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HEALTH SCIENCES AUTHORITY SIGNS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH HONG KONG DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO ENHANCE HEALTHCARE REGULATORY COOPERATION

Singapore's Health Sciences Authority (HSA) and the Department of Health (DoH), Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for cooperation in healthcare regulatory matters pertaining to health products, on 13 August 2025. This MOU marks an important milestone in strengthening ties between the two regulatory authorities.

- The MOU encompasses technical cooperation and mutual exchange of information, best practices and expertise pertaining to healthcare regulatory matters across a broad spectrum of health products, including pharmaceuticals, medical devices, advanced therapy products and traditional medicines. The agreement also facilitates the sharing of regulatory information and enforcement approaches towards tobacco products and vaping devices. To support these objectives, the MOU enables exchange of regulatory experts and staff, participation in meetings and scientific conferences, as well as collaboration in training courses and joint projects.
- 3 This collaboration underscores Singapore and Hong Kong's shared commitment to ensuring the safety, quality and efficacy of health products and to advancing regulatory excellence in our jurisdictions.
- 4 "This partnership represents a significant step forward in regulatory cooperation between Singapore and Hong Kong," said HSA Chief Executive Officer, Adjunct Professor (Dr) Raymond Chua. "By combining our expertise and sharing best practices, we can better tackle the emerging challenges in healthcare regulation, harness opportunities and strengthen public health protection in both jurisdictions."

The MOU was signed at the Ministry of Health College of Medicine Building by the Chief Executive Officer of HSA, Adjunct Professor (Dr) Raymond Chua and the Director of Health, Hong Kong DoH, Dr Ronald Lam. The signing ceremony was witnessed by Singapore's Minister for Health and Coordinating Minister for Social Policies, Mr Ong Ye Kung and Hong Kong's Secretary of Health, Professor Lo Chung-mau.

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About the Health Sciences Authority (HSA)

The Health Sciences Authority (HSA) applies medical, pharmaceutical and scientific expertise through its three professional groups, Health Products Regulation, Blood Services and Applied Sciences, to protect and advance national health and safety. HSA is a multidisciplinary authority. It serves as the national regulator for health products, ensuring they are wisely regulated to meet standards of safety, quality and efficacy. As the national blood service, it is responsible for providing a safe and adequate blood supply. It also applies specialised scientific, forensic, investigative and analytical capabilities in serving the administration of justice. For more details, visit http://www.hsa.gov.sg/.

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About HSA's Health Products Regulation Group

The Health Products Regulation Group (HPRG) of HSA ensures that medicines, innovative therapeutics, medical devices and health-related products are wisely regulated and meet appropriate safety, quality and efficacy standards. It contributes to the development of biomedical sciences in Singapore by administering a robust, scientific and responsive regulatory framework.