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HEALTH CARE REPORT BY THE HARVARD TEAM

The Hong Kong Dental Association-HKDA-wishes to record that a meeting was held in April 1997 between the Secretary for Health & Welfare, Mrs Katherine Fok, and HKDA President, Dr William W Wong, and all the Executive Committee Members with the attendance of Dr the Hon. Leong Che Hung, Legislative Councillor for the Medical Functional Constituency, Mrs Fok confirmed to the HKDA that dental health care would be included in the Health Care Review (The Harvard Report).

At the 13th HKDA Council Meeting (Session I) dated 13 April 1999, Dr Leong informed the Council that the same statement was made and recorded in the Legislative Council Meeting Session when Dr Leong asked Mrs Katherine Fok the same question - that dental health care and services was included in the Health Care Review.

Therefore, the HKDA Council was appalled in disbelief that there was no address, nor inclusion, of the dental health issues in the Harvard Report as repeatedly confirmed by the Secretary for Health & Welfare of the Hong Kong SAR Government. Therefore this Council is in doubt of the true mission of the Review as well as the credibility of the Harvard Report.

The HKDA draws the Hong Kong SAR Government's particular attention again to the universal acceptance and declaration that "oral health" is an integral part of "total health".

The HKDA wishes to take this opportunity to reiterate the need for the Hong Kong SAR Government to launch a comprehensive dental care review in order to complement the Health Review and to ensure the encompassment of oral health to be part of "total health" in all future health reviews and studies.

The HKDA further urges Government to initiate a review to adopt the most appropriate protocol and the international best practices for dental training in Hong Kong, SAR to complement the on-going Review of the PPDH; and in order to maximize the resources, to address the manpower issue of the dental profession.

Finally, the HKDA supports a mandatory health insurance program for the citizens of Hong Kong which must also include oral health care in the program.

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Legislative Councillor for the Medical Functional Constituency

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