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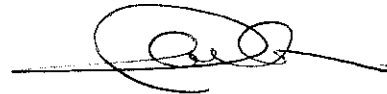
From : Clerk to the Finance Committee

To : Members of the Finance Committee

Finance Committee

Follow-up to the meeting held on 16 December 2005

At the Finance Committee meeting on 16 December 2005 when members considered paper FCR(2005-06)34 regarding the development of Chinese medicine clinics in the public sector, the Administration was requested to consider increasing the daily quota of the Chinese medicine clinics. The Administration's reply is now attached for members' reference.



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Dear Miss Yu,

Finance Committee

Follow-up to meeting on 16 December 2005

At the Finance Committee meeting on 16 December 2005, Members in considering item PWSC(2005-06)28 regarding "Development of Chinese medicine clinics in the public sector" requested the Administration to consider increasing the daily quota of the Chinese medicine clinics (CMCs).

The services of the CMCs are provided on the basis of a tripartite model in which the Hospital Authority (HA) collaborates with a non-governmental organization (NGO) and a university in each of the clinics. Under this arrangement, the NGOs are responsible for operating and managing the clinics. From the experience of the three existing CMCs at Tung Wah Hospital, Yan Chai Hospital and the Alice Ho Miu

Ling Nethersole Hospital in the past two years, the clinics have generally been able to cope with the demand from patients. In fact, the NGOs have the flexibility to adjust the mode of operation of the clinics (such as extending the operating hours) to increase the capacity so as to cater for increase in demand for Chinese medicine services. HA will work closely together with the NGOs to ensure that improvement of their services would be made where necessary.

We hope the above information could address the concern of Members.

Yours sincerely,



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