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Hospital Authority welcomes Government's reappointment of Chairman and appointment of Chief Executive

The Hospital Authority (HA) today (July 2) welcomes the Government's reappointment of Mr Henry Fan as the Chairman of the HA and the appointment of Dr Libby Lee as the Chief Executive of the HA.

Mr Fan said, "I am very honoured to be reappointed and to continue serving the public together with the 90 000 staff members of the HA. I am also very much looking forward to working with Dr Lee again at the HA to jointly lead the ongoing reforms of the HA. Our future work focus will be on fully implementing the HA's various reform initiatives, particularly the public healthcare fees and charges reform to be launched in January next year. The HA will continue to enhance its services regarding the wellbeing of patients and uphold the patient-centric value, and will continue to promote the sustainable development of public healthcare services."

The appointment of Dr Lee as the Chief Executive of the HA has been endorsed by the HA Board and approved by the Chief Executive of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, after a global search and thorough deliberation by the Selection Board appointed by the HA Board.

"The HA Board has full confidence in Dr Lee's wealth of experience in both clinical and management fields, and believes that her leadership capabilities and governance talents will continue to lead the HA to attain a higher level of achievement. Dr Lee demonstrates clear vision and aspirations for the HA's future development, and will lead the HA to face future challenges, continue reforms, enhance public hospital services, and move towards sustainable development, with the staunch support of all HA staff members." Mr Fan said.

"With the support of the Health Bureau and the HA Board, all staff members of the HA, Dr Lee, and I will continue to work together to enhance public hospital services and provide quality and sustainable public healthcare services for Hong Kong citizens. We will continue to strengthen our manpower and enhance exchanges with healthcare professionals worldwide, particularly from the Mainland. At the same time, we will continue to upgrade the facilities and service capacity of public hospitals to address the challenges of an ageing society and surging service demand," Mr Fan added.

Dr Lee expressed that she is deeply honoured to be appointed as the Chief Executive of the HA. “I am very grateful for the trust of the Government and the HA Board in appointing me to lead the HA. With the staunch support of all HA staff members, the Health Bureau, and the HA Board, as well as close collaboration with healthcare sector and community partners, I firmly believe that the HA will certainly reach new heights and benefit patients.”

The current Chief Executive of the HA, Dr Tony Ko, welcomed the reappointment of Mr Fan and congratulated Dr Lee on her appointment to the new position. He believes that with Dr Lee's extensive management experience at the Health Bureau and the HA, as well as her visionary perspective on public health policy and public healthcare services, she will certainly continue to drive the HA reforms and benefit patients.

Dr Ko will complete his contract and step down on July 31, with Dr Lee taking up her new role immediately on August 1. Mr Fan extends his appreciation to Dr Ko for his years of service to patients in public hospitals, particularly his contributions and outstanding performance to the HA and public healthcare services during his tenure as Chief Executive. He led the HA in navigating various challenges, especially in leading HA staff members in fighting the epidemic, and in fully promoting the HA's sustainable development, talent exchange and reforms after the epidemic, marking important milestones for the HA at different stages. On behalf of all HA staff members, Mr Fan wishes Dr Ko every happiness after his departure.

Mr Fan also congratulated Dr Cecilia Fan on her appointment as the Under Secretary for Health, believing that Dr Fan's extensive experience in public health over the years will certainly elevate Hong Kong's public health policies to new heights and promote more public health services that meet the needs of Hong Kong citizens.

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