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Dear Ms Lam,

**Medical Registration (Amendment) Bill 2017**  
**Government's Response to the Follow-up Actions Arising from the**  
**Bills Committee Meeting on 20 July 2017**

I enclose the Government's response to the follow-up actions raised by Dr Hon Pierre CHAN at the Bills Committee meeting held on 20 July 2017. Members also requested The Chinese University of Hong Kong ("CUHK") to provide its guidelines for governing the provision of medical services to private patients. CUHK replied that they would not disclose the guidelines.

Yours sincerely,

( Miss Natalie LAU )  
for Secretary for Food and Health

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

### Government's Response to the Follow-up Actions Arising from the Bills Committee Meeting on 20 July 2017

In response to Dr Hon Pierre Chan's request raised at the meeting held on 20 July 2017, this paper sets out the consolidated response with information provided by the Hospital Authority ("HA"), The University of Hong Kong ("HKU"), The Chinese University of Hong Kong ("CUHK") and the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine ("HKAM").

**(A) Non-locally trained doctors with limited registration – countries/regions where medical training was received (\*not countries/regions where the qualification was obtained) (as at end June 2017)**

**(a) HA**

**(i) Countries/regions where basic medical training was received**

	Medicine	Emergency Medicine	Paediatrics	Anaesthesiology	Family Medicine	Obstetrics & Gynaecology	Ophthalmology	Orthopaedics	Ear, Nose & Throat	Pathology	Psychiatry	Radiology	Oncology	Intensive Care	Surgery	Total (No. of doctors)
<b>United Kingdom (UK)</b>	2	1	-	2	2	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	<b>9</b>
<b>United States (US)</b>	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	<b>1</b>
<b>Australia</b>	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	<b>4</b>
<b>New Zealand</b>	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	<b>1</b>
<b>Malaysia</b>	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	<b>2</b>
<b>Total (No. of doctors)</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>17</b>

(ii) Countries/regions where specialist medical training was received

	Medicine	Emergency Medicine	Paediatrics	Anaesthesiology	Family Medicine	Obstetrics & Gynaecology	Ophthalmology	Orthopaedics	Ear, Nose & Throat	Pathology	Psychiatry	Radiology	Oncology	Intensive Care	Surgery	Total (No. of doctors)
<b>UK</b>	2	1	-	2	2	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	<b>10</b>
<b>US</b>	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	<b>1</b>
<b>New Zealand</b>	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	<b>1</b>
<b>Australia/ New Zealand<sup>1</sup></b>	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	<b>5</b>
<b>Total (No. of doctors)</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>17</b>

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<sup>1</sup> Possessing specialist qualification awarded by The Australian and New Zealand College of Anaesthetists.

(b) HKU

(i) Countries/regions where basic medical training was received

	Medicine	Paediatrics	Anaesthesiology	Obstetrics & Gynaecology	Ophthalmology	Orthopaedics	Pathology	Psychiatry	Radiology	Surgery	Public Health Medicine	Clinical Microbiology & Infection	Total (No. of doctors)
<b>Mainland China</b>	1	1	1	1	-	3	1	1	-	5	-	-	<b>14</b>
<b>UK</b>	-	-	3	1	-	1	-	-	3	-	1	-	<b>9</b>
<b>Canada</b>	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	<b>2</b>
<b>Philippines</b>	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	<b>2</b>
<b>US</b>	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	<b>2</b>
<b>Brazil</b>	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	<b>1</b>
<b>Czech Republic</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	<b>1</b>
<b>Egypt</b>	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	<b>1</b>
<b>Malaysia</b>	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	<b>1</b>
<b>Saudi Arabia</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	<b>1</b>
<b>Sri Lanka</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	<b>1</b>
<b>Total (No. of doctors)</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>35</b>

