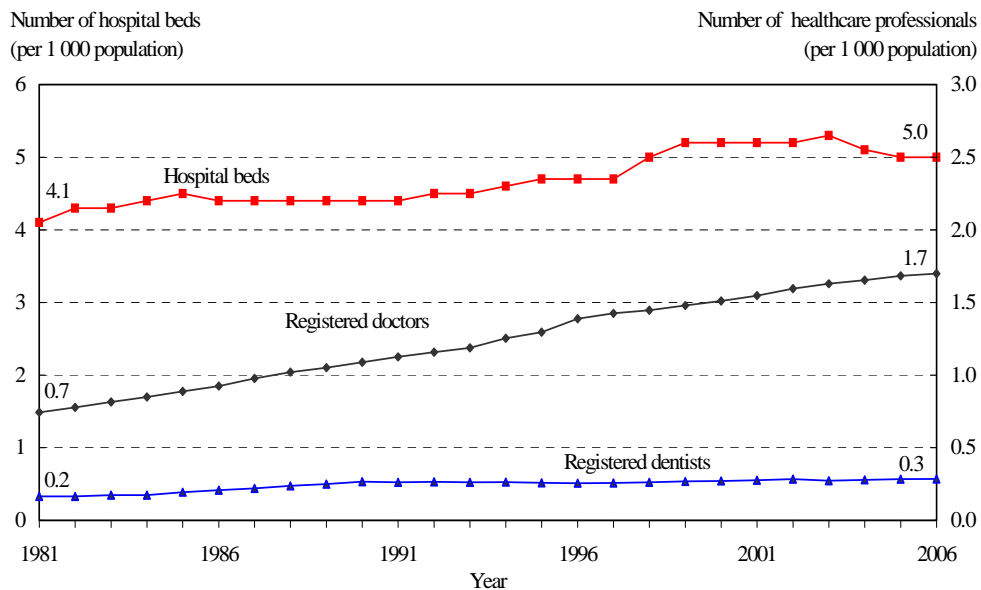


Medical Service Continues to Upgrade

- The most direct way to assess the comprehensiveness of medical service in a place is to make reference to the ratios that relate the numbers of hospital beds and registered medical personnel to the size of the population of the place.
- During the past twenty-five years, the provision of hospital beds in Hong Kong increased from 4.1 beds per 1 000 population to 5.0.
- Over the same period, the number of registered doctors per 1 000 population increased significantly from 0.7 to 1.7, while that of registered dentists also increased, though at a lower rate, from 0.2 to 0.3.

Number of Hospital Beds and Registered Healthcare Professionals



Note : Figures of registered doctors/dentists refer to those with full registration on the local/overseas lists.

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