

Message from the Dean

I am most pleased to report that the Hong Kong Jockey Club Charities Trust announced earlier this afternoon a landmark donation of HKD1.244 billion, being the largest single donation HKU has received to date, to establish the Centre for Clinical Innovation and Discovery (CCID) and the Institute of Cancer Care (ICC).

CCID and ICC will become the Faculty's own "cancer moonshot" in research and knowledge exchange respectively. They will be situated in a standalone new block on the campus of the soon-to-be-redeveloped Grantham Hospital, as it is transformed into a comprehensive cancer centre as part of the Hospital Authority's ten-year public hospital redevelopment blueprint, first announced in the 2016 Policy Address and Budget.

This very substantial gift will fund part of the construction works and various pre-commissioning programmes, thereby laying a firm foundation for deeper collaborative partnership with the Trust for post-opening programmatic services to further benefit the public's health. We very much look forward to further engaging the Trust in the next phase of philanthropic partnership at the Grantham Cancer Centre Project.

The present project is very much a joint effort with Government, Hospital Authority, and Hong Kong Tuberculosis, Chest and Heart Diseases Association, supported by Hong Kong Jockey Club Charities Trust and conceived and operated by the Faculty for the benefit of the entire Hong Kong community.

The announcement was made public today (June 28). Dr Simon S O Ip, Chairman of the Jockey Club and Professor Arthur Li, Council Chairman officiated at the event. Mr Matthew Cheung Kin-chung, Chief Secretary for Administration of the HKSAR, was Guest of Honour. Please see the attached photos of the ceremony and share our joy in actualising one of our 130th anniversary milestone projects.

I will be updating you from time to time as we progress through the various milestones of this mega development project in the coming years. I trust that I can continue to rely on your help and goodwill towards the future success of CCID and ICC.

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