

## **ISLANDS DISTRICT COUNCIL**

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## **PROGRESS REPORT ON NORTH LANTAU HOSPITAL**

### **Purpose**

This paper informs the Islands District Council the service commencement arrangement and updated development of North Lantau Hospital (NLTH).

### **Service Commencement**

2. NLTH will commence service on 24 September 2013. A&E will provide 8-hour service daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Allied health services and community services will commence on the same day while General Outpatient services<sup>1</sup> and Specialist Outpatient services will be provided from 30 September 2013.

### **Community Communications**

3. NLTH invited local residents for hospital tour via local Non-Government Organizations, Office of Islands District Council Members and Rural Committee Members. Visits were arranged on 29-31 July 2013 and 23 August 2013. The hospital briefly introduced the organizations and visitors the service hours and facilities of NLTH. Their opinions and service demand were collected during the visits. Brief information of the visits by local residents as follows:

No. of visit conducted:	15
No. of organization received:	21
No. of participants:	323

4. As per request from the working committee of International Rehabilitation Day for Islands in the last meeting, visit to NLTH had been arranged on 5 September 2013.
5. Apart from arranging visits, NLTH takes an active role in reinforcing the communication with the local residents. NLTH and the Tung Chung Safe and Healthy City jointly organized a seminar on blood pressure on 23 July

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<sup>1</sup>The Tung Chung General Outpatient Clinic will move to North Lantau Hospital after its service hour on 28 September (Saturday), and start its service at the hospital on 30 September (Monday). The General Outpatient Clinic service in the area will not be affected.

2013. Participants were able to know more about high blood pressure and the technique of measuring blood pressure via the brief lecture and hands-on practice.

6. To widely announce the service commencement arrangement of NLTH and the date of relocation of Tung Chung General Outpatient Clinic via different channels, banners will be put at different public locations in the local area. Flyers will be distributed to local residents via various local community units.

### **Catchment Area of Hospital Service**

7. The geographic population of Northern Lantau is currently under Kowloon West Cluster of Hospital Authority (HA) while Southern Lantau is under Hong Kong East Cluster. In view of the service commencement of NLTH, HA has reviewed the related hospital service catchment area. To rationalize the service, the current population of Southern Lantau which is approximately 27,000 will be incorporated into the hospital service catchment area of Kowloon West Cluster.

### **8. Transportation Service**

NLTH has reflected the demand of the local residents for minibus service to the Transport Department. Further information has been submitted according to the request of the Department.

### **Advice Sought**

9. Members are invited to note the content of this paper.

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