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By Fax Only

19th November 2002

Dear Dr. Lo,

Re: Code of Practice drafted by Chiropractors Council Hong Kong

This is to express our anguish and deep regret of the inappropriateness of the content as well as the wronged (meaning, "to be unfair or cause difficulty") procedure of the final drafting of the Chiropractic Code of Practice (COP).

After reviewing the content of the COP we do feel cheated and our trust in the Chiropractors Council is betrayed. The Chiropractic Doctors' Association of Hong Kong (CDAHK), representing over 30% of the registered chiropractors in Hong Kong, are now strongly expressing our disapproval of the actions which have shown us that our voices have been intentionally ignored.

We are greatly disturbed by the following inappropriate actions taken by the Drafting Committee:

- 1) Many of the rules contained in the COP are adopted from the out-dated regulatory measures of some non-chiropractic professions, and consequently will cause more harm than gain to the profession of Chiropractic: -



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- i. The field chiropractors at large in their practice tend to step out of line according to the over-restrictive rules as recorded in the COP, and the hesitation of active participation in the promotional activities will definitely hinder the development of the profession in our society in which Chiropractic is not well known by most.
 - ii. As the rules are loosely described in the COP and the effective date is months before the issued date, it surely creates a lot of traps, and the ambiguity in the writing can also lead the field chiropractors into disciplinary actions when encountering opposition.
- 2) We have been misled that our opinions would be sought, however, as the inopportune final-draft of the COP arrived at the time most of us have already received our Registration Certificates, we then discovered that all the registered chiropractors, except the few who are within the inner circle, had never been informed of the progress as well as the final modifications until the COP was published.

Furthermore, the Chiropractors Council Hong Kong consists of five chiropractors who are supposed to be "broadly representative of the views of the profession". However, the CDAHK has only one representative out of the five chiropractors, which does not allow for the accurate reflection of the voices and opinions of our members in a proportional manner. Worst of all, there are no members of the CDAHK in the Drafting Committee of the Chiropractors Council. Is there any wonder why we are reacting so strongly to a COP that is so foreign to us but one we will be required to abide by?

Hereby, we request an urgent interview with the representatives of the Chiropractors Council in order to arrive at some remedial plans.

In reaction to the issue (publishing) of the COP we held an emergency general meeting and arrived at the above conclusions. And, to keep pace with the Registration Process, we had also made some follow-up plans, including to allow our voice to be heard in public, which will be carried out one week after this letter is delivered.

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Thank you for your kind attention. We are looking forward to your feedback regarding the above matter.

Yours faithfully,

Dr. Vincent Wan Ho Chan

Chairman

For and on behalf of all members of the CDAHK

cc Chiropractors Council Hong Kong

Secretary for Health Welfare and Food

Office of the Chief Executive

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