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Professor Lo Chung-mau, Secretary for Health, Officiates at The Grand Opening Ceremony of HKSH Proton Therapy Centre

(2 December 2023, Hong Kong) HKSH Medical Group (HKSH) today staged a grand opening ceremony of the HKSH Proton Therapy Centre (the Centre) to mark the inauguration of Hong Kong's first proton therapy centre, bringing the most advanced precision treatment option with minimal side effects for cancer patients.



Officiating guests at the opening ceremony included **Professor LO Chung-mau**, Secretary for Health, Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government (second left); **Dr. Walton LI**, Chief Executive Officer of HKSH Medical Group and Medical Superintendent of Hong Kong Sanatorium & Hospital (second right); **Mr. Wyman LI**, Chief Operating Officer of HKSH Medical Group and Director of Hong Kong Sanatorium & Hospital (first left), and **Dr. Yen-chow TSAO**, Chief Clinical Officer of HKSH Medical Group and Deputy Medical Superintendent of Hong Kong Sanatorium & Hospital (first right).



Officiating at the opening ceremony, **Professor LO Chung-mau**, **Secretary for Health**, **HKSAR Government**, said, "It is most encouraging to witness the introduction of proton therapy to Hong Kong which can provide our patients with a more effective and less invasive treatment option. The HKSAR Government is highly committed to fostering healthcare innovations in the city through various initiatives in recent years, such as commencing a large-scale genome sequencing project to promote genomic medicine and introducing a regulatory regime for advanced therapy products. As recently announced in the Chief Executive's Policy Address, the SAR Government will continue to work with stakeholders and society to develop Hong Kong into a health and medical innovation hub."

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Dr. Walton LI, Chief Executive Officer of HKSH Medical Group and Medical Superintendent of Hong Kong Sanatorium & Hospital, said, "Introducing proton therapy to Hong Kong has been a decade-long, challenging journey, and we are grateful for the support of Hitachi, who helped us with the introduction of the proton therapy system. We are also grateful for the expertise of international specialists from Mayo Clinic Arizona, who oversaw the initial clinical application and design of a training program for our clinical oncologists and scientists. In addition to proton therapy, we also provide multidisciplinary cancer management services, including cancer genetics, diagnostics, rehabilitation, and counselling. In the next few years, we look forward to implementing inpatient services, additional operating theatre facilities, and cancer care units at the HKSH Eastern Medical Centre in Shau Kei Wan. Our goal is to provide cancer patients with access to advanced technology and treatment modalities. We will continue to strive for the best possible patient experience, ensuring that every patient under our care receives the highest level of support throughout their cancer-fighting journey."



Mr. Wyman LI, Chief Operating Officer of HKSH Medical Group and Director of Hong Kong Sanatorium & Hospital, remarked, "The establishment of the HKSH Proton Therapy Centre is the result of 18 years of accumulative hard work. It represents one of HKSH's most challenging projects to date due to its site location on solid granite rocks and the need to convert an industrial building into hospital use. Proton therapy is a cutting-edge treatment technique, so we have been strengthening and expanding our team of clinical oncologists, medical physicists and medical dosimetrists by providing them with the necessary expert training to ensure a high standard of treatment quality. HKSH now has the most comprehensive range of radiotherapy facilities in the world to provide diverse cancer treatment options catering for the unique condition of each patient. The launch of HKSH Proton Therapy Centre also aligns with the mission of The Li Shu Fan Medical Foundation, which is now in its 60th year, to bring the best medical treatment to Hong Kong."

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About HKSH Medical Group

Officially launched in September 2017, HKSH Medical Group promotes public health and advanced medicine through a multi-faceted, coordinated approach across clinical services, medical education, scientific research and public health education. Members of the Group, including Hong Kong Sanatorium & Hospital, HKSH Healthcare and HKSH Eastern Medical 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.

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