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**Bills Committee on Medical Registration (Amendment) Bill 2017**

**Minutes of the third meeting  
held on Thursday, 20 July 2017, at 2:30 pm  
in Conference Room 3 of the Legislative Council Complex**

- Members present** :
- Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan, GBS, JP (Chairman)
  - Hon LAU Kwok-fan, MH (Deputy Chairman)
  - Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung
  - Prof Hon Joseph LEE Kok-long, SBS, JP
  - Dr Hon Priscilla LEUNG Mei-fun, SBS, JP
  - Hon Paul TSE Wai-chun, JP
  - Hon Claudia MO
  - Hon WU Chi-wai, MH
  - Hon YIU Si-wing, BBS
  - Hon CHAN Han-pan, JP
  - Hon Alice MAK Mei-kuen, BBS, JP
  - Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki
  - Hon KWOK Wai-keung, JP
  - Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung
  - Dr Hon Helena WONG Pik-wan
  - Hon IP Kin-yuen
  - Hon Martin LIAO Cheung-kong, SBS, JP
  - Ir Dr Hon LO Wai-kwok, SBS, MH, JP
  - Dr Hon Junius HO Kwan-yiu, JP
  - Hon Holden CHOW Ho-ding
  - Hon SHIU Ka-chun
  - Dr Hon Pierre CHAN
  - Hon CHAN Chun-ying
  - Hon CHEUNG Kwok-kwan, JP
  - Hon Jeremy TAM Man-ho
- Members absent** :
- Hon Mrs Regina IP LAU Suk-ye, GBS, JP
  - Hon Michael TIEN Puk-sun, BBS, JP

Hon Steven HO Chun-yin, BBS  
Hon Frankie YICK Chi-ming, SBS, JP  
Hon Kenneth LEUNG  
Hon Dennis KWOK Wing-hang  
Dr Hon Elizabeth QUAT, BBS, JP  
Hon CHU Hoi-dick  
Hon HO Kai-ming  
Dr Hon CHENG Chung-tai

**Public Officers :**     The Administration  
**attending**

Mr Chris SUN Yuk-han, JP  
Head, Healthcare Planning and Development Office  
Food and Health Bureau

Mr FONG Ngai  
Principal Assistant Secretary for Food and Health  
(Health) 3  
Food and Health Bureau

Miss Natalie LAU Wai-kwan  
Assistant Secretary for Food and Health (Health) 8  
Food and Health Bureau

Miss Lisa LAI Yuk-wan  
Secretary, Medical Council of Hong Kong  
Department of Health

Mr Joseph SIU Wing-ho  
Deputy Secretary (Medical Council) 1  
Department of Health

The Hospital Authority

Dr CHEUNG Wai-lun, JP  
Director (Cluster Services)

The Medical Council of Hong Kong

Prof Joseph LAU Wan-ye, SBS  
Chairman

The Chinese University of Hong Kong

Prof Anthony CHAN Tak-cheung  
Associate Dean (External Affairs)  
Faculty of Medicine

**Clerk in attendance** : Miss Josephine SO  
Chief Council Secretary (2) 2

**Staff in attendance** : Ms Wendy KAN  
Assistant Legal Adviser 6

Ms Priscilla LAU  
Council Secretary (2) 5

Miss Maggie CHIU  
Legislative Assistant (2) 5

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**I. Meeting with the Administration**

[File Ref.: FHCR1/F/3261/92, LC Paper Nos. LS74/16-17, CB(2)1723/16-17(02), CB(2)1824/16-17(01) to (02) and CB(3)628/16-17]

The Bills Committee deliberated (index of proceedings attached at **Annex**).

Motion

2. Dr Pierre CHAN moved the following motion:

政府應就《醫生註冊條例》(第161章)第14A條給予香港醫務委員會可註冊不符合該條第(2)(b)、(c)或(d)款規定的人士為有限度註冊醫生的權力作出檢討，然後修例。

(Translation)

"The Government should review the powers conferred to the Medical Council of Hong Kong under section 14A of Medical Registration Ordinance (Cap 161) in relation to registering a person not fulfilling the requirements of subsection (2)(b), (c) or (d) as a medical

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practitioner with limited registration, and effect legislative amendment accordingly."

3. The Chairman ruled that the motion was directly related to the agenda item, and invited members to consider whether the motion should be dealt with. The Chairman put to vote the question that the Bills Committee should deal with the motion. The result was: five members voted in favour of and seven members voted against the question. The Chairman declared that as the above question was not agreed by a majority of members, the Bills Committee would not deal with the motion.

