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Dear Hon. Dr. Leung,

**Implementation of Hospital Accreditation for Hospital Services in Hong Kong**

On behalf of the Hong Kong Occupational Therapy Association, I am writing to support the implementation of hospital accreditation for all hospital services including the Hospital Authority and the private sector in Hong Kong. The hospital accreditation process involving self-evaluation and external peer assessment is essential and vital for the maintenance and the improvement of quality healthcare service. The accreditation process is to ensure that there is an objective system in place to review our hospital services so that the public are receiving safe and quality healthcare.

The systematic review process helps ascertain each hospital to have a thorough examination on the many different aspects of service delivery process, stakeholders' engagement and continuous quality improvement. It is the way for developing and establishing an effective and good quality healthcare service in line with the world class standard.

For the implementation of the hospital accreditation, it is unavoidable that additional and sufficient resources such as manpower and recurrent expenses are required and should be provided. Nevertheless, the benefit that it brings will definitely outweigh the cost, both tangible and intangible, involved. Moreover, the schedule of such an implementation should also be planned meticulously in order not to worsen the current manpower problems encountered by health care practitioners including doctors, nurses and allied health professionals.

Yours sincerely,

Samuel Chan  
Chairperson,  
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