

2016-2017 Report

THE HONG KONG MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

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Medical Registration (Amendment) Bill - Background

The Medical Registration (Amendment) Bill **2016** was officially dropped before the Fifth LegCo stood prorogation on 16 July 2016 – a foiled attempt to pass LegCo amid our protest and the persevering objection of our LegCo Representative.



Medical Registration (Amendment) Bill 2017

- ✓ Improve the **complaint investigation and disciplinary inquiry mechanism** of the Medical Council of Hong Kong
- ✓ Increase **lay membership** in MCHK
- ✓ Enable MCHK to approve applications for **limited registration** for a period from not exceeding one year to not exceeding three years



The Medical Council of Hong Kong

Composition of the MCHK

Key discussion

How to convert 2 appointed doctor members to generally elected members?

Government

Convert two seats from the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine to election

Disadvantage

Could not represent the true interest of HKAM on professional development issues due to varying scales of colleges

Hong Kong College of

1. Anaesthesiologists
2. Community Medicine
3. Emergency Medicine
4. Family Physicians
5. Obstetricians and Gynaecologists
6. Ophthalmologists
7. Orthopaedic Surgeons
8. Otorhinolaryngologists
9. Paediatricians
10. Pathologists
11. Physicians
12. Psychiatrists
13. Radiologists
14. Surgeons

Our Proposal

- Convert one post from the **Hospital Authority**, one from the **Department of Health** for direct general election instead of the HKAM
- The posts from the HA and DH will be represented by Chief Executive of HA and Director of DH or his/her delegate.



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AUTHORITY



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Department of Health

Our Proposal

- ✓ Maintain good communication and preserve their roles of HA, DH in MCHK
- ✓ Fulfills the agreement of **half of the MCHK members being elected** from general board base
- ✓ HKAM can maintain her distinct role in the MCHK; guarantee **specialty training and professional standard**



Regulation on Private Healthcare Facilities

- The Government intended to strengthen regulation of **private healthcare facilities** (PHFs)
- Under the new law, there will be four types of PHFs subject to regulation, namely
 - 1) **Hospitals**
 - 2) **Day procedure centres**
 - 3) **Clinics (including chain clinics)**
 - 4) **Health services establishments**

Medical Device Bill

(a) pre-market control –

to ensure medical devices conform with the requirements on safety, quality, performance, and efficacy before allowing them to be placed on the market

(b) post-market control –

to enable swift control measures against defective or unsafe medical devices

(c) use control –

to restrict the use of certain high-risk medical devices

➤ Encountered staunch opposition from the **cosmetic industry**, which lobbied lawmakers and resisted in all forms possible

Medical Insurance Terms

- A trans-national insurance giant sent a to about 200 Ophthalmologists, Gastroenterologists and Surgeons in private practice
 - cataract surgery, OGD and Colonoscopy **may not be reimbursable** by their **medical insurance policies** unless the patient has one or more of 7 listed co-morbidities
- **A Clinical Decision must be free from interference of the insurance industry.**

Medical Insurance Terms

Although the letter concerned relations between the insurance company and its customers, it was imperative to inform the public that **such policy terms was in breach of the right naturally belonged to patients**



Press Conference: **Debate on “Medically Necessary”** arising from a letter to doctors from AIA

Relationship with Patient Organizations

- Meeting with the “Hong Kong Rehabilitation Power” and “Care for Your Heart”
- Patient representatives shared their concerns on
 - a) **Transportation** for disabled passengers
 - b) **Employment**
 - c) **Fundraising** activities
 - d) **Drug wastage**
 - e) **Dual-track healthcare system**



Relationship with Patient Organizations

Helping to set up the **Paediatric Home Respiratory Support Society**

Founded by

- Patients
- Their family members
- Doctors
- Allied health professionals



Community Service

Health Academy for the Elderly

- i. Wellness Course
- ii. Carers Support Workshop
- iii. "Get to Know Dementia"
Training Course
- iv. Outreach Team for the
Elderly
- v. One Service Unit One Doctor
Scheme



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Community Service

- *“A near neighbor is better than a distant relative.”*
- The elderly volunteers living in Hing Wah Estates I & II and other Outreach Ambassadors from different social backgrounds made a solemn commitment to offer their care to the **singleton elders, elderly couples and hidden elders**
- *“We met in the elderly centre before but we did not know each other’s names”*





