4.6m visit **HK** clinics

MORE than 4.6 million patients attended the 59 government general out-patients last year, said Secretary for Health and Welfare Elizabeth Wong Chien Chilien.

About 3.9 million patients sought medical consultation and the rest needed nursing services including injections and dressings.

About 40 per cent of the consultations comprised patients with chronic diseases requiring regular follow-up, and the rest were patients with acute ailments seeking primary medical care.