

## **HK\$253 Million "Jockey Club Inpatient Facilities Modernisation Scheme" for Hospitals Announced at HKJC Community Day**

The Club's Charities Trust will donate HK\$253 million to the Hospital Authority (HA) to launch the *Jockey Club Inpatient Facilities Modernisation Scheme*, involving the installation of ceiling hoists and electrically-operated beds at public hospitals, Club Chairman Brian Stevenson announced on 13 April at the Sha Tin Racecourse. Over 200 representatives of Government agencies, non-government organisations, academic institutions and other community groups attended the Community Day.

Noting that the theme of this year's Community Day race meeting is "Medical and Health", Mr Stevenson said, "I am pleased to announce our latest major Charities Trust commitment to the medical and health sector with a HK\$253 million donation to the Hospital Authority to fund the *Jockey Club Inpatient Facilities Modernisation Scheme*. This in fact represents our largest ever single donation to the HA, which is one of our most established community partners." This is also the 10th Community Day Race Meeting since its debut in 2005.

Scheduled to be implemented at public hospitals in phases over the coming three years, the project involves installation of over 520 ceiling hoists and over 6,000 electrically-operated beds in public hospitals citywide.

The hoists will provide more comfortable transfer for immobile patients and minimise the risk of occupational injury among nursing staff. The electrically-operated beds will not only allow patients and carers to adjust the bed heights themselves, but will also reduce medical complications by providing more effective musculoskeletal support and greater self-mobility. In neurosurgical and ICU wards, the enhanced features of these beds will enable them to be adapted to patients' specific needs, such as automatic lateral tilt therapy for the prevention of pneumonia and pressure ulcers, and in-bed X-ray examinations where they will save patients from uncomfortable lifting by placing X-ray cassettes under their back.

Once completed, every bed in those wards with highly dependent patients in public hospitals will be electrically-operated, creating a safer environment for these patients and one where they can receive treatment with greater dignity. By strengthening occupational safety and efficiency, it will also raise the overall standard of healthcare services.

Guest of honour at this year's Community Day race meeting, Secretary for Food and Health Dr the Hon Ko Wing-man observed that The Hong Kong Jockey Club Charities Trust had been the single most important partner and charitable source of the Hospital Authority and the public health services sector. "In the past decades, the Charities Trust has provided consistent support to numerous new services or service improvement initiatives including hospital and ambulatory or speciality service centre buildings, major advanced equipment, and pilots for innovative service delivery models, as well as professional training and development projects." He also added that many of these projects including the support in setting up of the Centre for Health Protection, the development of the Communicable Disease Information System and the construction of the Academy of Medicine Building were indeed hallmark events in the history of Hong Kong's healthcare system.

HA Chairman Professor John CY Leong observed that over the years, the Jockey Club had been an unfailing long-term partner of public healthcare. This is witnessed in the many healthcare facilities named under the Jockey Club around the territory. Alongside improved healthcare facilities and advanced medical equipment, the Club also contributes to many patient programmes which directly improve the quality of their lives. The home dialysis programme in recent years is one shining example. "This year, the first-of-its-kind 'Inpatient Facilities Modernisation Scheme' passes on a personal touch of care to our inpatients and their carers. I wish to thank the Jockey Club for bringing better sleep and easier movements to our patients on their way to recovery. The project will greatly enhance patients' physical and psychological well-being."



Club Chairman Brian Stevenson (centre); Secretary for Food and Health Dr the Hon Ko Wing-man (2nd left); the Club's Chief Executive Officer Winfried Engelbrecht-Bresges (1st left); HA Chairman Professor John C Y Leong (2nd right) and Chief Executive Dr Leung Pak-yin (1st right) announce the launch of the Jockey Club Inpatient Facilities Modernisation Scheme.