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20 November 2012

Dr. Hon. LEUNG Ka-lau
Panel Chairman
Panel on Health Services
Legislative Council
Legislative Council Complex
1 Legislative Council Road
Central, Hong Kong

Dear Dr. Leung,

**Panel on Health Services
Special meeting on 27 November 2012**

Thank you for your letter of 16 November 2012 inviting the Academy to attend the captioned meeting. The Academy would like to submit views as follows:-

1. The Academy supports the Government's move to tighten measures in regulating the private healthcare facilities in Hong Kong, following the unfortunate death of a woman after her receiving cellular infusion therapy at a beauty therapy centre.
2. The Academy, being a statutory body in Hong Kong to train and accredit medical and dental specialists, is committed to upkeep the standard of practice of medical and dental professionals to ensure patient safety for the community. We are particularly concerned about the practice of doctors and professionals performing potentially "high-risk procedures" that require advanced training and experience. Medical procedures that are of potentially high risk must be operated in safe settings and by appropriately trained and accredited medical practitioners.
3. The Academy supports what the Food & Health Bureau and the Department of Health are doing – to define procedures that need to be done by doctors. The Academy is in the process of establishing a credentialing system, which will be a step towards enabling only those properly trained and possessing the relevant knowledge/experience to perform high-risk tasks and procedures in appropriate settings. "Credentialing" refers to the formal process used to verify the qualifications, professional training, clinical experience and other relevant professional attributes of healthcare professionals for the

purpose of forming a view about their competence, performance and professional suitability to provide safe, high quality health care services within specific organizational environments. Credentialing is legislated and implemented in countries like Australia and New Zealand.

4. The Academy also notes the problem related to the “advertising” of the cosmetic procedures in the mass media, and supports the advocacy to call upon legislation against beauty parlors’ incorporating medical procedures in their business operation.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Raymond Liang". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial 'R'.

Prof. Raymond Liang
President