Follow-up actions required of the Administration

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4. The Bills Committee requested the Administration to provide:
- (a) the requisite information relating to the employment of non-locally trained medical practitioners with limited registration by the Hospital Authority, the University of Hong Kong and The Chinese University of Hong Kong ("CUHK"); and the filling of the seats of the Council of the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine as set out in the Annex to the letter dated 20 July 2017 from Dr Hon Pierre CHAN (LC Paper No. CB(2)1958/16-17(01)); and
  - (b) the guidelines put in place by CUHK to govern the provision of private patient services by its medical practitioners, including both registered medical practitioners with full registration and limited registration.

**II. Any other business**

5. Members agreed that the next meeting of the Bills Committee would be held in September 2017.

*(Post-meeting note: With the concurrence of the Chairman, the fourth meeting of the Bills Committee has been scheduled for 27 September 2017 from 2:30 pm to 6:30 pm.)*

6. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 6:30 pm.

**Proceedings of the third meeting of  
the Bills Committee on Medical Registration (Amendment) Bill 2017  
held on Thursday, 20 July 2017, at 2:30 pm  
in Conference Room 3 of the Legislative Council Complex**

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<i>Agenda item I: Meeting with the Administration</i>			
001607 - 001823	Chairman	Opening remarks	
001824 - 002311	Chairman Admin	Briefing by the Administration on its response to the follow-up actions arising from the discussion at the meeting on 27 June 2017 [LC Paper No. CB(2)1824/16-17(02)].	
002312 - 003442	Chairman Dr Pierre CHAN Admin Director (Cluster Services) of the Hospital Authority ("D(CS) of HA")	In response to Dr Pierre CHAN's enquiries, D(CS) of HA and the Administration respectively elaborated on the places where the non-locally trained medical practitioners employed by the Hospital Authority ("HA") practised after completion of internship and the places where the non-locally trained medical practitioners employed by the University of Hong Kong ("HKU") and The Chinese University of Hong Kong ("CUHK") received their medical training as set out in paragraphs 13 and 21 of LC Paper No. CB(2)1824/16-17(02) respectively.	
003443 - 004111	Chairman Dr KWOK Ka-ki D(CS) of HA	<p>Dr KWOK Ka-ki's enquiry about the reasons why about 90% of the applications received in the recruitment exercises for non-locally trained medical practitioners with limited registration conducted during the period between 2011-2012 and 2016-2017 were considered by HA as not eligible.</p> <p>D(CS) of HA stressed that medical practitioners with full registration, including local medical graduates and persons who had passed the Licensing Examination and completed internship assessment, were the major sources of medical manpower supply for HA. The recruitment of non-locally trained medical practitioners with limited registration in recent years was a measure to alleviate HA's medical manpower shortage in the short term. HA would only employ those applicants who fulfilled all the three requirements as specified in paragraph 11 of LC Paper No. CB(2)1824/16-17(02) to ensure that they had attained the required medical standard and were capable to perform frontline clinical work in HA independently. Most of the unsuccessful applicants could not meet the requirements of specialist qualification and language proficiency.</p> <p>In reply to Dr KWOK Ka-ki's enquiry as to whether non-locally trained medical practitioners who received their medical training in the Mainland would be eligible for application, D(CS) of HA advised that under limited registration, HA would only employ non-locally trained medical practitioners with a specialist qualification comparable to the Intermediate Examination of the constituent colleges of the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine ("the Academy of Medicine"). There was currently no relevant framework for recognizing specialist qualification in the Mainland. If a medical practitioner obtained a medical degree in</p>	

