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Set-up of Chinese Medicine Clinic at Tung Chung Health Centre

Background

To facilitate the development of "evidence-based" Chinese Medicine, the Government has planned to establish 18 Chinese Medicine Centre for Training and Research (CMCTRs) in Hong Kong through the tripartite collaboration model among Hospital Authority, Non-governmental Organizations and local Universities. Currently, 16 CMCTRs have already commenced operation. The government is actively identifying suitable sites to set up the two remaining CMCTRs as early as possible. One of the CMCTRs would be set up at the Islands District, and the Tung Chung Health Centre (TCHC) is considered as potential site for setting up the CMCTR.

Relocation of Tung Chung Health Centre

TCHC is a two-floored building with two wings. The current Tung Chung General Out-patient Clinic (TC GOPC) is located at the first floor of TCHC, sharing the use of the entire floor with the Elderly Health Centre (EHC). To cope with the development of the North Lantau Hospital (NLTH), TC GOPC would be relocated to NLTH after its establishment. It is anticipated that the TC GOPC would be moved out from TCHC in the third quarter of 2013, making way for potential use of the vacant site for set-up of CMCTR in Islands District.

Since the facilities are different between Chinese and Western Medicine, the current layout design would require a further planning after the relocation of TC GOPC. In accordance with the shared-use arrangement with the EHC, the layout design of TCHC would include the redistribution of floor area between the two services.

With reference to the current floor area and service of existing CMCTRs, CMCTR in Islands District would occupy around 350 m2. In the initial planning, the facilities of the CMCTR shall include¹:

^{1:} Planning is still in progress, detailed arrangement will be subject to further confirmation.

- Consultation Room
- Treatment Room
- Assessment Room
- Pharmacy
- Preparation Room (Decocting)
- Chinese herb store
- Reception cum Shroff and Waiting Area

Relocation works

In view of the service continuance of EHC, the relocation works of TCHC would be carried out by stages to minimize the disturbance of works to service users. With regard to the current plan, the works for the CMCTR in Islands District would begin after the relocation of TC GOPC in 2013 3Q and the target completion date would be in mid-2014.

Conclusion

The Hospital Authority welcomes comments for the Set-up of Chinese Medicine Clinic at Tung Chung Health Centre from District Council members.

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