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By fax

The Hon. Dr. Lo Wing Lok
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Dear Dr. Lo,

Re: Health Services Panel Meeting of LegCo on 13.11.2000

We refer to your fax of 1.11.2000 addressed to Dr. Yeung Chiu Fat concerning the captioned meeting.

As regards Agenda IV of the above meeting, Hong Kong Doctors Union (HKDU) Council considers it would not be beneficial to the public of Hong Kong if implementation of the policy on "Incorporation of Chinese medicine into the public health system" results in extraction of resources from existing funds allotted to public healthcare system. Any funding for such purpose should be additional and separately budgeted.

HKDU Council views it is still premature at this stage for integration of Chinese and Western medicine in Hong Kong. Development along this line, if any, should come naturally. To artificially enforce such integration would surely create chaos, mistrust, and is hazardous to the healthcare of the people of Hong Kong.

The HKDU Council has no comment on Agenda V and VI.

Thank you for your kind attention.

Yours sincerely,

Dr. Ho Ock Ling
Hon. Secretary
Hong Kong Doctors Union

cc: LegCo Panel on Health Services (by fax)