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		<p>the Mainland and a specialist qualification in other place which was comparable to the intermediate examination of the constituent colleges of the Academy of Medicine, he/she would be regarded as meeting the requirement concerning specialist qualification.</p>	
004112 - 005022	<p>Chairman Mr Jeremy TAM Admin D(CS) of HA Associate Dean (External Affairs) of the Faculty of Medicine of CUHK ("AD(EA) of CUHK") Dr Pierre CHAN</p>	<p>In reply to Mr Jeremy TAM's enquiries, AD(EA) of CUHK affirmed that the countries or regions referred to in the table set out in paragraph 21 were the places where the non-locally trained medical practitioners with limited registration employed by CUHK received their basic medical degrees. He further advised that CUHK's principles in employing non-locally trained medical practitioners with limited registration fell into mainly the following two categories:</p> <p>(a) senior scholars who had achieved great attainment in their specialties. They made a significant contribution to local medical education, medical research and clinical services by teaching local medical students and serving local patients with their technical skills and medical knowledge; and</p> <p>(b) resident trainees who had obtained a medical qualification and possessed relevant clinical experience as appropriate. Under reciprocal arrangements with other institutions, the resident trainees would participate in training programmes organized by the respective Departments and would return to their institutions upon completion of training.</p> <p>Dr Pierre CHAN's request for HA to provide written information about the countries or regions where those 35 non-locally trained medical practitioners with limited registration employed by HA during the period between 2011-2012 and 2016-2017 received their basic medical degrees.</p>	<p><b>Admin</b></p>
005023 - 010025	<p>Chairman Dr Pierre CHAN Admin Chairman of the Medical Council of Hong Kong ("the Medical Council")</p>	<p>Dr Pierre CHAN's grave concern that as at the end of June 2017, there were three medical practitioners employed by CUHK and one by HKU being granted limited registration without meeting the requirements under section 14A(2)(c) or (d) of the Medical Registration Ordinance (Cap. 161) ("the Ordinance"). Among them, three medical practitioners did not continue their overseas registration with the relevant overseas medical authorities when submitting applications for renewal of limited registration.</p> <p>The Administration advised that under section 14A(2A) of the Ordinance, non-locally trained medical practitioners who did not fulfill the requirements of section 14A(2)(b), (c) or (d) but satisfied the Medical Council that they fulfilled the other requirements of section 14A(2) of the Ordinance might still be granted limited registration subject to such restrictions and conditions regarding their practice as specified by the Medical Council. Chairman of the Medical Council supplemented that the Medical Council would consider each application on a case-by-case basis. It should be noted that the purposes of HA and the two universities in employing non-locally trained medical practitioners with limited registration were different. The former was for performing clinical duties in HA, whereas the latter were for teaching, research or performing hospital work in the Faculties of Medicine.</p>	

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010026 - 011855	Chairman Dr KWOK Ka-ki Admin AD(EA) of CUHK Chairman of the Medical Council Ms Claudia MO	<p>In response to Dr KWOK Ka-ki's enquiry, the Administration's advice that as at the end of June 2017, there were 24 and 11 medical practitioners registered under Promulgation No. 3 and No. 4 of the Medical Council on Limited Registration respectively.</p> <p>While it was specified by the Medical Council that medical practitioners with limited registration employed by HKU and CUHK should not spend more than 10% of their time on private patient cases as assigned by the Faculties of Medicine, Dr KWOK Ka-ki opined that they should not be allowed to do so. Ms Claudia MO enquired about the fee charging arrangements put in place by the two universities for the provision of private patient services by medical practitioners with limited registration.</p> <p>AD(EA) of CUHK's explanation that medical practitioners with limited registration employed by CUHK had to perform clinical duties according to the need in their teaching, research or hospital work. While they mainly worked at the Faculty of Medicine and the Prince of Wales Hospital ("PWH"), there might be clinical cases specified by the Facility whereby a patient at a hospital in other district was not suitable for transfer to PWH that the medical practitioner concerned had to go to the hospital concerned for performing teaching, research or hospital work. CUHK had clear guidelines and monitoring mechanisms to ensure the participation of these medical practitioners in private patient services was in accordance with the restrictions of the Medical Council and CUHK. The restrictions set by CUHK were stringent and covered various matters. There were established arrangements concerning the collection and sharing of the private patient fees.</p> <p>Chairman of the Medical Council supplemented that to his understanding, for CUHK, such services were provided for the benefits of patients by those medical practitioners with limited registration who were senior scholars possessing technical skills and medical knowledge in their specialties.</p> <p>At the Chairman's request, AD(EA) of CUHK undertook to relay to the Faculty of Medicine of CUHK the Bills Committee's request for the guidelines put in place by CUHK to govern the provision of private patient services by its medical practitioners, including both registered medical practitioners with full registration and limited registration.</p>	<b>Admin/ CUHK</b>
011856 - 013011	Chairman Ms Claudia MO D(CS) of HA Chairman of the Medical Council	<p>Ms Claudia MO's concern that majority of the applications received by HA in the past recruitment exercises for non-locally trained medical practitioners with limited registration were considered by HA as not meeting its prescribed qualification requirements.</p> <p>On Ms Claudia MO's concern as to whether language barrier had hindered many non-locally trained medical practitioners from the Mainland from passing the Licensing Examination, Chairman of the Medical Council advised that there was no cause for such concern, as the average passing rate for Part II - Proficiency Test in Medical English was about 90%. The average passing rate for Part I - Examination in Professional Knowledge which was in the form of multiple-choice questions and could be taken in either</p>	

