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## **Celebrating 15-Year Collaboration: HKSH Medical Group and UCLA Health Continue to Strengthen Leadership Training for Healthcare Excellence**

(Hong Kong, 30 December, 2025) HKSH Medical Group (HKSH) and UCLA Health have long been committed to strengthening the professional competencies of nursing and allied healthcare personnel through continuous education, aiming to enhance the quality of clinical services. To commemorate the 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the collaboration, HKSH and UCLA Health signed a new three-year cooperation agreement on 8 December 2025, as a new milestone in the cooperation.

During the signing ceremony, **Dr. Walton LI, Chief Executive Officer of HKSH Medical Group and Medical Superintendent of Hong Kong Sanatorium & Hospital, Dr. TSAO Yen Chow, Chief Clinical Officer of HKSH Medical Group and Deputy Medical Superintendent of Hong Kong Sanatorium & Hospital, and Dr. Karen GRIMLEY, Chief Nursing Executive of UCLA Health**, signed the agreement of collaboration. This agreement not only continues the fruitful results achieved in professional training and leadership development since 2010, but also establishes a solid foundation for future cooperation. According to the new agreement, both parties will launch the Aspiring Leaders Programme in 2027 to systematically nurture a new generation of healthcare leaders for the future development of HKSH Eastern Medical Centre.

**Dr. Walton LI** praised UCLA Health's outstanding contributions in nurturing medical leaders and strengthening HKSH's frontline services. He stated, "Through diverse training methods such as expert lectures, mentorship programmes, and clinical field exchanges, we have jointly promoted the Advanced Nursing Leadership Programme and the Oncology Leadership Programme, which not only strengthened frontline leadership and clinical collaboration but also elevated the professional standards of cancer care." Dr. LI expressed high hope to further deepen the cooperation with UCLA Health through the HKSH Institute for Innovation and Professional Development (IIPD), working together to advance medical talent cultivation and professional development.

**Dr. Karen GRIMLEY, Chief Nursing Executive of UCLA Health**, reflected on the outcomes of the collaboration over the years: "Over the past 15 years, this collaboration has delivered more than 70 courses focused on leadership development and clinical practice, as well as 24 process improvement projects. Guided by the mentorship and expertise of more than 60 UCLA Health nursing and clinical experts, the cooperation has led to lasting outcomes, including a nurse residency training program and wound care specialization. As HKSH expands its Eastern Medical Centre, we look forward to continuing this cooperation to develop future nursing leaders and address emerging challenges together."

Reflecting on milestones, in 2009, then-Dean of the UCLA School of Nursing Dr. Courtney LYDER and Dr. Adey NYAMATHI, Associate Dean, visited and held a special lecture. The collaboration agreements were formally established in 2010 and 2015, respectively. Since 2016,

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the UCLA training program has become an important component of HKSH's Project 100 launched in commemoration of HKSH's Centenary in 2022. Both parties launched the Advanced Nursing Leadership Programme in 2020, which was expanded in 2023 to include oncology and allied healthcare personnel. So far, 46 healthcare professionals have completed these courses, and between 2016 and 2024, HKSH has sent 75 colleagues to UCLA for clinical training.

**Dr. Joseph CHAN, Chief Medical Officer of HKSH Medical Group, Deputy Medical Superintendent of Hong Kong Sanatorium & Hospital, and Director of HKSH Institute for Innovation and Professional Development**, expressed gratitude to UCLA Health for its professional education and innovative collaboration in cultivating a new generation of healthcare leaders for HKSH. Dr. CHAN pointed out, "Our cooperation has expanded from the field of nursing to allied healthcare professions. Through knowledge exchange and skill enhancement, we continuously optimise patient care and establish a culture of mutual learning and progress. The newly designed Aspiring Leaders Programme, which will be launched in 2027, embodies our commitment to nurturing future healthcare leaders to address the rapidly changing healthcare environment."

