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**Prince of Wales Hospital Main Clinical Block and Trauma Centre  
Topping-out Ceremony**

The Topping-out ceremony of the Main Clinical Block and Trauma Centre of the Prince of Wales Hospital was held today (Wednesday, 11 November). Officiating guests at the ceremony included Dr York Chow, Secretary for Food and Health; Ms Sandra Lee, Permanent Secretary for Food and Health (Health); Mr Anthony Wu, Hospital Authority Chairman; Mr Edward Ho, Chairman of the Hospital Governing Committee of the Prince of Wales Hospital; Mr Wai Kwok Hung, Chairman of the Shatin District Council; Professor Fok Tai Fai, Dean of the Faculty of Medicine, Chinese University of Hong Kong; Mr Shane Solomon, Hospital Authority Chief Executive; and Dr Fung Hong, Hospital Chief Executive of the Prince of Wales Hospital.

In his address, Dr York Chow said to ensure that there was enough space and facility to meet the need of the community and the teaching need of health care professionals in the long term, the Government and the Hospital Authority commissioned the Main Clinical Block and Trauma Centre for the hospital and work started in 2007. The extension project was funded by the Government and the facility was expected to complete in the middle of 2010.

“The new extension block will provide 800 in-patient beds for various specialty services. Major services such as accident and emergency, intensive care and the infectious diseases unit will also move to the new building. Patients will enjoy a better environment. The re-organised and improved facilities will also greatly enhance service efficiency and quality,” Dr Chow added.

Mr Anthony Wu said in his speech that the Prince of Wales Hospital is the largest acute hospital in the New Territories East Cluster of the Hospital Authority and the teaching hospital for the Chinese University's Faculty of Medicine. The new extension project came timely as it could help meet escalating service demands from the public and teaching needs. The



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'people-centred' environment of the facility will add comfort and activity space for patients.

Mr Edward Ho thanked the Food and Health Bureau, the Hospital Authority Head Office, the Architectural Services Department and all those involved in the project for their full support and dedication, which has helped bring about its successful completion.

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