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		<p>English or Chinese was 10% to 15%, whereas that for Part III - Clinical Examination which could be conducted in Cantonese, English or Putonghua was 30% to 40%. It should be noted that the standard of the Licensing Examination was consistent with that adopted by the two faculties of medicine in HKU and CUHK for assessing their medical graduates. To facilitate more non-locally trained medical practitioners to practise in Hong Kong, the Medical Council had increased the frequency of the Licensing Examination from once to twice a year in recent years.</p>	
013012 - 014146	<p>Chairman Mr IP Kin-yuen D(CS) of HA Chairman of the Medical Council</p>	<p>Mr IP Kin-yuen sought elaboration on the respective requirements for registration as a medical practitioner with limited registration as stipulated in section 14A of the Ordinance and for employment of medical practitioner with limited registration by HA as set out in paragraph 11 of LC Paper No. CB(2)1824/16-17(02).</p> <p>Chairman of the Medical Council's advice that given the variance in the basic medical training in different places, the statutory requirements were aimed to ensure that the medical practitioners so registered had met the required standard to practise medicine safely in Hong Kong, including that they had an acceptable overseas qualification, adequate and relevant full-time post-qualification clinical experience, and were registered with approved non-local medical authorities, etc.; and D(CS) of HA's advice that the additional requirements introduced by HA were aimed to ensure that the medical practitioners so recruited had attained the required medical standard for performing frontline clinical duties in pressurized areas of public hospitals.</p>	
014147 - 015514	<p>Chairman Mr Paul TSE Chairman of the Medical Council AD(EA) of CUHK</p>	<p>On Mr Paul TSE's view that the Medical Council should consider lowering the high standard of the Licensing Examination in order to relieve local medical manpower shortage, Chairman of the Medical Council stressed that non-locally trained medical practitioners practising in Hong Kong had to attain a professional standard comparable to that of local medical graduates so as to safeguard the quality of local medical services and patient safety. The Administration supplemented that the Tripartite Platform on Amendments to the Medical Registration Ordinance had considered the registration arrangements for non-locally trained medical practitioners with reference to the practices in other places such as Australia and Singapore.</p> <p>In reply to Mr Paul TSE's enquiries, AD(EA) of CUHK advised that non-locally trained medical practitioners employed by CUHK as clinical professors who were appointed by HA as honorary staff would practise medicine on public patients in PWH and where necessary, other public hospitals. They were allowed to engage in private clinical practice in HA hospitals and private hospitals in accordance with CUHK's internal control procedures in this regard, which included, among others, the restriction that such practice should be no more than 52 hours on a quarterly basis, which was not more than four hours per week on average.</p>	
015515 - 020749	<p>Chairman Mr LEUNG Yiu-chung D(CS) of HA</p>	<p>Pointing out that non-locally trained medical practitioners would consider a basket of factors such as job nature and working environment in deciding whether to come to work in Hong Kong,</p>	

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	AD(EA) of CUHK	<p>Mr LEUNG Yiu-chung enquired about the evidence to support that the legislative proposal to extend the maximum term of limited registration and renewal of such registration from a period of not exceeding one year to a period of not exceeding three years would attract more non-locally trained medical practitioners to serve in HA, CUHK and HKU with limited registration.</p> <p>D(CS) of HA's advice that in most cases, non-locally trained medical practitioners who met HA's additional requirements of having a comparable specialist qualification and at least three years' working experience in hospitals after completion of internship would be practising in other places. They might not be willing to come to practise in HA through limited registration if they were only offered a one-year contract. Experience and feedback showed that the average length of service of medical practitioners with limited registration employed by HA was 1.7 years and 50% and 75% of these medical practitioners had served in HA for less than two and three years respectively, as the current arrangement only attracted those who regarded such employment as a short-term exchange opportunity and would then return to the places where they were practising originally.</p> <p>AD(EA) of CUHK's view that the offering of a three-year service contract, which was a practice CUHK currently adopted, would definitely be a positive factor to attract more experienced non-locally trained medical practitioners to work in Hong Kong through limited registration. It would be more attractive if these medical practitioners were not required to apply for renewal of limited registration annually.</p>	
<i>Break</i>			
021907 - 021925	Chairman Admin	The Chairman's request for the Administration to provide the requisite information relating to the employment of non-locally trained medical practitioners with limited registration by HA, HKU and CUHK; and the filling of the seats of the Council of the Academy of Medicine as set out in the Annex to the letter dated 20 July 2017 from Dr Pierre CHAN which was tabled at the meeting.	<b>Admin</b>
021926 - 022527	Chairman Ms Alice MAK D(CS) of HA	<p>Ms Alice MAK's request for HA to affirm that there was a need for HA to employ non-locally trained medical practitioners with limited registration, in addition to its measure to recruit medical practitioners from the private sector to serve in HA on a part-time basis, to ease its manpower constraint; the non-locally trained medical practitioners so employed would only serve as Service Residents to perform frontline clinical duties at public hospitals; and promotion of local medical practitioners with full registration would not be duly affected.</p> <p>D(CS) of HA replied in the affirmative, adding that efforts had been and would continuously be made by HA to recruit local medical graduates, persons who had passed the Licensing Examination and completed internship assessment and part-time medical practitioners to ease its manpower constraint.</p>	
022528 - 024827	Chairman Dr Pierre CHAN	Dr Pierre CHAN briefed members on his motion which was tabled at the meeting. In the course of briefing, Dr Pierre CHAN drew	

