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Chairman and Members Legislative Council Sub-committee on Regulations relating to Occupational Safety & Health 3/F, Citibank Tower 3 Garden Road Hong Kong (Attn: Mrs. Constance Li)

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Dear Mrs Li,

## Factories & Industrial Undertakings (Medical Examinations) Regulation

On behalf of the Hong Kong College of Community Medicine, a founder College of the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine, I write to support in principle the proposed Regulation.

The proposed legislative control is essential in protecting the health of workers exposed to hazardous substances and agents. Medical examination is necessary for the early detection of the adverse health effects of the exposure to hazardous substances and agents, and for early intervention and treatment of occupational diseases. Remedial measures, including environmental hygiene measures and personal protection measures, could then be made available to prevent further exposure and to safeguard the health of the workers. Appointment of medical practitioners who have received relevant training in occupational medicine to carry out the medical examinations and to give appropriate health advice is also important to ensure the success of the scheme.

Yours sincerely,

(Dr. T.H. Leung) Hon. Secretary Hong Kong College of Community Medicine