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Press Release

**Hong Kong News-Expo Online Talk “Knowing the Vaccines”
Experts share information on COVID-19 vaccines**

Hong Kong News-Expo held an online talk on “Knowing the Vaccines” today (6th Feb) and invited two members of the Advisory Panel on COVID-19 Vaccines to share professional and correct information about the different COVID-19 vaccines and its effectiveness and side-effects with the hopes of aiding the public in deciphering the different media coverage on vaccine information thus selecting the suitable vaccine for oneself.

The two experts are Dr. Tsang Ho-fai, President of Hong Kong College of Community Medicine and Professor Ivan Hung Fan-ngai, Ru Chien & Helen Lieh Professor in Health Sciences Pedagogy, Department of Medicine, LKS Faculty of Medicine, The University of Hong Kong.

During the talk, Dr. Tsang Ho-fai urged the public to ignore information from unknown sources which is beyond common sense and non-scientific. He explained that as science advance with time, different places have different opinions on the application of vaccines and hence differing information about the COVID-19 vaccine. Amongst the sources, World Health Organisation, National Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Hong Kong Department of Health and other reputable science research organisations and universities provide more reliable vaccine information.

Professor Hung Fan-ngai introduced clinical trial data regarding the COVID-19 vaccine including the effectiveness and possible side effects to different people. He recommended the public to select the appropriate vaccine based on their personal health status and age amongst other factors.

Ms. May Chan Suk-mei, Vice-Chairperson of Hong Kong News-Expo, said that there are varied vaccine information circulating on online platforms and it is hard for the general public, without professional knowledge, to determine which vaccine is suitable for them. She suggested the public to listen to the professional opinions of experts in order to get a firm grasp of facts.

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Photo Caption:

Photo 1: Dr. Tsang analysed the effectiveness of different vaccines.

Photo 2: Prof. Hung reminded the public to select vaccine based on their health condition and age amongst other factors.

Photo 3: Our speakers discussed “Knowing about Vaccines”. (from left: Ms. May Chan Suk-mei, Dr. Tsang Ho-fai and Prof. Hung Fan-ngai)