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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, HKSH Eastern Medical Centre and HKSH Cancer Centre, are dedicated to offering top-quality holistic care to patients.

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>.

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### **About UCLA Health**

UCLA Health is among the world's most comprehensive and advanced health care systems, with a mission to provide state-of-the-art patient care, generate research discoveries leading to new treatments and diagnoses, and train future generations of medical professionals.

UCLA Health offers an integrated network of primary and specialty care services at 290 clinics across Southern California and the Central Coast and at five medical centers and hospitals – Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center, UCLA Mattel Children's Hospital, UCLA Resnick Neuropsychiatric Hospital, UCLA Santa Monica Medical Center, and UCLA West Valley Medical Center.

As an academic health system, UCLA Health provides access to technology and treatments that may not be available elsewhere. UCLA Health doctors and scientists are pioneering work in an astounding range of disciplines – from organ transplantation and cardiac surgery to neurosurgery and cancer treatment – and are bringing the latest discoveries to virtually every field of medicine.

For 36 consecutive years, UCLA Health hospitals have earned a place on the U.S. News & World Report national honor roll, a distinction reserved for only 20 hospitals or systems providing the highest-quality care across multiple medical specialties. In 2025, *U.S. News* ranked UCLA Health #1 in both California and in Los Angeles\*.

\*Tied for #1 ranking

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### **About HKSH Institute for Innovation & Professional Development**

The HKSH Institute for Innovation & Professional Development (IIPD) was established in 2024 to further enhance HKSH Medical Group's efforts in continuing education for nurses and allied health professionals with an aim to advancing healthcare standards and fostering innovation within the medical community. IIPD serves as a dedicated platform for lifelong learning, knowledge exchange, and skill enhancement among healthcare professionals in Hong Kong and the nearby region through professional courses and partnerships with renowned institutions worldwide. IIPD aligns with the vision and objectives of The Li Shu Fan Medical Foundation, which was established in 1963 by Dr. Li Shu Fan, to advance medical education and research, promote industry development, benefiting the society as a whole.

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### Photo Captions:



HKSH Medical Group and UCLA Health have signed a new cooperation agreement to launch the Aspiring Leaders Programme in 2027 to systematically nurture a new generation of healthcare leaders for the future development of HKSH Eastern Medical Centre. Signing at the ceremony were **Dr. Walton LI**, CEO of HKSH Medical Group and Medical Superintendent of Hong Kong Sanatorium & Hospital (centre); **Dr. TSAO Yen Chow**, Chief Clinical Officer of HKSH Medical Group and Deputy Medical Superintendent of Hong Kong Sanatorium & Hospital (right); and **Dr. Karen GRIMLEY**, Chief Nursing Executive of UCLA Health (left).



HKSH will deepen the cooperation with UCLA Health through the HKSH Institute for Innovation and Professional Development (IIPD) to advance medical talent cultivation and professional development.

(From left to right) **Mr. Michael Burke**, Chief of Marketing and Business Services of UCLA Health; **Dr. Karen GRIMLEY**, Chief Nursing Executive of UCLA Health; **Dr. Joseph CHAN**, Chief Medical Officer of HKSH Medical Group, Deputy Medical Superintendent of Hong Kong Sanatorium & Hospital, and Director of HKSH IIPD; **Dr. Jana LIM**, Director of Global Strategy & Business Services of UCLA Health; **Dr. Walton LI**, CEO of HKSH Medical Group and Medical Superintendent of Hong Kong Sanatorium & Hospital; **Ms. Gloria HUNG**, Manager of HKSH IIPD; and **Ms. Eunice TSANG**, Assistant Manager of HKSH IIPD at the ceremony.

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HKSH and UCLA Health have groomed 46 healthcare professionals through the Advanced Nursing Leadership Programme and the Oncology Leadership Programme. These programmes have strengthened the professional competencies of nursing and allied healthcare personnel through continuous education, aiming to enhance the quality of clinical services. At the ceremony, programme alumni shared their key insights from their valuable learnings and experiences.

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