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Dr The Hon Leung Ka-lau
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Dear Dr Leung,

**Legislative Council Panel on Health Services
Recommendation of the Working Group on Differentiation
between Medical Procedures and Beauty Services**

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Thank you for inviting the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine to attend the meeting on 23 December 2013 to express its views on the captioned subject. The Academy, being a statutory body in Hong Kong to train and accredit medical and dental specialists, is committed to upkeep the standard of practice of medical and dental professionals to ensure patient safety for the community. We are particularly concerned about the practice of doctors and professionals performing potentially "high-risk procedures" that require advanced training and experience. Medical procedures that are of potentially high risk must be operated in safe settings and by appropriately trained and accredited medical practitioners.

The Academy supports in principle the 7 recommendations of the Working Group on Differentiation between Medical Procedures and Beauty Services. We also agreed that it may be useful for the Administration to issue an advisory note on the provision of cosmetic procedures to beauty service providers, reminding them to refrain from procedures that should only be performed by registered medically and dentally qualified personnel. It would be also important that public education be stepped up to raise public awareness on the risks associated with cosmetic procedures, and remind the public of the need to consult medical practitioners for clinical diagnosis. Relevant information should also be provided to enable consumers to make informed choices about cosmetic procedures.

The Academy continues to establish credentialing systems for different specialties with our respective sister colleges as appropriate. Hopefully, this will be a step towards enabling only those properly trained and possessing the relevant knowledge/experience to perform high-risk tasks and procedures in appropriate settings.

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Yours sincerely,

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