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Dr Hon Leung Ka-Lau  
Panel Chairman  
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Dear Dr Hon Leung

**Panel on Health Services**

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The Hong Kong College of Physicians will provide expert professional advice to the Government in developing a framework for regulating medical aesthetic services. Our Chairman of the Specialty Board in Dermatology and Venereology will serve as co-opted member of the Working Group on Differentiation between Medical Procedures and Beauty Services under the Steering Committee on Review of the Regulation of Private Healthcare Facilities. We feel that clear distinction should be made between medical aesthetic procedures versus ordinary beauty services in order to safeguard the interests and welfare of the consumers. In line with other medical treatment procedures, the former should be evidence-based and be prescribed or administered by qualified medical professionals. Following delineation between medical aesthetic procedures and ordinary beauty services, promotion of such services in advertisements would be better regulated within the existing framework. The Hong Kong Medical Council has in place regulations governing ethical practice of medical doctors, specifically regarding relationship with healthcare and health products organisations and practice in association with non-qualified persons.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely

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President