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	Dr Helena WONG Mr Holden CHOW	<p>the Chairman's attention that a quorum was not present, and the Chairman directed that members be summoned. The meeting resumed after a quorum was present.</p> <p>The Chairman said that the motion was directly related to the agenda item. He invited members to consider whether the Bills Committee should deal with the motion.</p> <p>After discussion, the Bills Committee decided by voting not to deal with the motion proposed by Dr Pierre CHAN.</p>	
024828 - 031859	Chairman Dr Pierre CHAN D(CS) of HA Dr Junius HO	<p>Dr Pierre CHAN's remarks that statistics showed that the reason why the overall passing rate of the Licensing Examination was low due to the fact that more than 70% of the candidates were from the Mainland whose passing rate was low. However, the passing rate of those candidates from other places such as the United Kingdom and the United States was high.</p> <p>Dr Pierre CHAN's concern that if a justification of the legislative proposal to extend the maximum term of limited registration was to facilitate HA to recruit more non-locally trained medical practitioners with limited registration to address its medical manpower shortage, the fact that HA could only, under its additional stringent qualification and experience requirements, recruit less than 20 medical practitioners with limited registration in each of the past five years and many of them did not work in the pressurized specialties such as Emergency Medicine, Internal Medicine and Paediatrics had demonstrated that recruitment of medical practitioners with limited registration was not an effective means to address manpower shortage at public hospitals. It was also worthy to note that as at the end of June 2017, 88 out of the 105 medical practitioners registered under Promulgation No. 2 of the Medical Council on Limited Registration were employed by HKU and CUHK. Many of them were very experienced and had achieved great attainment in their specialties, whom could contribute greatly to local medical education, medical research and clinical services. In the light of the above, Dr Pierre CHAN enquired whether lowering the number of years of working experience in hospitals after completion of internship would increase the number of applicants meeting HA's qualification threshold.</p> <p>Holding the view that HA would not be able to, under its stringent qualification threshold, recruit more non-locally trained medical practitioners through limited registration even if the maximum validity period and renewal period of limited registration had been extended to not exceeding three years, Dr Junius HO called on HA to consider relaxing its stringent requirements, in particular that related to the ability to speak fluent English and Cantonese.</p> <p>D(CS) of HA reiterated that the purposes for employing non-locally trained medical practitioners with limited registration by HA and the Faculties of Medicine of HKU and CUHK were different. The setting of all the three qualification requirements was based on operational need. As a case in point, the language requirement did not apply on the specialties of anaesthesia, pathology and radiology which did not involve direct contact with patients. In addition, it</p>	

