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To address eye health challenges

The Hong Kong Polytechnic University (PolyU) has signed a five-year Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with C-MER Eye Care Holdings to advance optometry development and eye and vision health in Hong Kong and Mainland China.

About 60 students of PolyU's world-leading School of Optometry will receive up to three weeks of clinical training in C-MER hospitals, clinics and optical centres in Hong Kong and other Greater Bay Area (GBA) cities every year; while researchers and specialists from the School and C-MER will collaborate on scientific studies about myopia management and ageing eyes – the main eye health challenges shared by Hong Kong and the nation.

The collaboration also brings together the complementary strengths of the School's world-leading research capability (with its research impact ranking first in Asia according to *Clinical and Experimental Optometry*), and C-MER's vast network of some twenty ophthalmic clinics and hospitals in the GBA, Beijing, Shanghai, etc., making it the only Hong Kong medical service provider that has sizeable operations in the Mainland.