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Dear Mr. Nip ,

HKDU Submission on Medical Registration (Amendment) Bill 2017
Change of Composition of Medical Council of Hong Kong

The Four Meetings of the Tripartite Platform on Amendments to the Medical Registration Ordinance came to the end on 7 March 2017. Hong Kong Doctors Union (HKDU) was indeed honoured to be invited by Food and Health Bureau to take part in the meetings, which proved to be a valuable platform where Medical practitioners, Patient Representatives and the Public could exchange views on how to tackle some of the most pressing problems in the reform of the Medical Council of Hong Kong (MCHK). We look forward to further collaborations with the Government in the near future.

HKDU is the only registered trade union in Hong Kong for both public and private doctors. About 1/3 of our members work in public service, and the rest working in the private sector. In the year 2017, there are approximately 2,000 practicing primary care doctor members. The primary objective of HKDU is to safeguard the welfare and rights of doctors with the ultimate aim of improving the health of the community.

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For 17 years, HKDU has been one of the three Continuous Medical Education administrators, accreditors as well as providers appointed by the MCHK. HKDU has proudly fulfilled its job for all doctors since 2000 and given credit for our work by the MCHK. While the other two appointed organisations, namely Hong Kong Medical Association (HKMA) and Hong Kong Academy of Medicine (HKAM) have representatives in the MCHK, there is no reason why not for HKDU, representing most Primary Care Doctors, in the MCHK. Please note that membership of HKDU, just like HKMA, is open to all registered medical practitioners in Hong Kong and there are about 1,000 HKDU members who are not members of HKMA. It is in good faith and to the benefit of the medical profession that **we ask for 4 or more representatives to be granted to HKDU in the MCHK.** We believe we can contribute a lot in the MCHK and ensure rules promulgated by the MCHK to be clearly understood by and fair to all doctors, especially primary health care practitioners.

Thank you for your attention.

Yours sincerely,

Dr. Chan Pui Kwong
Hon. Secretary
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