collaboration in advanced medical technology, healthcare talent development, clinical research, and hospital management. The two institutions will leverage their strengths to promote integrated healthcare development in the Greater Bay Area (GBA), ultimately benefiting more patients.

The MOU was signed by Dr. Walton LI, Chief Executive Officer of HKSH Medical Group and Medical Superintendent of Hong Kong Sanatorium & Hospital, and Dr. XIAO Haipeng, President of FAH-SYSU. The signing ceremony was attended by senior management of Hong Kong Sanatorium & Hospital, including Deputy Medical Superintendent Dr. Raymond YUNG, Assistant Deputy Medical Superintendent Dr. LEE Koon Hung and Assistant Deputy Medical Superintendent Dr. Ada LIN as well as senior leadership from FAH-SYSU, Ms. LUO Teng, Dr. KUANG Ming, Dr. WANG Zilian, Dr. CHEN Wei and Dr. XIAO Yinglian.

The deep-rooted connection between HKSH and FAH-SYSU dates back to the 1920s. FAH-SYSU originated from the Affiliated Hospital of Guangdong Public Medical School. Dr. LI Shu Fan, a founding member of Hong Kong Sanatorium & Hospital, served as Principal of the Guangdong Public Medical School from 1923 to 1925 nurturing medical talents for the mainland, prior to his role as Superintendent of Hong Kong Sanatorium & Hospital. The institution later advanced to become the Affiliated Hospital of Guangdong Public Medical University and subsequently Sun Yat-sen University of Medical Sciences.

Dr. Walton LI, Chief Executive Officer of HKSH Medical Group and Medical Superintendent of Hong Kong Sanatorium & Hospital, remarked, “HKSH has been actively strengthening collaborations with leading mainland medical institutions in recent years. By embracing the advantages from the East and the West, we strive to advance medical education and establish platforms for cross-border exchange. With rapid developments in information technology and artificial intelligence in China, clinical efficiency and healthcare productivity have improved significantly and we hope to further apply these innovations into our medical services. Over the past century, both HKSH and FAH-SYSU have accumulated profound experience and substantial achievements across various medical disciplines. Through mutual learning and complementary expertise, we will jointly inject new momentum into medical development and lead healthcare innovation.”

When discussing the vision for collaboration with HKSH, Dr. XIAO Haipeng, President of FAH-SYSU, stated that FAH-SYSU is actively driving in-depth integration of healthcare services in the GBA. FAH-SYSU has implemented the ‘Elderly Health Care Voucher Greater Bay Area Pilot Scheme’ to facilitate medical services for Hong Kong and Macao residents. Leveraging the measure of using Hong Kong registered drugs and medical devices adopted by Hong Kong public hospitals in the GBA, FAH-SYSU has accelerated the introduction of cutting-edge pharmaceuticals and medical equipment to Guangdong. In addition, FAH-SYSU has established collaboration with the Hong Kong Hospital Authority on reciprocal exchange of medical talents. The partnership between FAH-SYSU and HKSH will further leverage the geographical advantages of the GBA, integrate medical resources across the GBA, and contribute to the ‘Healthy China’ initiative.

Under the three-year partnership, clinical, medical research and management personnel of both institutions will exchange knowledge and experience through a wide range of clinical practicum, technical training, professional development opportunities, and academic seminars to cultivate medical talent across regions. HKSH and FAH-SYSU will also collaborate on medical research projects, sharing expertise in cutting-edge treatment options, clinical drug trials, and advanced medical services, with the aim to elevate the standard of medical care in the GBA.

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About HKSH Medical Group

Officially launched in September 2017, HKSH Medical Group, through its operating members, adopts a multi-faceted, coordinated approach to promote public health and advanced medicine through relentless efforts in clinical excellence, medical training and research as well as public health education. Members of the Group, including Hong Kong Sanatorium & Hospital, HKSH Healthcare, HKSH Eastern Medical Centre and HKSH Cancer Centre, are dedicated to offering top-quality holistic care to patients, upholding the motto ‘Quality in Service, Excellence in Care.’

Established in 1922, Hong Kong Sanatorium & Hospital is one of the key members of HKSH Medical Group and a leading private hospital in Hong Kong. Living up to its motto of ‘Quality in Service, Excellence in Care’, the Hospital is committed to serving the public as well as promoting medical education and research.

For more information about HKSH Medical Group, please visit <http://www.hksh.com>.

About The First Affiliated Hospital, Sun Yat-sen University

The First Affiliated Hospital, Sun Yat-sen University (FAH-SYSU), originally known as the Affiliated Hospital of Guangdong Public Medical School, was founded in 1910 by Dr. Paul Todd (an American medical missionary) with 40 western doctors. For more than a century, FAH-SYSU has been upholding its motto of “Treat the disease, heal the body, cure the mind; save people, save the nation, save the world”, and has now entered the ranks of China's top-tier hospitals.

Composed of the Headquarters, Nansha Division, Guizhou Hospital and Guangxi Hospital, the hospital is building a healthcare network as a National Regional Medical Center in China. FAH-SYSU is a candidate for the National Medical Center and a Pilot Hospital for the High-quality Development of National Public Hospitals. It has 5 National Key Disciplines accredited by the Ministry of Education and 36 National Key Clinical Specialties by the National Health Commission, and has been rated “A++” in the National Performance Assessment of Tertiary Public Hospitals for four consecutive years.

At present, FAH-SYSU has established a network of international partners with over forty top medical institutions globally, including Mass General Brigham, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, University of California (Berkeley and Davis) in the U.S., the University of Birmingham, the International Association for Health Professions Education (AMEE) in the U.K., Nanyang Technological University in Singapore, etc.

With integration of healthcare resources and global expertise, FAH-SYSU will continue to strive for its goal of being a leader and pioneer in medicine regionally, nationally, and internationally.

For more information about FAH-SYSU, please visit <https://www.fahsysu.org.cn>.

Photo Captions:



1. Dr. Walton LI, Chief Executive Officer of HKSH Medical Group and Medical Superintendent of Hong Kong Sanatorium & Hospital (front left), and Professor XIAO Haipeng, President of FAH-SYSU (front right), signed the MOU. The ceremony was witnessed by esteemed guests including (from left to right, back row):
 - Dr. Ada LIN, Assistant Medical Superintendent, Hong Kong Sanatorium & Hospital
 - Dr. LEE Koon Hung, Assistant Medical Superintendent, Hong Kong Sanatorium & Hospital
 - Dr. Raymond YUNG, Deputy Medical Superintendent, Hong Kong Sanatorium & Hospital
 - Ms. LUO Teng, Secretary of the Party Committee, FAH-SYSU
 - Dr. KUANG Ming, Vice President, FAH-SYSU
 - Dr. WANG Zilian, Vice President, FAH-SYSU
 - Dr. CHEN Wei, Chair, Department of Internal Medicine; Chief, Division of Nephrology, FAH-SYSU
 - Dr. XIAO Yinglian, Deputy Director, Nansha Division and Director, International Healthcare Center, FAH-SYSU



2. Following the signing ceremony, the HKSH delegation visited the main campus and the Nansha Division of FAH-SYSU to gain firsthand insight into the hospital's development and operations.