

Press Release

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**Experts share professional information at HKNE online talk
“Knowing the Epidemics and the Vaccines”**

The Hong Kong News-Expo (HKNE) today (28 March) held an online talk “Knowing the Epidemics and the Vaccines” to mark the launch this month of a thematic exhibition entitled “Wars Against Epidemics in Hong Kong” that will review the numerous epidemics Hong Kong has encountered in its history.

It is hoped that through the sharing of information by experts, members of the public will better understand media literacy and will be in a wiser position to select, analyse and understand the abundant information circulating on the internet

One of the participant experts, Professor David Hui Shu-cheong of Respiratory Medicine, the Chinese University of Hong Kong, said some residents may face stronger reactions after the second injection of the vaccine, but the effect is just temporary. He reminded those who have developed serious allergic reactions after the first injection to seek advice from their doctors before receiving the second shot.

Professor Hui said those vaccinated would have developed antibodies that can lower the risk of symptomatic infection. However, he said, it is important that they should continue to maintain personal hygiene. He said the public are not advised to take mixing doses of two different vaccines as such clinical trials are being conducted on the efficacy.

Dr Clement So York-kee, School of Journalism and Communication of the Chinese University, acknowledged that the different views available on the online platforms have confused people on whether they should receive the vaccination and which vaccine is suitable for them.

Dr So suggested that the public should obtain the correct information by listening to experts’ professional advice which would give them a clear understanding of the issues involved.

Under the COVID-19 pandemic, HKNE has produced the “Wars Against Epidemics in Hong Kong” thematic exhibition to enhance the public’s knowledge of epidemics in Hong Kong over the many years. Ms. May Chan Suk-mei, Vice-Chairperson, HKNE, said the exhibits are divided into different sections on the epidemics that happened in Hong Kong. They include the plague over a hundred years ago, measles and tuberculosis in the 1950-60s, avian flu in 1990s and SARS in 2003, etc. Visitors can understand the important role of the news media through watching the interviews with reporters sharing their reporting experiences during various epidemics.

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Photo Caption:

Photo 1: Professor Hui shares the effectiveness and side-effects of vaccines.

Photo 2: Professor So suggests the public to listen to the advice of experts.

Photo 3: Ms. May Chan points out the important role of the media in various epidemics.

Photo 4: (From left) Ms. May Chan Suk-mei, Professor David Hui Shu-cheong and Professor Clement So York-kee discussed “Knowing the Epidemics and the Vaccines”