(ii) Countries/regions where specialist medical training was received

	Medicine	Paediatrics	Anaesthesiology	Obstetrics & Gynaecology	Ophthalmology	Orthopaedics & Traumatology	Pathology	Psychiatry	Radiology	Surgery	Public Health Medicine	Clinical Microbiology & Infection	Total (No. of doctors)
<b>UK</b>	-	-	3	-	-	1	-	-	3	-	-	1	<b>8</b>
<b>Canada</b>	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	<b>1</b>
<b>USA</b>	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	<b>3</b>
<b>Brazil</b>	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	<b>1</b>
<b>Malaysia</b>	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	<b>1</b>
<b>Hong Kong</b>	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	2	-	<b>3</b>
<b>Total (No. of doctors)</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>17</b>

Note      The remaining doctors are engaging in short-term academic exchanges / receiving specialist training at HKU and yet to be awarded specialist qualifications.

(c) CUHK

(i) Countries/regions where basic medical training was received

	Medicine	Emergency Medicine	Paediatrics	Anesthesiology	Obstetrics & Gynaecology	Ophthalmology	Orthopaedics	Ear, Nose & Throat	Pathology	Radiology	Oncology	Surgery	Gastroenterology & Hepatology	Family Medicine	Total (No. of doctors)
<b>UK</b>	4	1	-	2	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	1	<b>13</b>
<b>Mainland China</b>	-	-	-	-	4	1	2	-	1	-	-	1	1	-	<b>10</b>
<b>Philippines</b>	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	2	-	-	<b>6</b>
<b>India</b>	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	<b>4</b>
<b>South Africa</b>	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	<b>4</b>
<b>Canada</b>	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	<b>3</b>
<b>Malaysia</b>	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	<b>2</b>
<b>Thailand</b>	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	<b>2</b>
<b>US</b>	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	<b>2</b>
<b>Bahrain</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	<b>1</b>
<b>France</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	<b>1</b>
<b>Germany</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	<b>1</b>
<b>Japan</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	<b>1</b>
<b>Nepal</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	<b>1</b>
<b>Oman</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	<b>1</b>
<b>Spain</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	<b>1</b>
<b>Total (No. of doctors)</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>53</b>

(ii) Countries/regions where specialist medical training was received

	Medicine	Emergency Medicine	Paediatrics	Anaesthesiology	Obstetrics & Gynaecology	Ophthalmology	Orthopaedics & Traumatology	Otorhinolaryngology	Pathology	Radiology	Oncology	Surgery	Gastroenterology & Hepatology	Family Medicine	Total (No. of doctors)
<b>UK</b>	3	1	1	3	1	1	1	-	-	2	-	5	1	1	<b>20</b>
<b>US</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	<b>2</b>
<b>Canada</b>	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	<b>4</b>
<b>Australia</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	<b>1</b>
<b>Japan</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	<b>1</b>
<b>South Africa</b>	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	<b>3</b>
<b>Total (No. of doctors)</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>31</b>

Note The remaining doctors are engaging in short-term academic exchanges / receiving specialist training at CUHK and yet to be awarded specialist qualifications.

**(B) Ranks of non-locally trained doctors with limited registration (as at end June 2017)**

<b>Rank</b>	<b>HKU (No. of doctors)</b>	<b>CUHK (No. of doctors)</b>	<b>HA (No. of doctors)</b>
<b>Clinical Professor</b>	4	-	-
<b>Professor</b>	-	10	-
<b>Research Professor</b>	-	1	-
<b>Clinical Associate Professor</b>	2	-	-
<b>Associate Professor</b>	-	2	-
<b>Senior Lecturer</b>	1	-	-
<b>Clinical Assistant Professor</b>	6	-	-
<b>Assistant Professor</b>	-	7	-
<b>Research Assistant Professor</b>	-	1	-
<b>Clinical Lecturer</b>	-	5	-
<b>Lecturer</b>	2	-	-
<b>Clinical Professional Consultant</b>	-	7	-
<b>Engaging in training and/or short-term exchange programmes</b> <b>Post title of HKU:</b> <b>Clinical Associate/ Honorary Clinical Associate</b> <b>Post title of CUHK:</b> <b>Honorary Researcher/ Visiting Scholar</b>	20	20	-
<b>Head of Department</b>	-	-	-
<b>Consultant</b>	-	-	1
<b>Senior Doctor</b>	-	-	1
<b>Associate Consultant</b>	-	-	-
<b>Specialist</b>	-	-	-
<b>Service Resident</b>	-	-	15
<b>Total</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>17</b>



