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PolyU plans to establish Hong Kong’s third medical school

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The Hong Kong Polytechnic University (PolyU) has submitted a proposal to the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) Government for the establishment of Hong Kong’s third medical school, aiming to train more outstanding doctors to meet the healthcare needs of Hong Kong and the Greater Bay Area (GBA).

With strong research capabilities, a solid foundation, and extensive experience in healthcare education and training allied health professionals, PolyU is confident and well-positioned to support the initiative proposed in last year’s Policy Address to foster the development of Hong Kong into an international medical training, research and innovation hub.

The proposal was prepared based on the 10 key parameters set out by the HKSAR Government’s Task Group on New Medical School, covering innovative strategic positioning, staffing, campus and teaching facilities, clinical exposure and learning resources, curriculum structure and assessment methodologies, student admission arrangements, funding arrangements, implementation plan, teaching and learning quality as well as research excellence.

PolyU plans to offer a four-year bachelor’s degree programme in medicine, targeting undergraduate degree holders. The first intake will admit 50 local and non-local students and will gradually increase the admission quota based on demand. Supported by a robust team of over 1,300 healthcare-related teaching and research staff and equipped with more than 90 specialised laboratories and research facilities, the University intends to invest more resources to enhance its existing health science education and research facilities and strengthen collaboration with the current network of hospitals in Hong Kong that provide clinical teaching, laying a solid foundation for establishing the medical school.

PolyU will also establish an “AI+ Academy”, with a focus on pioneering research in AI-assisted diagnosis and treatment.