



## Press Release

# **Hong Kong Academy of Medicine Media Spring Luncheon Promoting Professionalism and Ethics Specialist Training Progressing to Era of Artificial Intelligence with Technology-aided, Human-centred Approach Two-tiered Organ Donation Training Course Newly Launched**

(Hong Kong – 2 March, 2026) The Hong Kong Academy of Medicine (the Academy) held its Media Spring Luncheon today, President Professor Philip Kam-tao Li, together with the Academy's Council Members, shared the Academy's latest developments, including promoting professionalism and ethics, the application of artificial intelligence (AI) in specialist training and medical education, and organ donation training initiatives, etc.

### **Artificial Intelligence (AI) in Specialist Training and Medical Education**

The Academy is developing an AI-powered virtual patient consultation platform for use across various specialist training programmes. Conducted in Cantonese, the platform presents clinical cases in a virtual format, enabling trainees to encounter a broader range of cases - including rare diseases - thereby enhancing the depth and breadth of training.

The system assesses trainees' clinical performance and communication skills, including aspects of professionalism and empathy. AI-based assessments run alongside evaluations by senior physician mentors to ensure that clinical standards are upheld, while mentor feedback helps refine and calibrate the system.

Professor Li emphasised that while AI can enhance the innovative medical training, it is not intended to replace clinical professional judgment. The Academy is also drafting its first Position Statement on the application of AI in medical education, which is expected to be released in the first half of this year.

## **Promoting Professionalism and Ethical Practices**

Established in 2019, the Academy's Professionalism and Ethics Committee promotes awareness and practice of medical professionalism and ethical standards among Fellows, specialist trainees, and healthcare professionals. The Committee comprises six Task Forces covering areas such as Advance Medical Directives, medico-legal matters and artificial intelligence. The Academy has organised seminars on Best Practice Guidelines for Advance Directives to discuss the practical application and impact of the medical consent principle in Hong Kong.

## **Two-Tier Organ Donation Training Framework**

While thousands of patients in Hong Kong await organ transplantation every year, organ donations numbers remain limited. The Academy established the Task Force on Organ Donation in 2025 and developed a two-tiered training framework.

The first tier focuses on raising awareness among healthcare professionals not directly involved in organ donation practice, covering the clinical, legal and ethical principles of death determination and organ donation, as well as end-of-life care. The second provides advanced training for specialists in intensive care, internal medicine, neurosurgery, and emergency medicine, focusing on identifying and managing potential donors and enhancing communication skills when engaging families in acute care settings.

## **National Capacity Building Collaboration**

The Academy participates in the National Health Talent Capacity Building Programme, under which the "Elite Empowerment Programme for Building a Healthy China" is conducted. The first cohort comprises 48 mid-career professionals from national and provincial health authorities, hospitals and disease control institutions. They have come to Hong Kong since December 2025, undertaking a six-month programme covering health system management, policy frameworks, specialist training quality and safety, medical ethics, and experiential exchanges in Hong Kong.

## **Quadripartite Medical Education Conference**

The inaugural Hong Kong Quadripartite Medical Education Conference will be held in September this year at the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine Building. It will be hosted by the Academy, co-organised with the two medical schools in Hong Kong and the Hospital Authority, aiming to promote local and international exchange in medical education and the sharing of good practices.

### About Hong Kong Academy of Medicine

Established in 1993, the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine is an independent institution with statutory power to organise, monitor, assess and accredit all medical and dental specialist training, and the responsibility to oversee the continuing medical education and continuous professional development to maintain the standard of specialists practising in Hong Kong. There are now 74 specialties with around 9,900 Academy Fellows, who are eligible for registration in the Specialist Register of the Medical Council of Hong Kong and Dental Council of Hong Kong on the recommendation of the Academy.

**Captioned Photos:**

Photo 1:



Professor Philip Kam-tao Li, President of Hong Kong Academy of Medicine, and Council Members of the Academy celebrate the Year of the Horse with media representatives

Photo 2:



Professor Philip Kam-tao Li, President of Hong Kong Academy of Medicine, shared the Academy's latest development, including the application of Artificial Intelligence in specialist training and medical education, and emphasised that it is not intended to replace clinical professional judgment.

Photo 3:



Vice-President (Education and Examinations) of Hong Kong Academy of Medicine Prof. Clement Chee-yung Tham shared the Academy's draft "Position Statement on the application of AI in medical education"

Photo 4:



Dr Chun-tat Lui, Chairman of the Academy's JCIMED eLearning and Technology Subcommittee demonstrated AI Virtual Patient Training Platform which will be used across various training programmes by different specialty Colleges.

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