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		<p>on average took three years for a non-locally trained medical practitioner to possess a specialist qualification comparable to the intermediate examination of the constituent colleges of the Academy of Medicine. That said, HA was open-minded as to whether the existing qualification requirements could be reviewed in due course after the passage of the Bill.</p>	
031900 - 033159	<p>Chairman Mr Jeremy TAM Chairman of the Medical Council Admin</p>	<p>Chairman of the Medical Council's elaboration on the form of, and the validity of passes in, Part I, Part II and Part III of the Licensing Examination in response to Mr Jeremy TAM's enquiry; and Mr Jeremy TAM's suggestions that in view of the low passing rate of Part I of the Licensing Examination which was designed to test candidates' professional knowledge in a number of subjects, consideration could be given to requiring candidates to only re-attempt those failed subjects but not the whole Part I examination; and that non-locally trained medical students could be allowed to take, during their course of medical study and on an annual basis, the examinations on various subjects adopted by HKU or CUHK for assessing their medical students so as to alleviate the need to assess their knowledge in all subjects in one go.</p> <p>Chairman of the Medical Council's explanation as to the reason why the suggestions were not feasible; and the Administration's advice that section 7A(1)(b)(i) of the Ordinance had set out the qualification requirements for taking the Licensing Examination.</p> <p>Regarding Mr Jeremy TAM's enquiry about the eligibility for being nominated as the two registered medical practitioners each of HKU and CUHK for appointment by the Chief Executive ("CE") as members of the Medical Council, Chairman of the Medical Council advised that to his understanding, the Dean of Faculty of Medicine of CUHK would identify when a vacancy arose a suitable candidate, who was usually an experienced and senior Faculty member, through internal consultation for consideration of the Vice-Chancellor and President of CUHK. The Administration supplemented that in the absence of exceptional circumstances, it was unlikely that CE might reasonably refuse to appoint the nominated persons.</p>	
033200 - 034322	<p>Chairman Mr IP Kin-yuen Chairman of the Medical Council D(CS) of HA Mr Holden CHOW</p>	<p>In reply to Mr IP Kin-yuen's enquiry, Chairman of the Medical Council advised that to be included in the Medical Council's Specialist Register, a local medical graduate had to complete at least six years of supervised post-registration training in a manner approved by the Academy of Medicine, passed a relevant intermediate examination accredited by the Academy of Medicine, and passed the exit examination or assessment conducted by the relevant College and accredited by the Academy of Medicine. Registered medical practitioners who passed the intermediate examination and exit examination were respectively fit to practise in their field of specialty under an appropriate degree of supervision.</p> <p>Mr IP Kin-yuen's enquiry about the ranking of the non-locally trained medical practitioners with limited registration employed by HA; and D(CS) of HA's advice that those who met the basic additional requirements would be employed as Service Residents.</p>	

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		Mr Holden CHOW's view that it was appropriate for HA to set its own requirements for employment of non-locally trained medical practitioners with limited registration, so as to ensure that the medical practitioners so employed were able to alleviate manpower shortage at public hospitals; and his expression of support for the legislative proposal to extend the maximum validity period and renewal period of limited registration to not exceeding three years.	
034323 - 034704	Chairman Mr Holden CHOW D(CS) of HA	In response to Mr Holden CHOW's concern, D(CS) of HA elaborated on the number of approved cases of renewal of limited registration and the number of serving medical practitioners as set out under paragraph 15 of LC Paper No. CB(2)1824/16-17(02).	
034705 - 035856	Chairman Dr KWOK Ka-ki Chairman of the Medical Council AD(EA) of CUHK Ms Alice MAK	<p>Dr KWOK Ka-ki's view that the existing arrangements of the Licensing Examination were appropriate.</p> <p>Referring to paragraph 20 of LC Paper No. CB(2)1824/16-17(02), Dr KWOK Ka-ki was concerned about the employment of non-locally trained medical practitioners by the Faculties of Medicine of HKU and CUHK for participation in training and/or exchange programme. It was noted that the number of such employment was not few. Given that these medical practitioners would perform clinical duties at the two teaching hospitals (i.e. PWH and Queen Mary Hospital), he was concerned about the mechanism put in place by HKU and CUHK to monitor the standard of service of these medical practitioners and the handling of adverse medical events arising from their hospital work.</p> <p>Chairman of the Medical Council's advice that such employment was made under reciprocal arrangements with other institutions concerning collaborative training, academic exchange and skills transfer. These clinical trainees usually stayed for six to 12 months. AD(EA) of CUHK assured members that the hospital work of the clinical trainees would be supervised.</p>	
035857 - 040305	Chairman Ms Alice MAK D(CS) of HA	In response to Ms Alice MAK's enquiry, D(CS) of HA reiterated that given it took time to train local medical professionals, the legislative proposal to extend the maximum validity period and renewal period of limited registration would hopefully help provide immediate relief to the imminent manpower need at HA in short term by attracting more non-locally trained medical practitioners to serve in HA through limited registration.	
<i>Agenda item II: Any other business</i>			
040306 - 040403	Chairman	Closing remarks  Date of next meeting	