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Dear Mr. Fang,

With reference to the letter dated 23 March 2016, the Federation of Medical Societies of Hong Kong would like to provide written submission as follows :

**Bills Committee on Medical Registration (Amendment) Bill 2016**

The Federation of Medical Societies of Hong Kong has consulted its Executive Committee and has collected opinions from its member societies regarding the above amendment bill. Overall, there were many member societies and committee members supporting the bill. However, there were two issues on which strong reservations had been expressed.

Firstly, the Federation is in favour of an increase in lay members in the Hong Kong Medical Council, but the ratio of appointed to elected members should be preserved. To ensure that all medical professionals 'profess' to the same high standards, and observe a strict code of practice, these must be set by a body representative of the professionals.

Secondly, some members have pointed out that fully registered doctors are required to renew their practising certificates annually. We fail to understand why doctors with limited registration cannot also have their licences renewed annually.

Yours sincerely,

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