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Letterhead of Hong Kong Dental Association (Ltd.)

The Council of the Hong Kong Dental Association is most pleased to have the Hon Dr Leong Che Hung to submit this paper to the meeting of the Panel on Health Services of the Legislative Council on Monday, 10 May 1999.

The Council of the Hong Kong Dental Association met on 4 May 1999 to discuss the upcoming meeting of the Panel on Health Services of the Legislative Council and derived the following outcomes:

1. With regards to the ‘Report of the Director of Audit’, the Council is of the opinion that the Hong Kong Dental Association would welcome and look forward to working with the appropriate Government Departments to address all the issues raised in the ‘Report of the Director of Audit’.
2. With regards to the Hong Kong Government Dental Policy, the Council is of the opinion that since under the Secretary of Health & Welfare, the Dental Subcommittee exists under the Health & Medical Development Advisory Committee:

“Terms of Reference” of the Dental Subcommittee

“To keep under review all relevant factors affecting the provision of oral health services in Hong Kong and make recommendations to the HMDAC”.

The representative of the Hong Kong Dental Association is the (dental) “profession component” of the Subcommittee. The Hong Kong Dental Association has been and will continue to co-operate and work closely with this Subcommittee.

3. With regards to the Government’s formation of the Liaison Group on Oral Health Surveillance in Hong Kong Committee (LGOHSHK) to steer on the launching of oral health goals for the next ten years, the Council of the Hong Kong Dental Association welcomes the formation of such a Committee and will participate and work closely with this Committee to achieve its aims.

The Hong Kong Dental Association Council further notes that its Oral Health Education and Services Committee which has been working with the Government to promote oral health education will continue in its efforts.

4. With regards to the study and feasibility of privatization of the Hong Kong Government dental services, the Council felt that the Government to design its own policy prior to approaching the Hong Kong Dental Association. If the Government proposes privatization of certain dental services, it should put forward its ideas and seek input from the Hong

Kong Dental Association. The Association will co-operate, study and rally all Hong Kong Dental Association members to its support at the appropriate time.

The Council of the Hong Kong Dental Association also takes this opportunity to note that “dental care” is left out of the Harvard Report on the Health Care Review (albeit oral health is recognized by all Governments as part of total health). The Hong Kong Dental Association therefore urges the Government to also launch a comprehensive dental care review in order to complement the Harvard Report and to ensure the fact that “oral health is part of total health”.

The Hong Kong Dental Association further urges the Government to initiate an international review to adopt the most appropriate protocol and the best practices for dental training and services for Hong Kong, SAR.

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