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Hong Kong Adventist Hospital – Tsuen Wan Unveils New Building
Servicing the Community through Strengthened Services and More Hospital Beds

[Hong Kong - November 17, 2015] As a response to the community's increasing demand on healthcare services and in its mission to serve the residents of New Territories West, Hong Kong Adventist Hospital – Tsuen Wan (HKAH – TW) has been actively strengthening its services in recent years. In the past few years, the hospital invested HKD 1.7 billion on the construction of a new hospital building in an effort to substantially expand its scope of services and provide more hospital beds. The new hospital building officially opened its doors today, marking an important milestone in the hospital's history while ushering in a new era of first-rate private medical services in Hong Kong.

Attending the opening ceremony for the new building were Dr Ko Wing-man, BBS, JP, Secretary for Food and Health, Dr Frank Yeung, CEO and President of Hong Kong Adventist Hospital, Mr Chau How-chen, GBS, OBE, JP, Chairman of the HKAH-TW Development Board, and Miss Jenny Yip, JP, District Officer (Tsuen Wan).

A Threefold Increase in Number of Beds and Services

Construction of the new building began in 2011, and the facility spans 25 storeys and a total area of over 50,000 square meters. The number of hospital beds has also been substantially increased from 120 to 470. Of this increase, 20% are low-cost hospital beds with priority given to low-income patients referred from public hospitals, alleviating the demand for private medical services in New Territories West while giving back to the community.

In anticipation of the increasing demand for services, the hospital has been actively recruiting more staff to join its team. To make a true impact on the community, the hospital estimates that its Out-patient Department will service up to 1,000 patients a day (up from its current 300 to 400 per day), thereby relieving some pressure on the public healthcare system while strengthening synergy between the public and private healthcare sectors.

Dr Ko Wing-man pointed out in his speech that as the population increases and ages, there will be an increased demand for medical services. The new building, therefore, makes a significant contribution to the healthcare service industry in Hong Kong. "In addition to providing quality healthcare services to the public, the new building at HKAH – TW and its services also fits well into the Government's efforts to promote healthy development of the private healthcare sector. We strongly believe in maintaining a dual-track healthcare system where each sector supports and complements the other."

Dr Frank Yeung, CEO and President of Hong Kong Adventist Hospital, mentioned the significance of this joyous occasion in his speech. "Prior to the construction of the new building,

our hospital had already begun to strengthen its service offerings by expanding its range of specialist services. As a response to the aging population, we have strengthened our services in cardiology, oncology, orthopaedics, and surgery. With more space now available in the new building, our hospital is not only able to serve a wider range of specialist services, but will also be able to house larger, more advanced medical equipment, enabling the residents of New Territories West to have access to more treatment and examination services without having to travel across districts."

Innovation through Strengthened Services

"Having served the New Territories West area for over half a century, HKAH – TW has witnessed the development of the community and continuously strives to stay at the forefront of medicine," says Dr Yeung. "With the ever-increasing population, we must continue to innovate and expand our services. The new building symbolizes our determination, and its completion fills us with hope for the future."

In line with the growing development of specialist services, HKAH – TW will focus on the strengthening of its cardiac services through the establishment of a one-stop cardiac center that will target the needs of patients in Hong Kong. Other specialist centers include the oncology center, the orthopaedics and sports trauma center, the minimally invasive center, the urology center, and the women's health center. The hospital will also provide 24-hour Priority Care Services, family medicine, and health assessments, offering patients premium and advanced healthcare services.

In addition to excellent staff, the hospital also places priority on equipping its facilities with advanced medical equipment, such as advanced endoscopic instruments, 256-slice computed tomography, 3T wide-bore magnetic resonance imaging, positron emission tomography, and digital subtraction angiography. The new building features 10 advanced operating rooms, 11 intensive care beds, and four endoscopy rooms to provide diversified and comprehensive examinations, treatment, and rehabilitation services.

Sustainable Design that Serves the Community

During the planning stages, the hospital sought opinions of local residents, patients, and their families in an effort to ensure a patient-centered, community-conscious design. The new building's olive-shaped design, as well as its unique rooftop garden, manmade waterfalls, and green walls provide a comfortable and quiet resort-like setting for patients, combining form and function to exude a warm, homey feel that will revolutionize the hospital experience. Standing as a new landmark, the new building has also won the design award under the Future Healthy Built Environment Project from the International Academy for Design & Health.

In addition, the new building features 13 spacious elevators: six for patients and visitors, five for staff, and the remaining two for patient transport and emergencies. Rooms have been made more spacious, with a choice of three-person, two-person, or private rooms that include wood and fabric partitions for additional privacy. Moreover, hotel chefs have also been employed to serve delicious yet healthy vegetarian meals of the highest caliber.

Dr Yeung hopes that this new chapter will encourage the public to continue its support of the hospital. “In line with our motto, “Extending the Healing Ministry of Christ. Professionally We Serve, Personally We Care”, the hospital’s foundation is firmly rooted in God’s love. Our services extend far beyond simply catering to the physiological needs of our patients, and include care for their emotional and spiritual health as well. Our new building is unique reflection of this philosophy.”

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About Hong Kong Adventist Hospital - Tsuen Wan

Hong Kong Adventist Hospital - Tsuen Wan (HKAH – TW), the only private not-for-profit hospital in Tsuen Wan, has been serving its community since 1964. It is one of over 170 hospitals in the world established by the Seventh-day Adventist Church. The hospital provides outstanding care in family medicine as well as specialist services in cardiology, gynaecology, obstetrics, surgery, paediatrics, orthopaedics, and urology. As a response to the growing needs of the community, the hospital continues to innovate through advanced diagnostic facilities and a wide range of diversified specialist services.

The hospital was renamed Hong Kong Adventist Hospital - Tsuen Wan (HKAH – TW) as of May 1, 2015.