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Dear Mrs LAM,

**Panel on Health Services and Panel on Commerce and Industry**

**Regulation and development of beauty services**

We write on behalf of the Panel on Health Services and Panel on Commerce and Industry to convey to you the views expressed by members of the two Panels at the joint meeting on 23 June 2015 concerning the regulation and development of beauty services.

Arising from public concern about the health risks of certain cosmetic procedures and the repeated call from members for the Administration to formulate a regulatory and training regime for the beauty industry to promote the sustainable development of the industry, the two Panels have received public views and discussed with the Food and Health Bureau, the Commerce and Economic Development Bureau and the Education Bureau on the subject matter in June 2015. Members agree with the existing policy directions of regulating high-risk cosmetic procedures; developing new regulatory regimes for medical devices and ambulatory facilities where high-risk cosmetic procedures are performed; protecting persons undergoing cosmetic procedures under various legislation; supporting local beauty enterprises through the funding schemes administered by the Trade and Industry Department; and encouraging practitioners of the beauty sector to enhance their capabilities.

Members, however, express deep regret at the above Bureaux's refusal to make concerted efforts to take forward the respective motions passed by the Panel on Health Services and Panel on Commerce and Industry in the 2013-2014 legislative session requesting the Government to set up a steering committee on regulation of beauty industry and establish a beauty industry development council. There is a broad consensus among members of the two Panels that the Administration should strengthen the coordination of relevant policy formulation and implementation that cut across different bureaux. In particular, members have suggested that the Administration should build upon the existing Qualification Framework in the beauty and hairdressing industry to develop a licensing system for beauty practitioners and the competency requirements for operating medical devices commonly used by the beauty sector. They have also stressed the need for the Administration to engage members of the trade to hammer out the support policies and measures needed to foster the long-term development of the beauty industry.

On behalf of the two Panels, we write to follow up with you on the matter and look forward to your positive response to take forward members' views and suggestions.



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