

## **Submission from Miss LAM Tin-kei**

I am a medical student and I feel obliged to voice out on this matter, as this concerns me as a future doctor, and whole Hong Kong society in general. Regarding this issue, here are the main points of my opinion:

### **1. Inquiry panels of the Medical Council**

- Whilst having more assessors may increase the efficiency of investigation, other reasons for the current long processing time must also be considered. The government or pro-establishment legislative councillors must NOT imply that there is a direct causal relationship between the two, and use this as an excuse to push forward the passing of this Bill.
- It is irresponsible to ASSUME that the Chief Executive will not abuse his/her power to appoint Medical Council members. To safeguard the integrity of the Council, at present or in future, this much-disputed prerequisite should be eliminated.
- While I do not object to having more lay members, it is important that a clear selection mechanism is established with the discussion of this Bill, to ensure that they can really represent the stakeholders' opinions.

### **2. Limited registration of medical practitioners**

- HA should establish a long-term plan about manpower, taking into account the increased number of medical students in each cohort, and whether enough posts could be created to absorb this. As the medical degrees are UGC-funded, higher priority should be given to locally trained medical practitioners than overseas ones, who may be less familiar with the local epidemiology and endemic diseases.
- It must be stressed that medical practitioners who are under limited registration do NOT require LMCHK or other tests to prove their competencies, including their understanding of the ethical requirements and common diseases in Hong Kong. They should not be the focus when the government hopes to seek more manpower for HA; instead local medical graduates and those who passed LMCHK should be the focus.