HONG KONG ACADEMY OF MEDICINE ORDINANCE

RESOLUTION

(Under section 12 of the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine Ordinance (Cap. 419)

RESOLVED that the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine (Amendment)

Regulation 2002, made by the Hong Kong Academy of

Medicine on 7 June 2002, be approved.

HONG KONG ACADEMY OF MEDICINE (AMENDMENT) REGULATION 2002

(Made by the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine under section 12 of the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine Ordinance (Cap. 419) subject to the approval of the Legislative Council)

1. Terms of office of Council members

Section 9(3) of the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine Regulation (Cap. 419 sub. leg.) is repealed.

President, Hong Kong Academy of Medicine

7 June 2002

Explanatory Note

Section 9(3) of the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine Regulation (Cap. 419 sub. leg.) provides that a Fellow of the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine shall not serve on the Council of the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine for a continuous period of more than 8 years. This Regulation repeals that provision so as to remove that restriction.

Motion Speech of Dr E K Yeoh Secretary for Health and Welfare for moving the resolution to make the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine (Amendment) Regulation 2002

Madam President, I move the resolution standing in my name of the Order Paper.

- 2. The Hong Kong Academy of Medicine Ordinance was enacted on 1 August 1992 to establish the Academy as a statutory body. Under Section 12(k) of the Ordinance, the Academy may by regulation provide for the period for which a member of its Council may office. The making of such regulation is subject to the approval of both the Academy Fellows via a postal ballot and this Council.
- 3. At present, the period for which an Academy Council's member may office is provided for in regulation 9(3) and 9(4). Regulation 9(3) stipulates that no Fellow of the Academy shall serve on the Academy Council for a continuous period of more than 8 years, provided that the years of service as an ex officio member shall not count. Meanwhile, regulation 9(4) stipulates that no Fellow shall serve more than 12 years on the Academy Council during his lifetime, provided that the year of service of the immediate past President as a Council Member shall not count.
- 4. After a comprehensive review, the Academy Council believes that regulation 9(4) is sufficient to cover a Fellow's maximum tenure in the Academy Council, and there is no strong reason of discontinuing a Fellow's service at the end of the 8th year while he is allowed to serve a total of 12 years. Therefore, the Academy Council has proposed that regulation 9(3) be deleted.
- 5. The proposed Amendment Regulation has been approved by a postal ballot in accordance with Section 12 of the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine Ordinance, which requires not less than one-fifth of the Fellows to vote in the postal ballot, and two-third of the voted Fellows are in favour of the Amendment Regulation. This resolution seeks this Council's approval of the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine (Amendment) Regulation 2002.
- 6. Madam President, I propose to move.