

Message from The Permanent Secretary for Health



I extend a warm welcome to you all. Thank you for joining our Health Research Symposium 2010.

Our Government is committed to improving our population's health. One of the pre-requisites of making this happen is to support health research and translate relevant findings into policies. Today's Symposium brings together some of the best researchers from Hong Kong and around the world to discuss their latest findings. I hope this will also serve as a forum for research ideas to be shared and innovations pursued, ultimately generating health benefits for the public at large.

As part of today's plenary sessions, I am particularly pleased to know we have two renowned speakers from overseas presenting their insights on infectious disease modelling and cost-effectiveness of healthcare. Both of these topics are highly relevant to Hong Kong. During the human swine influenza H1N1 pandemic earlier, our local researchers were supported by our Bureau funds to conduct research thereby providing Government with timely and useful information on the disease that was useful for the formulation of our policy and measures to mitigate further spread of the disease. We also value research projects on cost-effectiveness analyses as they are essential for Government to further enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of our healthcare system.

Today's symposium signifies the Government's commitment to health research. I hope our research community will continue to strive for excellence and generate new knowledge benefitting decision makers and patients alike.

I wish you all a fruitful and productive symposium.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sandra Lee', written in a cursive style.

Ms. Sandra Lee
Permanent Secretary for Health