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## **The Li Shu Fan Medical Foundation celebrates 60-years of success in fostering medical education and research in Hong Kong**

(3 March 2023, Hong Kong) HKSH Medical Group (“HKSH”) today commemorated the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of The Li Shu Fan Medical Foundation (“the Foundation”) with a Logo Wall Unveiling Ceremony (the unveiling ceremony) announcing the launch of the Foundation’s new logo.

Inaugurated in 1963 by Dr LI Shu Fan, one of the founding members and former Medical Superintendent of Hong Kong Sanatorium & Hospital, the Foundation was endowed with Dr LI’s entire shareholding in Hong Kong Sanatorium & Hospital (“the Hospital”), which amounted to 83% of the total ownership and was devoted to purposes conceived on the same broad principles as Mayo Clinic and Mayo Foundation, which was set up in Minnesota in the 1860s. During its initial phase, the main focus of the Foundation was to support medical education, such as by providing scholarships to undergraduates and postgraduates in medicine and to postgraduates for medical research. The Foundation also supported charitable medical services. In celebrating this significant 60-year milestone, HKSH has reaffirmed its unwavering commitment to pursuing the aims of the Foundation by advancing medical education and medical research and supporting medical charitable services in Hong Kong and beyond.

“It was the sincere hope of Dr LI Shu Fan that the Foundation would expand from its modest beginnings in accordance with humanitarian objectives. The brainchild of Dr LI has matured over the last 60 years and has manifested itself in the form of HKSH’s determination to make lasting contributions to advancing medical education and medical research. The Foundation has donated over HK\$100 million to set up numerous professorships at two local universities. Beyond our nursing school, we also offer teaching to fifth-year medical students from the medical schools of HKU and CUHK, and support specialist training and clinical placements for doctors in their pursuit of specialist qualifications,” said Dr Walton LI, Chairman, Board of Governors of The Li Shu Fan Medical Foundation, Chief Executive Officer of HKSH Medical Group and Medical Superintendent of Hong Kong Sanatorium & Hospital.

According to Mr. Wyman LI, Member, Board of Governors of The Li Shu Fan Medical Foundation, Chief Operating Officer of HKSH Medical Group and Director of Hong Kong Sanatorium & Hospital, “It has taken the Foundation over 50 years to purchase all the remaining shareholdings to finally become the sole owner of the Hospital / HKSH. The Foundation is a taxable entity and operates under a self-sustaining and not-for-profit model to fund its development of quality medical services and cutting-edge technology in medicine. After meeting its operational costs, all surplus revenues from HKSH and its operational members are invested in upgrading medical facilities, expanding medical operations, and supporting medical education and research.”

The unveiling ceremony was officiated by Professor LO Chung-mau, Secretary for Health, The Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region. He was accompanied by HKSH management representatives including Dr Walton LI, Mr. Wyman LI, and Dr Yen-chow TSAO, Member,

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Board of Governors of The Li Shu Fan Medical Foundation, Chief Clinical Officer of HKSH Medical Group and Deputy Medical Superintendent of Hong Kong Sanatorium & Hospital.

Professor LO Chung-mau, Secretary for Health, said, “Dr LI Shu Fan, the founder of Hong Kong Sanatorium & Hospital, was committed to offering quality medical services to the local Chinese community. He dedicated his efforts to medical development in Hong Kong. By establishing the Foundation, he aimed to promote medical education, medical research as well as charitable medical services, in which he made invaluable contributions. Hong Kong has been renowned for its world-class healthcare provision internationally. Running on a dual-track system encompassing the public and private sectors that complement each other, our healthcare is proved to be highly effective. The Government will continue to work closely with both public and private sectors to advance local medicine for the benefit of our community.”

The original logo of the Foundation carried a verse from the Holy Bible - “The leaves of the trees are for the healing of the nations” (Revelation 22:2). It reflects the lofty aspirations of Dr LI Shu Fan, as he said in his biography, “One of the principal philosophical convictions of my life has been the desire to leave the world, at my passing, a little richer than I found it.” With this aim in mind, he resolved to channel his personal assets toward a worthy cause by establishing a medical foundation that promotes medical science, and nurtures the next generation of medical talent.

The new contemporary design features a clear and iconic image of the trunk, leaves and fruit of a plum tree, symbolising the history and strength of the Foundation in perpetuating Dr LI’s vision, and the way it has withstood the test of time through HKSH.