**(C) Medical standard of non-locally trained doctors with limited registration**

**(a) HA**

<b>As at end June 2017</b>	<b>HA (No. of doctors)</b>
Doctors with limited registration who fulfil all the following requirements –	17
(a) a specialist qualification comparable to the Intermediate Examination of the constituent colleges of the HKAM (the entry requirement of Associate Consultant is an approved specialist qualification in the relevant specialty);	
(b) at least three years' working experience in hospitals after completion of internship; and	
(c) ability to speak fluent English and Cantonese (except for the specialties of anaesthesia, pathology and radiology).	
Doctors with limited registration who do not fulfil all the above requirements	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>17</b>

<b>As at end June 2017 “Limited registration” requirements under section 14A of Cap. 161</b>	<b>HA (No. of doctors)</b>
(a) he/she has been selected for employment or for a type of employment determined and promulgated by The Medical Council of Hong Kong (MCHK) under subsection (1);	17
(b) he/she has obtained an acceptable overseas qualification;	17
(c) he/she has had adequate and relevant full-time post-qualification clinical experience;	17
(d) he/she is registered with an approved medical authority outside Hong Kong; and	17
(e) he/she is of good character.	17
<b>Total</b>	<b>17</b>

(b) HKU

As at end June 2017	HKU (No. of doctors)
Doctors with limited registration who fulfil all the following requirements –	Not applicable (See Note)
(a) a specialist qualification comparable to the Intermediate Examination of the constituent colleges of the HKAM (the entry requirement of Associate Consultant is an approved specialist qualification in the relevant specialty);	
(b) at least three years' working experience in hospitals after completion of internship; and	
(c) ability to speak fluent English and Cantonese (except for the specialties of anaesthesia, pathology and radiology).	
Doctors with limited registration who do not fulfil all the above requirements	
Total	

Note Non-locally trained doctors employed by HKU are mainly engaged at the Faculty of Medicine for teaching, research and knowledge exchange (including specialty training), etc. As the employment purposes are different from those of HA, it is not appropriate to make direct comparison.

As at end June 2017 “Limited registration” requirements under section 14A of Cap. 161	HKU (No. of doctors)
(a) he/she has been selected for employment or for a type of employment determined and promulgated by the MCHK under subsection (1);	35
(b) he/she has obtained an acceptable overseas qualification;	35
(c) he/she has had adequate and relevant full-time post-qualification clinical experience;	35
(d) he/she is registered with an approved medical authority outside Hong Kong; and	34 <sup>Note</sup>
(e) he/she is of good character.	35
<b>Total</b>	

Note A doctor was registered overseas when he first applied for limited registration, but the doctor did not continue to register with the relevant overseas medical authority when he submitted the application for renewal of limited registration.

(c) CUHK

As at end June 2017	CUHK (No. of doctor)
Doctors with limited registration who fulfil all the following requirements –	Not applicable (See Note)
(a) a specialist qualification comparable to the Intermediate Examination of the constituent colleges of the HKAM (the entry requirement of Associate Consultant is an approved specialist qualification in the relevant specialty);	
(b) at least three years' working experience in hospitals after completion of internship; and	
(c) ability to speak fluent English and Cantonese (except for the specialties of anaesthesia, pathology and radiology).	
Doctors with limited registration who do not fulfil all the above requirements	
<b>Total</b>	

Note Non-locally trained doctors employed by CUHK are mainly engaged at the Faculty of Medicine for teaching, research and knowledge exchange (including specialty training), etc. As the employment purposes are different from those of HA, it is not appropriate to make direct comparison.

