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The Harvard Report:

“Improving Hong Kong’s Health Care System: Why and For Whom?”

Submission from the Faculty of Medicine, the University of Hong Kong

This submission shall focus on the following areas related to the report:

1. Standard of medical care;
2. Quality assurance;
3. Continued Medical Education; and
4. Maintaining excellence in health-care provision through innovation and research.

Standard of Medical Care

The Faculty of Medicine of the University of Hong Kong is mindful of the need to maintain standard of medical care. To this end, the medical school has reformed its curriculum to ensure that the medical students are cognizant of the need for them to attain and to maintain standard through life-long learning, ethical practice, proficient clinical interpersonal skill and a holistic approach that is patient-centred. The medical school sees as its responsibility to inculcate in its graduates the knowledge, skill and attitudes that must match the society need.

Quality Assurance

We agree with the Report that this is a pertinent step and the Faculty will do all it can to assist. We will work hand in hand with all sectors and groups to work out a scheme that is conducive to achieve this goal.

Continued Medical Education (CME)

The Faculty is aware of the need for CME and postgraduate education. It has already plans to increase the learning in primary care both at the undergraduate as well as continuing into the postgraduate level. Courses will be organised for medical practitioners. The Faculty is in the best position to draw on expertise not only locally but also from abroad. Some of the CME can take the forms of telemedicine and distant learning, depending on the subject matters.

With the learning culture deeply ingrained in our students, CME will not be a burden but a desire.

Maintaining excellence in health-care provision through innovation and research

The Faculty agrees that the present health-care financing system has its pitfalls that will have to be remedied. Whatever may be the remedy, we are of the opinion that we must maintain excellence through innovation and research and Hong Kong must strive to be the centre of excellence in health-care through such endeavours. The University Hospitals are at the pivotal position to carry out such mission. They have the basic sciences of the Medical Faculties to complement the clinical work. In whatever health-care financing model, it is pertinent that the University Hospitals be given different consideration.

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