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Bills Committee Chairman and Members Medical Registration (Amendment) Bill 2016

Resignation from MCHK PIC Chairman

Dear Members of the Bills Committee,

I would like to inform you that I am tendering my resignation as PIC Chairman this afternoon.

After listening to the discussion in the Bills Committee, I resolved not to be party to the charade of the Permanent Secretary's mission impossible - that Inquiry hearings and PIC procedures will be reduced from 58 months to 24 months if the Bill allowing the addition of 4 lay members without the addition of 4 additional doctor members is passed. I am even more depressed by some honorable legislative councilors' opinions that the medical profession should allow a faulty bill to be passed now so that it could be amended at a later time. What happen to their stance when they asked us to stand firm and not to accept a false bill in the political reform?

It is regrettable that the Permanent Secretary has not been properly prepared in the factual backgrounds of the Medical Council of Hong Kong and is asked to face the Committee who wants to pass the Bill none the less.

Sincerely,

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