One Service Unit One Doctor Scheme

- Five community doctors were matched with five **elderly service units**, namely
 - a) Methodist Epworth Village Community Centre Social Welfare Hing Wah Neighbourhood Elderly Centre
 - b) Methodist Epworth Village Community Centre Social Welfare Epworth Neighbourhood Elderly Centre
 - c) Hong Kong Society for the Aged Chai Wan District Elderly Community Centre
 - d) Chinese YMCA Chai Wan Neighborhood Elderly Centre
 - e) St. James' Settlement Evergreen Day Care Centre
- Enhance the elderly healthcare services in Chai Wan through **medical-social collaboration**
- **Mutual referral mechanism** would be established to help the elders and caregivers on receiving timely and appropriate services

ORGAN DONATION PROMOTION

- Organ Donation Promotion Walk entitled “**Spring Sowers**”
- Encourage Hong Kong Citizens to register with the **Centralized Organ Donation Register**
- A New Song called “**Second Life**” was written by Dr. CHAN Yee Shing to promote organ donation.



Continuous Medical Education



CME events organized by HKMA

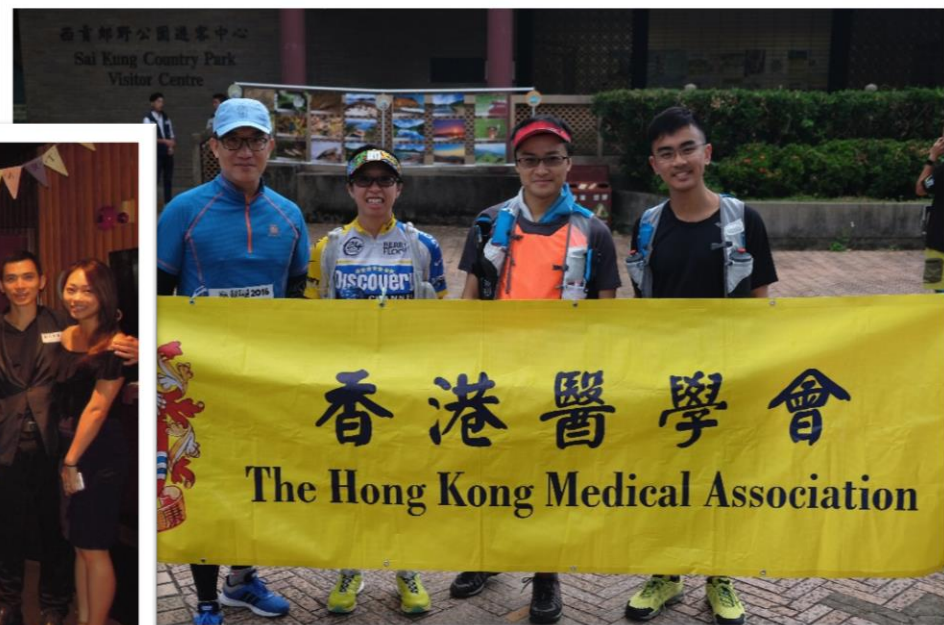
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CME events accredited by HKMA

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Recreational and Cultural Activities

- Appreciation of Chinese Poetry
- Cooking
- Cultural Relics
- Dancing
- Gourmet
- Karaoke and Social Singing
- Painting & Calligraphy
- Photographic
- Current Affairs, Chinese History & Culture
- Traditional Chinese Opera
- Badminton
- Basketball
- Bridge
- Cycling
- Dragon Boat
- Football
- Golf
- Hiking
- Power-lifting
- Sailing
- Snooker
- Squash
- Table-Tennis
- Tennis
- Tenpin Bowling
- Trailwalker
- Volleyball
- War Game
- Swimming Gala
- Family Sports Day





The Secretary of Food and Health Bureau (Health Minister) and his Deputy were singing the song "Second Life" in our Annual Ball.



Even the HKMA Annual Ball was a chance to promote Organ Donation!



This was our last Annual Ball held on New Year's Eve. It would be held on Christmas' Eve this year and thereafter!

Peace to the world

To safeguard the
health of the people.

-Thank you-