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By FAX and by POST

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Dear Dr Hon Joseph Lee,

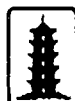
The Hong Kong Anti-Cancer Society Jockey Club Cancer Rehabilitation Centre ("JCCRC"), being a participating private hospital on existing PPI-Electronic Patient Record scheme, supports the development of territory-wide electronic health record (eHR) system in Hong Kong as proposed by the Government.

We believe such a system will also drive two vital changes in the nature of health care in Hong Kong. First, providing patients with the access to their critical health and medical information will encourage them to be more focused on their personal healthcare. Second, electronic health records and their related systems will support greater continuity of care across the health care sector, which enables the provision of comprehensive and ultimately a quality health care to all participating patients.

We recognize that eHR is one critical component in the larger effort to create a comprehensive infrastructure for the electronic exchange of health care information: from patients to doctor, between doctors and other medical healthcare providers, and to advance public health on many fronts, such as enabling disease surveillance and providing health statistics for public health research.

The Hong Kong Anti-Cancer Society Jockey Club Cancer Rehabilitation Centre aims at providing services complementary to those provided by HA acute hospitals. We take care of patients going for chemotherapy or radiotherapy day treatment, or those who just completed surgery and not quite physically well enough to stay home yet. We also provide rehabilitation programs or palliative care to all suitable patients respectively. It is a rather common pattern for cancer patients to be needing acute care and not so acute care by different medical/paramedical professionals at different times. Therefore, a 2-way communication channel enables by eHR system will be extremely beneficial to cancer patients in Hong Kong.

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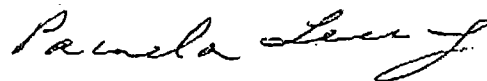
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Once such program is developed, JCCRC medical and nursing staffs can share a common communication platform to co-ordinate with multidisciplinary staff who are taking care of them, contributes in facilitating efficient diagnosing and hence designing various rehabilitation programs for their specific needs at JCCRC.

As a non-profit making agency and a private hospital, on one hand we aim to provide competent medical care services, yet we have difficulties to afford investment in the kind of computer infrastructure, capital investment and technical expertise required. We thus look to the Government's assistance in this regard. Given the complexity of the project, we agreed that a dedicated body is needed to spearhead, oversee, and regulate the eHR development, operation, maintenance, finance, ownership of the records, standards for sharing, as well as the security and privacy protection of individual data and the entire system.

Likewise the Medical systems in the UK, the States and Europe, we look forward to the realization of the eHR vision in Hong Kong, through the support of Legislative Council and the Government.

For and on behalf of
The Hong Kong Anti-Cancer Society
Jockey Club Cancer Rehabilitation Centre



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