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Dear Hon Dr LEE,

The President of Hong Kong College of Family Physicians has been officially appointed by Hong Kong Academy of Medicine to represent HKAM in the Panel of Electronic Health Record (e-HR) of Food and Health Bureau in the past years.

Members of our College strongly pledge your full support to the Government's plan to develop an e-HR sharing system in Hong Kong. We believe that the Government has chosen the right course in ensuring access to comprehensive clinical information across different sectors, both public and private practice in the health care system. More importantly, e-HR is an essential infrastructure for health care reform which the Bureau is actively promoting to the people of Hong Kong. It is like building bridges and highways to connect not only different areas within Hong Kong but also across the border to Macau and Mainland China, which has mutual benefit. And this kind of project can only be successful with full commitment by the Government.

It is very important that the Government has to provide necessary training to private practitioners, especially those in solo practice who are not familiar with electronic devices and the clinical information systems, currently used by the Hospital Authority. Doctors in training and working in HA have been using the Clinical Management System (CMS) for years. But similar or standardized system does not exist in the private sector as different users have different systems to meet their requirements. It will be a huge task to connect the two systems under one roof and that is why Government has to take the lead, with full support in terms of resource.

The Hong Kong College of Family Physicians would urge the LegCo's Panel on Health Services to give full support to Government's proposal, thereby advancing patient-oriented care, improving health outcomes and setting Hong Kong into the center stage of a leading healthcare city internationally. Our success will serve as a good example to China where health care reform is also taking place.

Yours faithfully,

Dr Gene W W TSOI  
President