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Panel on Health Services

Subcommittee on Issues Relating to the Development of Chinese Medicine

Minutes of the meeting
held on Thursday, 14 January 2016, at 2:30 pm
in Conference Room 2A of the Legislative Council Complex

Members present : Hon CHAN Han-pan, JP (Chairman)
Hon Vincent FANG Kang, SBS, JP
Prof Hon Joseph LEE Kok-long, SBS, JP, PhD, RN
Hon WONG Ting-kwong, SBS, JP
Hon YIU Si-wing, BBS
Hon Alice MAK Mei-kuen, BBS, JP
Dr Hon Elizabeth QUAT, JP
Hon Christopher CHUNG Shu-kun, BBS, MH, JP

Public Officers attending : Item I

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Under Secretary for Food & Health

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Assistant Director (Traditional Chinese Medicine)
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Dr Edwin TSUI Lok-kin
Principal Medical and Health Officer (Traditional Chinese
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Department of Health

Hospital Authority

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Chief (Chinese Medicine and Integrative Medicine)

Clerk in attendance : Ms Joanne MAK
Chief Council Secretary (2) 3

Staff in attendance : Ms Priscilla LAU
Council Secretary (2) 5

Mrs Fanny TSANG
Legislative Assistant (2) 3

Action

I. Continuing Education of Registered Chinese Medicine ("CM") Practitioners and Professional Specialization of CM Practitioners
[LC Paper Nos. CB(2)628/15-16(01) and CB(2)322/14-15(02)]

1. The Subcommittee deliberated (index of proceedings attached at **Annex**).

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2. The Subcommittee requested the Administration to:

- (a) introduce concrete measures to enhance the professional development for the Chinese medicine practitioners ("CMPs");
- (b) consider incorporating the provision of Chinese medicine services into the public healthcare system and provide better remuneration packages for CMPs;
- (c) promote the development of Chinese medicine specialization in Hong Kong; and
- (d) consider members' views that the future Chinese medicine hospital should be funded by public funding instead of on a self-financing basis.

II. Any other business

Conclusion of the Subcommittee's work

3. The Chairman advised that the period of work of the Subcommittee would be expired on 4 February 2016. Members agreed that this was the last meeting of the Subcommittee and the Subcommittee should conclude its work. The Clerk would prepare a report on the deliberations of the Subcommittee for circulation to members. The report would then be submitted to the Panel on Health Services ("the Panel").

4. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 3:56 pm.

(Post-meeting note: With the concurrence of the Chairman, the Subcommittee report was circulated to members on 29 January 2016, and no comments were received. The report was submitted to the Panel on 2 February 2016 vide LC Paper No. CB(2)803/15-16.)

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**Proceedings of the meeting of the
Subcommittee on Issues Relating to the Development of Chinese Medicine
on Thursday, 14 January 2016, at 2:30 pm
in Conference Room 2A of the Legislative Council Complex**

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<i>Agenda item 1 - Continuing Education of Registered Chinese Medicine ("CM") Practitioners and Professional Specialization of CM Practitioners</i>			
000054 - 000929	Chairman Administration	Briefing by the Administration	
000930 - 001533	Chairman Mr YIU Si-wing Administration	Noting that 27 institutes had been accredited as programme providers under the continuing education in Chinese medicine ("CME") system, Mr YIU Si-wing enquired about (a) the criteria for the accreditation of CME Programme Providers; and (b) whether international conference would be recognized as CME activity by the Chinese Medicine Practitioners Board ("the Practitioners Board") of the Chinese Medicine Council of Hong Kong. The Administration briefed members on the criteria for the accreditation of CME Programme Providers.	
001534 - 002002	Chairman Mr Christopher CHUNG Administration	<p>Mr Christopher CHUNG considered that exchange programme to the Chinese medicine hospitals in the Mainland should be offered for the undergraduates of local Chinese medicine degree programmes in order to enhance their training.</p> <p>The Administration advised that the Chinese medicine degree programmes run by the three local universities comprised clinical internship, which was arranged by the universities concerned in collaboration with local Chinese medicine clinics and/or Chinese medicine hospitals in the Mainland. In addition, the Hospital Authority ("HA") had introduced visiting scholar scheme and junior and senior scholarship scheme for the Chinese medicine practitioners ("CMPs") working at the Chinese Medicine Centres for Training and Research ("CMCTRs").</p>	
002003 - 002536	Chairman Mr WONG Ting-kwong Administration	<p>Mr WONG Ting-kwong enquired about CMPs' role in the provision of treatment to patients under the Integrated Chinese-Western Medicine ("ICWM") Pilot Programme and in the proposed Chinese medicine hospital.</p> <p>The Administration advised that ICWM Pilot Programme was introduced to, among others, gather experiences for the development of Chinese medicine in-patient services and the establishment of the Chinese medicine hospital. Under the Programme, eligible in-patients in seven participating public</p>	

