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Panel on Health Services – Special Meeting on 27 November 2012

Thank you for inviting Hong Kong Dental Association to give views on "Regulation of medical beauty treatment/ procedures" at the special Panel meeting on 27 November 2012. The recent serious medical incident relating to the performance of intravascular infusions at a beauty treatment centre has alarmed the need for tightening up regulation of medical beauty treatment and procedures.

We have to emphasize that beauty care centres and other non-clinical / non-dental companies are forbidden to undertake any intra-oral treatment and procedures, as well as any professional dental treatment, including but not limited to:

- (a) dental bleaching;
- (b) mouth guard provision;
- (c) taking dental impression;
- (d) dental laser treatment; and
- (e) giving dental/medical diagnosis.

To enhance public safety and health protection, we consider measures should be taken in regard to the following aspects:

- (a) to restrict beauty services companies and other non-clinical service providers from offering unproven treatment;
- (b) to review and further reinforce the Undesirable Medical Advertisements Ordinance (Cap. 231) and the Trade Descriptions Ordinance (Cap. 362) to eliminate any existing loopholes and misleading message;
- (c) to clearly define the scope of work that beauty care personnels / practitioners must not undertake.

We applaud the Government's prompt act by accelerating the process of reviewing and regulating the safety provision and quality of beauty services through legislation. The Association endeavors to work closely with you and



contribute for enhancement of public health.

Yours sincerely,

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