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Dear Mr. Nip,

Patrick

Views on HKAM's representation in MCHK

At present, there are two representatives from the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine (HKAM) in the Medical Council of Hong Kong (MCHK). This matter was discussed amongst members of the Academy Council in its regular meetings of the recent months. We would like to express the following views for the consideration by the Tripartite Platform:

1. The Academy Council is open to the proposal of the Government on converting two existing HKAM representatives in the MCHK from being "appointed" by the Chief Executive of the HKSAR to "elected" by the Academy. In fact, this is in line with the majority view of our recent survey to Fellows regarding the existing mechanism of appointing HKAM representatives by the Chief Executive of the HKSAR, which we would like to reflect to the Tripartite Platform.
2. Also in alignment with the views from our recent survey to Fellows, the Academy Council is of the opinion that the number of representatives from HKAM in the MCHK should be increased, because of the following considerations:
 - a. Over the past two decades, the number of Academy Fellows has increased by more than twofold. As an illustration, there were around 2,600 Fellows in 1996 and now over 7,500 Fellows.

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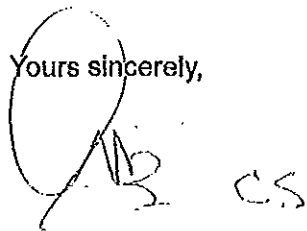
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- b. With a growing contingence of the Academy, and given our statutory status and unique role in specialist training for the whole of Hong Kong which is in line with the function of the MCHK to maintain the standard of clinical practice locally, there is a need to review the Academy's representation within the Medical Council. The Academy Council would like to propose an increase of three additional representatives from the Academy in the MCHK. This is fully justified and necessary since Academy Fellows, now totaling over 7,500 and encompassing 66 specialties and subspecialties, account for the vast majority of Specialists in Hong Kong.
- c. We believe the increased HKAM representation in the MCHK will strengthen the resources of expertise available to provide appropriate advice and professional mandate to the MCHK conducive to enhancing fairness, efficiency, and public accountability.

We hope the above views from the Academy Council are useful to the Tripartite Platform.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'LAU CS', written over a large, faint circular stamp or watermark.

Professor LAU Chak-sing
President
Hong Kong Academy of Medicine