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Prof. the Hon. LEE Kok Long, Joseph
Chairman, Bills Committee
Pharmacy and Poisons (Amendment) Bill 2014
Legislative Council Complex
1 Legislative Council Road
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Dear Chairman of Bills Committee and Legislative Council members,

Re: Support for Pharmacy and Poisons Amendment Bill 2014.

On behalf of the Department of Pharmacology & Pharmacy of the University of Hong Kong, I am writing in strong support for the Pharmacy and Poisons Amendment Bill 2014 (PPAB) which sets out to implement recommendations put forward by the Review Committee on the Regulation of Pharmaceutical Products in Hong Kong in December 2009.

The PPAB has suitably addressed the urgent need for enhancing and updating the regulation of pharmaceutical products in Hong Kong by strengthening the regulation of the pharmaceutical trade, including manufacturers, wholesalers and retailers. The promulgation of the code of practice for the trade as well as pharmacists would also upgrade the standards of the pharmaceutical profession. This will certainly offer better protection to the public. I also fully support other amendments such as modifying the definition of pharmaceutical product, enhancing the regulation of clinical trials, revising the procedures to entering new entities under the Poisons List. These measures are not only in line with international practice, but also streamline the overall regulatory process.

I understand that the Food and Health Bureau is currently conducting a Strategic Review on Healthcare Manpower Planning and Professional Development. I fully trust that the matter regarding the formation of the Pharmacy Council will be managed appropriately in the not too distant future. Hence, there should be no delay in the approval and amendment of the PPAB.

In summary, the Department of Pharmacology & Pharmacy of the University of Hong Kong offers its full support for the PPAB.

Yours sincerely,

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