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		<p>hospitals under HA would be identified and invited by Western medical practitioners to receive ICWM care in three selected disease areas (namely stroke rehabilitation care, acute low back pain care and cancer palliative care) provided by CMPs and Western medical practitioners on a voluntary basis.</p>	
002537 - 003114	<p>Chairman Mr Vincent FANG Administration</p>	<p>Mr Vincent FANG was concerned that some old registered CMPs might not be able to fulfill CME requirements as prescribed by the Practitioners Board in order to renew their practising certificates.</p> <p>The Administration explained that the practising certificate of registered CMPs should normally be renewed every three years. Registered CMPs should participate in CME activities and acquire not less than 60 CME points in three years. For those CMPs aged 75 or above, they were required to acquire at least 30 CME points in three years. CMPs who failed to acquire the required CME points should write to the Practitioners Board and explain the reasons.</p>	
003115 - 003959	<p>Chairman Administration</p>	<p>The Chairman called on the Government to introduce concrete measures to enhance the professional development and provide a clear progression pathway for CMPs, such as incorporating the provision of Chinese medicine services into the public healthcare system and providing better remuneration packages for CMPs.</p> <p>The Administration advised that the Chinese Medicine Development Committee ("CMDC") was established in 2013 to focus on the study of four major areas, which included, among others, the personnel training and professional development of CMPs. The Chinese Medicine Practice Subcommittee under CMDC had started discussing the development of Chinese medicine specialization. In addition, a working group was jointly established by the Chinese medicine industry and the Schools of Chinese Medicine of three local universities to consolidate the industry and academia to promote the development of Chinese medicine specialization.</p>	<p>Admin (para. 2 of the minutes)</p>
004000 - 005142	<p>Chairman Mr YIU Si-wing Administration</p>	<p>Mr YIU Si-wing stressed the need to monitor the standard and quality of courses and programmes provided by the accredited CME Programme Providers under the CME system. In response to Mr YIU's enquiry, the Administration advised that there was a regular monitoring and evaluation system put in place by the Practitioners' Board for CME Programmes. Moreover, the number of places in the Chinese medicine degree programmes offered by the three local universities was around 80. The 18 CMCTRs provided a total of 216 training places for local graduates.</p>	

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005143 - 005934	Chairman Administration	<p>The Chairman held the view that the Chinese Medicine Practice Subcommittee under CMDC should enhance the transparency of its work. The Administration explained that CMDC focused its study on four major areas (namely the development of Chinese medicine services, personal training and professional development, development of scientific research and development of the Chinese medicine industry) with a view to promoting the development of Chinese medicine in Hong Kong.</p> <p>Noting with concern that the proposed Chinese medicine hospital would be operated by NGO on a self-financing basis, the Chairman considered that the hospital should be publicly funded, so as to ensure setting of charges at an affordable level and adequate support was provided by the hospital in the areas of teaching, clinical internships and scientific and research.</p>	<p>Admin (para. 2 of the minutes)</p>
005935 - 011532	Chairman Mr YIU Si-wing Administration	<p>Mr YIU Si-wing enquired about the effectiveness of treatments with ICWM and the way forward for the ICWM Pilot Programme.</p> <p>The Administration advised the ICWM Pilot Programme gathered experience in the respect of clinical management and patient care, etc. for the development of Chinese medicine in-patient services. A consultant with track record on medical evaluation study would be commissioned to assess the effectiveness of Phase I and Phase II of ICWM Pilot Programme.</p>	
011533 - 011952	Chairman Administration	<p>The Chairman reiterated that the undergraduates of local Chinese medicine degree programmes should be provided with "internship allowance".</p> <p>In response to members' views, the Administration advised that fresh graduates of local full-time Chinese medicine undergraduate degree courses could apply for working at CMCTRs and receive on-the-job training. They would be employed as junior CMPs in the first year and as CMP trainees in the second and third years.</p>	
<i>Agenda item II - Any other business</i>			
011953 - 012700	Chairman Mr YIU Si-wing	The Chairman's closing remarks on the work of the Subcommittee	