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Singapore and Hong Kong sign MoU on prevention and control of communicable diseases

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To enhance co-operation between both sides in communicable diseases prevention



At the invitation of the Ministry of Health of Singapore, the Director of Health, Dr Ronald Lam, led a delegation from the Centre for Health Protection (CHP) of the Department of Health (DH), Hong Kong to Singapore and started a three-day visit on August 22.

During the visit, the CHP of the DH signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on the prevention and control of communicable diseases with the interim Communicable Diseases Agency (iCDA) of Singapore. The delegation conducted work exchanges with the Ministry of Health of Singapore, and also visited National Centre for Infectious Diseases, National Environment Agency and Health Promotion Board to reinforce mutual ties and strengthen exchanges and co-operation on public health between the two places.

The MoU aims to enhance co-operation between both sides in communicable diseases prevention, monitoring, epidemiological investigation, and response to infectious diseases with significant public health impacts, as well as in combating antimicrobial resistance actions, research and development, manpower capacity building and training, as well as exchange views on public health emergency response plans and exercises.

The MoU provides a solid foundation for the co-operation between Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) and Singapore. It signifies the strengthened working partnership between the CHP of the DH and international counterparts in the areas of diseases prevention and control, which includes further enhancing communicable diseases information exchanges and experience sharing within the regions.

Image caption- Controller of the CHP, Dr Edwin Tsui (left), and Executive Director of the interim Communicable Diseases Agency of Singapore, Professor Vernon Lee (right)