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Eye Surgeons of Hong Kong,
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6th. January, 2000.

The Chairman,
Legco Panel on Health Services,
Legislative Council,
Jackson Road, central,
Hong Kong.
Fax: 25243802.

Dear Sir,

Re: Role of Optometrists in the HK Health Care System.

We understand that there will be a discussion on the above topic in the Legco Panel on Health Services of Hong Kong. Reference has been made on the referral of patients by optometrists to private practising eye doctors in Hong Kong. Our Association of Private Eye Surgeons of Hong Kong, which represent most of the private practising doctors in Hong Kong, wishes to clarify that there is no referral system required for consultation of private eye doctors in Hong Kong.

In fact, the majority of our patients in the private sector come by themselves without referrals. Yet we welcome referrals from fellow doctors and paramedical staffs. The latter includes nurses, optometrists, physiotherapists, laboratory and X-ray technicians and dispensers etc. There is actually no preference for any referrals among them in the private sector.

Thank you for your attention.

Yours sincerely,

(Dr. Kam Ting Kwong, Joseph.)
President, Association of
Private Eye Surgeons of
Hong Kong.