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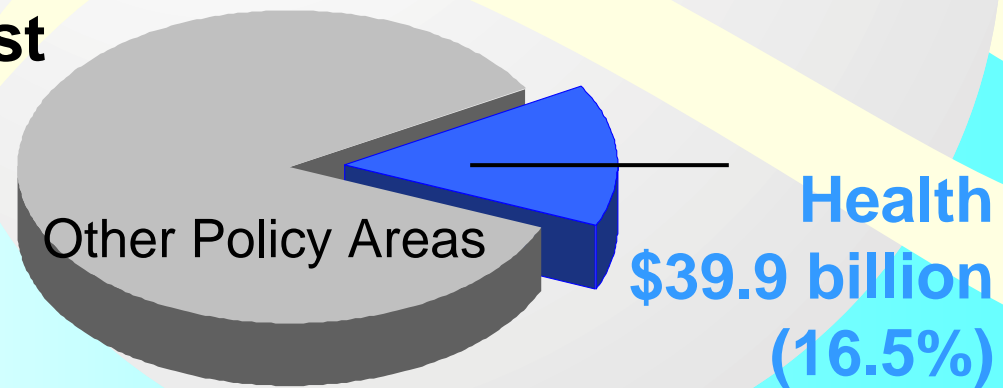
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## 3 **W**s in Healthcare in Hong Kong

- **W**here do we stand?
- **W**hat are we doing?
- **W**here should we go?

## Where do we stand

- A pre-eminent healthcare centre in the region with high professional and ethical standard
- Strong commitment of Government to invest in healthcare

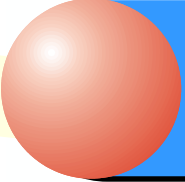


2011-12 Total Recurrent Government Expenditure : **\$242.1 billion**



## Where do we stand

- **Surging service demand brought about by an ageing and growing population**
- **Increasing medical costs brought about by medical inflation and new technology**
- **Imbalance between public and private sector**
- **Call for enhancing transparency, in particular the private sector**

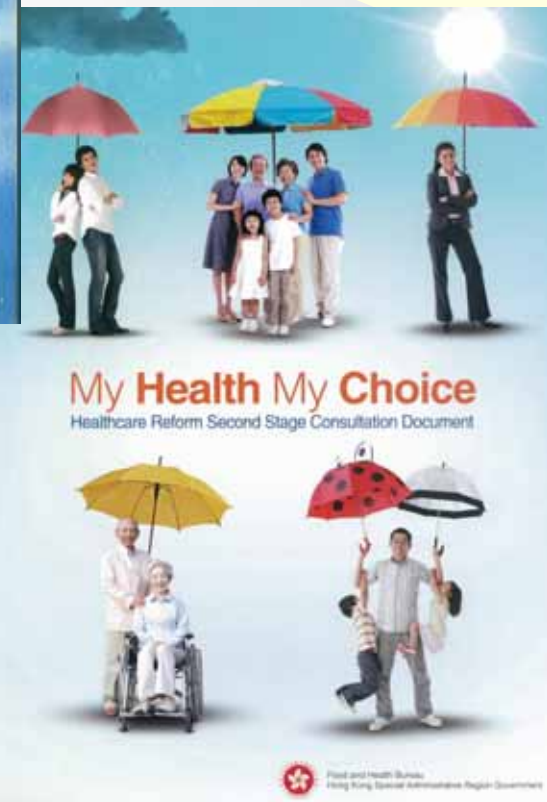
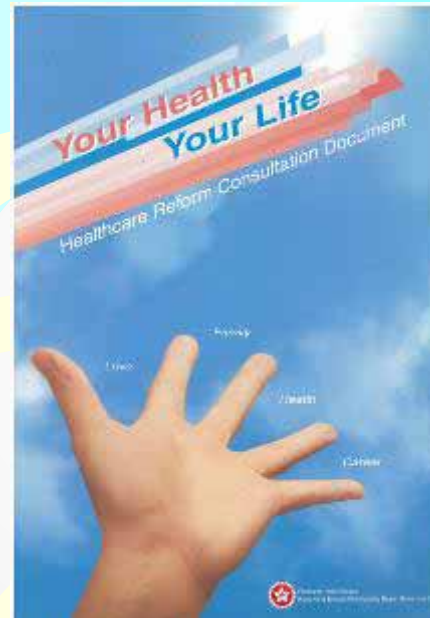


## **What we are doing - Public healthcare as the safety net**

- **The public healthcare system as an equitable and accessible safety net for the population as a whole, with four target services areas and population groups -**
  - (a) acute and emergency care;**
  - (b) healthcare or medical care for low-income and under-privileged groups;**
  - (c) illnesses that entail high cost, advanced technology and multi-disciplinary professional team work; and**
  - (d) training of healthcare professionals**

# What we are doing – Healthcare Financing

- Provide alternative choice to public healthcare
- Enhance long-term sustainability of our healthcare system
- Voluntary Health Protection Scheme (HPS): Standardise and regulate voluntary private health insurance by legislation for consumer protection





## **What we are doing - Enhancing primary care**

- **Developed Reference framework for diabetes and hypertension care in primary care settings**
- **Published doctor and dentist sub-directories of the Primary Care Directory**
- **First purpose-built Community Health Centre will be established in first half of 2012**
- **Launched a territory-wide “Primary Care Campaign”**



# What we are doing – PPP projects

- Tin Shui Wai Primary Care Partnership Project
- Shared Care Programme
- Haemodialysis Public-Private Partnership Programme
- Cataract Surgeries Programme
- Elderly Health Care Voucher Pilot Scheme
- Elderly Vaccination Subsidization Scheme, Childhood Influenza Vaccination Subsidization Scheme and Human Swine Influenza Vaccination Subsidization Scheme





# Electronic Health Record (eHR) and Hospital Accreditation



- **eHR: enhance continuity of care and integration of different health services**
- **Hospital Accreditation: improve patient safety and quality of healthcare institutions in Hong Kong**

## Where we should go

- Enhance supply and quality of manpower
- Continue to uphold professional competency and ethics
- Medical research and clinical trials





## Where we should go

- Build upon current strengths
- Primary care and community care
- Specialised service consolidation
- Increase service capacity
- Reform the private market
- Enhance and facilitate new services and cost-effective services



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