

## Hong Kong to build first Chinese Medicine Hospital

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Hong Kong Baptist University (HKBU) has been selected by the Government as the contractor for the service deed of Hong Kong's first Chinese Medicine Hospital (CMH).

The CMH will be located in Tseung Kwan O. Its construction is expected to complete in 2025 with service to commence in the second quarter of the year.

HKBU will proactively take forward the planning and preparatory works related to the commencement of service of the CMH immediately in accordance with the service deed, and in line with the Government's efforts to promote the development of Chinese medicine.

At the Chinese Medicine Hospital Commissioning Launch Ceremony organised by the Food and Health Bureau this week, Dr Clement Chen, Chairman of the Council and the Court of HKBU, said that it has been the dream of HKBU to operate a CMH.

With the establishment of the CMH, Chinese medicine healthcare service standards in Hong Kong will be raised substantially, and the new hospital will enable more comprehensive disease prevention strategies and treatments for the public.

Complimented by the University's close collaborative relationship with the Chinese Medicine Clinics cum Training and Research Centres in the 18 districts and the Chinese medicine industry, the CMH will help to promote the development of specialist Chinese medicine services in Hong Kong.

The CMH will explore a new healthcare model that has the potential to reform our medical services, and it will enable the public to enjoy more comprehensive and quality healthcare services.

*Image caption- Dr Clement Chen (left), Chairman of the Council and the Court at HKBU, and Professor Sophia Chan (right), Secretary for Food and Health, officiate at the Chinese Medicine Hospital Commissioning Launch Ceremony. (Photo courtesy of the Food and Health Bureau)*