



**For decision
on 21.9.2023**

HAB-P338

Hospital Authority

Hospital Authority Annual Report for 2022-23

Decision Sought

Members are invited to consider and approve the draft **Hospital Authority (HA)** Annual Report for 2022-23 at the **Annex**.

Background

2. Under the HA Ordinance, the Authority is required to furnish an annual report on its activities and statement of accounts and the auditor's report on the statement in the previous financial year to the Secretary for Health not later than nine months after the expiry of the financial year, who shall cause the same to be tabled in the Legislative Council.
3. For the 2022-23 Annual Report, we are working towards the target of completing the print version for promulgation, including tabling at the Legislative Council via the Health Bureau, before the end of December 2023.

The Draft Annual Report for 2022-23

4. The draft HA Annual Report compiled for 2022-23 is attached at the **Annex** for Members' comment and approval, while minor textual refinements may further be made in finalising the Report for printing in November 2023. Mainly following the established practice, the contents of the Annual Report 2022-23 consist of the following:

- ◆ Roles of the Hospital Authority; **Vision; Mission, Values (VMV)** and Corporate Strategies
- ◆ Membership of the Hospital Authority
- ◆ Chapter 1 - Corporate Governance
- ◆ Chapter 2 - Chairman's Review
- ◆ Chapter 3 - Chief Executive's Report
- ◆ Hospital Authority at a Glance in 2022-23
- ◆ Chapter 4 - Milestones of the Year
- ◆ Chapter 5 - Engagement and Teamwork

- ◆ Chapter 6 - Head Office and Cluster Reports
- ◆ Chapter 7 - Environmental, Social and Governance Report
- ◆ Independent Auditors' Report
- ◆ Audited Financial Statements
- ◆ Appendices

5. The Report covers corporate information about the Board and its functional committees; HA's executive structure; service statistics and manpower position; resource utilisation; as well as the Authority's efforts in combating COVID-19 and later resumption of public hospital services in response to the stabilised epidemic development. It also includes a summary of the work of the Head Office with regard to the four strategic goals and that of all seven Clusters respectively. In addition, an infographic of HA's major statistics and some videos are included to enrich the content as appropriate.

6. As approved by the Board on 31 March 2022¹, a new dedicated chapter namely "Chapter 7 **Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) Report**" was first added in the HA Annual Report 2021-22 for enhanced disclosure of ESG to demonstrate greater accountability and transparency. According to the adopted phased approach, the content of this chapter will be gradually strengthened. New initiatives such as patient safety, manpower situation, staff training and development, etc. are added in the chapter this year, in addition to HA's commitment and performance in established ESG practices.

7. The Report is published in a bilingual format and electronic version will be made available for general public access. To cater for distribution to key stakeholders (see paragraph 10 below) and same as the previous year, 700 printed copies will be arranged this year.

Audit by External Auditor

8. The external auditor, PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC), has read the "Other Information" in the HA Annual Report (defined as all the information in the HA Annual Report other than Independent Auditor's Report and Audited Financial Statements), and indicated that no material misstatement and no material inconsistency was identified. The draft HA Annual Report 2022-23 is attached in the **Annex**, except the draft Independent Auditor's Report and Audited Financial Statements 2022-23, which are separately presented to the Board².

¹ Via **Administrative and Operational Meeting (AOM)** Paper No.1742 on "Reporting of Environmental, Social and Governance in Hospital Authority Annual Report 2021-2022".

² Via AOM Paper No.1883 on "Audited Financial Statements of the Hospital Authority for 2022/23" to be presented to the Board on 21 September 2023.

Financial Implication

9. A budget of \$380,000 is earmarked for the production and printing of 700 printed copies and the electronic version.

Publicity

10. The published HA Annual Report 2022-23 will be tabled at the Legislative Council, distributed to interested parties and posted on the HA corporate website and HA intranet. Distribution of the printed copies mainly covers Members of the Executive Council and Legislative Council, Health Bureau, patient advocates, and community partners etc.