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Dear Mrs Tong,

**Bills Committee on
Certification for Employee Benefits (Chinese Medicine)
(Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill 2005**

Thank you for your letter of 2 November 2005. The Health, Welfare and Food Bureau agrees that the issue be discussed in six months' time at the Health Services Panel upon resumption of 2nd reading of the captioned Bill. I enclose the wording of our undertaking for your further action.

Yours sincerely,

(Jeff Leung)
for Secretary for Health, Welfare and Food

c.c. EDLB (Attn: Ms Melody Luk)

The Administration will study the issue of providing appropriate assistance to listed Chinese Medicine Practitioners (CMPs) seeking to become registered CMPs, and will report to the Health Services Panel in six months' time. The Administration is mindful that the fundamental principle behind putting in place a registration system for CMPs is to ensure the professional standard of CM practice in Hong Kong, thereby facilitating the long-term development of the profession. It is essential to uphold this principle.