

**Consensus Statements of Hong Kong Obstetric Services Concern Group**

1/Number of deliveries in Hong Kong should be controlled to ensure the safety and quality of services.

2/The current number of deliveries in Hong Kong has exceeded the service capacity and should be reduced. This is evidenced by overloaded situation in the NICU and the shortage of midwifery manpower in Hong Kong.

3/The group does not object NEPs coming to HK for obstetric services in an organized manner.

4/Pregnant NEP whose husband is a local citizen should be differentiated from pregnant NEP whose husband is also NEP and the former should have priority to use the obstetric services in HA hospitals.

5/The service charge for NEP to deliver in HA hospitals should be increased to a level to recover the cost. The punitive charge for NEP non-booked to HK coming in through A&E to use the obstetric services should be heavy enough to deter this irresponsible and dangerous act.

6/ The group welcomes the administrative steps taken by the government to block non-booked pregnant NEPs coming to Hong Kong for deliveries to safeguard the quality of obstetric services.

7/ The HK Government should clearly state to the public its population policy so that the obstetric services in Hong Kong can be appropriately planned to match with the government policy.

8/ The manpower supply in healthcare professionals is grossly insufficient to match with the future demands coming from the new hospitals. The concern group worries that the persistent shortage of manpower supply would inevitably compromise the service quality in obstetrics.

9/ The group supports the development of healthcare industry for visitors to Hong Kong but it should not be done in the expense of the quality obstetric service provision to the local citizens.

10/ Highest possible standard and quality of service is the cornerstone for the success of healthcare industry for visitors to Hong Kong. Overloaded obstetric services not adequately back by NICU care is not attractive to bring visitors to Hong Kong for services.