



**For decision
on 22.9.2022**

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Hospital Authority

Hospital Authority Annual Report for 2021-22

Decision Sought

Members are invited to consider and approve the draft Hospital Authority (HA) Annual Report for 2021-22 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 2021-22 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 2022.

The Draft Annual Report for 2021-22

4. The draft HA Annual Report compiled for 2021-22 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 2022. Mainly following the established practice, the contents of the Annual Report 2021-22 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 2021-22
- ◆ 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 (*new addition*)
- ◆ 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 efforts of HA in combating COVID-19. It also includes a summary of the work of the Head Office (including in respect of the five 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" is added in the HA Annual Report 2021-22 for enhanced disclosure of ESG to demonstrate greater accountability and transparency. HA's commitment and performance in the ESG aspects, including highlights from established ESG practices and new initiatives such as green investment, energy saving, board diversity, etc. are detailed in the chapter.

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), we will arrange 700 printed copies this year, which have been further reduced from 800 copies for last year to reduce environmental impact.

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 2021-22 is attached in the **Annex**, except the draft Independent Auditor's Report and Audited Financial Statements 2021-22, which are separately presented to the Board².

Financial Implication

9. A budget of \$350,000 is earmarked for the production and printing of 700 printed copies and electronic version.

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

² Via AOM Paper No.1787 on "Audited Financial Statements of the Hospital Authority for 2021/22" to be presented to the Board on 22 September 2022.

Publicity

10. The published HA Annual Report 2021-22 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.

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