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Medical Registration (Amendment) Bill 2016

Thank you for inviting the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine to give views on the MRO (Amendment) Bill 2016.

The Academy supports the amendment to increase lay participation in the Medical Council, Preliminary Investigation Committee and the Health Committee. Though appointed by the Chief Executive, the two members from the Academy are nominated and elected by the Academy Council. They represent the interest of medical specialists and, as other members in the Medical Council, would also protect the interest of patients. We therefore think the professional autonomy is unlikely to be affected by the increase in number of lay members from 4 to 8 in the Medical Council, especially when the number of medical practitioners in the Medical Council will still be a majority (75%).

The proposed amendments aiming to make the complaint investigation and disciplinary inquiry mechanism more efficient are supported by the Academy.

We also supported the proposed amendments to extend the maximum term of limited registration and renewal of such registration from a period of not exceeding 1 year to a period of not exceeding 3 year.

Yours sincerely,

Dr. Donald Li
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