Mr. Wyman LI went on to explain how HKSH has been delivering on the aims of the Foundation through its various self-funded initiatives. “We have a long history of pioneering the most advanced medical technology in Hong Kong, including the first generation of conventional X-ray machines, CT scanning and ultrasound, HK’s first test-tube baby and the In-Vitro Fertilisation Centre. Other notable examples of HKSH’s innovations include Asia’s first da Vinci Xi Robotic Surgical System, MR Linac radiotherapy, and proton therapy system. Over the last two decades, our medical professionals and research team have delivered over 2,600 research papers or presentations in medical journals and at major international medical conferences. All such efforts are critically important when it comes to driving collaborative innovation, sustainability and growth in our medical institution. HKSH’s introduction of proton therapy for the first cancer patient in July 2023 heralds a new era in precision medicine, while HKSH Eastern Medical Centre will become a fully-fledged hospital with 200 in-patient beds in 2025, allowing it to offer the most sophisticated and comprehensive cancer treatment.”

“The Foundation has been a driving force behind HKSH. We are committed to promoting public-private collaborations and bringing in cutting-edge medical technologies, both to facilitate medical development and to enhance the quality of medical services in Hong Kong and beyond. More importantly, we hope the Foundation continues to play a pivotal role in connecting leading talent from Hong Kong, the Mainland and overseas as the quest for talent and skills has become a critical factor in securing Hong Kong’s leading position in high quality medical care in the post-pandemic era. The Foundation will

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continue to blossom and bear fruit in the medical field in the years to come, and its work will benefit our community at large,” Dr Walton LI added.

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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.”

**About Hong Kong Sanatorium & Hospital**

Hong Kong Sanatorium & Hospital is one of the leading private hospitals 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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### Photo Captions:

1. Officiating at the Logo Wall Unveiling Ceremony were Professor LO Chung-mau, Secretary for Health (2nd from right); Dr Walton LI, Chairman, Board of Governors of The Li Shu Fan Medical Foundation, Chief Executive Officer of HKSH Medical Group and Medical Superintendent of Hong Kong Sanatorium & Hospital (2nd from left); Mr. Wyman LI, Member, Board of Governors of The Li Shu Fan Medical Foundation, Chief Operating Officer of HKSH Medical Group and Director of Hong Kong Sanatorium & Hospital (1st from right); Dr Yen-chow TSAO, Member, Board of Governors of The Li Shu Fan Medical Foundation, Chief Clinical Officer of HKSH Medical Group and Deputy Medical Superintendent of Hong Kong Sanatorium & Hospital (1st from left).



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2. Professor LO Chung-mau, Secretary for Health, said that Dr LI Shu Fan, the founder of Hong Kong Sanatorium & Hospital, was committed to offering quality medical services to the local Chinese community. He dedicated his efforts to medical development in Hong Kong. By establishing the Foundation, he aimed to promote medical education, medical research as well as charitable medical services, in which he made invaluable contributions.



3. Dr Walton LI, Chairman, Board of Governors of The Li Shu Fan Medical Foundation, Chief Executive Officer of HKSH Medical Group and Medical Superintendent of Hong Kong Sanatorium & Hospital, said the Foundation has been a driving force behind HKSH. He hoped the Foundation continues to play a pivotal role in connecting bright talents from different places including locally, the Mainland and overseas.



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4. Mr. Wyman LI, Member, Board of Governors of The Li Shu Fan Medical Foundation, Chief Operating Officer of HKSH Medical Group and Director of Hong Kong Sanatorium & Hospital, said the Foundation is the sole owner of the Hospital / HKSH and operates under a self-sustaining and not-for-profit model to fund its development of quality medical services and cutting-edge technology in medicine. After meeting its operational costs, all surplus revenues from HKSH and its operational members are invested in upgrading medical facilities, expanding medical operations, and supporting medical education and research



5. Professor LO Chung-mau, Secretary for Health, together with the HKSH management representatives, attended the Logo Wall Unveiling Ceremony.



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6. The Foundation logo was redesigned in commemoration of the 60th anniversary of The Li Shu Fan Medical Foundation. The new contemporary design features a clear and iconic image of the trunk, leaves and fruit of a plum tree, symbolising the history and strength of the Foundation in perpetuating Dr LI's vision, and the way it has withstood the test of time through HKSH.



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