As at end June 2017 “Limited registration” requirements under section 14A of Cap. 161	CUHK (No. of doctor)
(a) he/she has been selected for employment or for a type of employment determined and promulgated by the MCHK;	53
(b) he/she has obtained an acceptable overseas qualification;	53
(c) he/she has had adequate and relevant full-time post-qualification clinical experience;	53 <sup>Note 1</sup>
(d) he/she is registered with an approved medical authority outside Hong Kong; and	51 <sup>Note 2</sup>
(e) he/she is of good character.	53
<b>Total</b>	<b>53</b>

Note 1 A doctor who obtained medical bachelor and master degrees overseas and registered with a medical authority outside Hong Kong. He subsequently obtained a doctorate degree in Hong Kong. The doctor had not engaged in clinical work on a full-time basis when he first applied for limited registration. As at end June 2017, the doctor has obtained full-time clinical experience.

Note 2 Two doctors were registered overseas when applying for limited registration for the first time. They did not continue to register with the relevant overseas medical authorities when they submitted applications for renewal of limited registration.

**(D) Information on the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine**

2. Operating under the principle of professional autonomy, HKAM is a statutory body established under the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine Ordinance (Cap. 419). It has statutory power to organise, monitor, assess and accredit all medical specialist training and to oversee the provision of continuing medical education.

3. As stipulated in section 20K of the Medical Registration Ordinance, a registered doctor who wishes to enter the Specialist Register shall apply to the Registrar of the Medical Council of Hong Kong (“MCHK”) and satisfies the following requirements –

(a) he/she has been –

(i) awarded a fellowship of HKAM; and

(ii) certified by HKAM that he has completed the postgraduate medical training and has satisfied the continuing medical education requirements for the relevant specialty; or

(b) he/she has been certified by HKAM that he/she has achieved a professional standard comparable to that recognized by the HKAM for the award of its fellowship and has completed the postgraduate training and satisfied the continuing medical education requirements comparable to those recommended by HKAM, for the relevant specialty.

4. The Registrar shall then refer the application to the Education for Accreditation Committee of MCHK for its consideration for making recommendation to MCHK on whether to include the name of a registered doctor in the Specialist Register under a particular specialty.

5. According to the by-law of HKAM, the membership of HKAM shall consist of fellows, honorary fellows, members, associates, and such other categories of membership as the Council may provide for. At present, fellows and honorary fellows are admitted by HKAM. The detailed requirements are as follows –

**(a) HKAM Fellow**

Person who has –

- (i) completed at least six years of supervised post-registration training in a manner approved by HKAM; and
- (ii) where appropriate, passed a relevant intermediate examination accredited by HKAM; and
- (iii) passed the exit examination or assessment conducted by the relevant college and accredited by HKAM.

**(b) Honorary Fellow**

Person who has eminence or person who has rendered outstanding service to medical science or to HKAM. Honorary fellow could be a fellow of HKAM.

6. HKAM has 15 colleges, 7 666 fellows and 15 honorary fellows. The number of fellows in each college of HKAM varies from about 1 700 to less than 200. The details as at 1 August 2017 are as follows –

College	No. of Fellows
Hong Kong College of Anaesthesiologists	513
Hong Kong College of Community Medicine	193
College of Dental Surgeons of Hong Kong	295
Hong Kong College of Emergency Medicine	359
Hong Kong College of Family Physicians	459
Hong Kong College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists	492
College of Ophthalmologists of Hong Kong	297
Hong Kong College of Orthopaedic Surgeons	447
Hong Kong College of Otorhinolaryngologists	166
Hong Kong College of Pathologists	285
Hong Kong College of Paediatricians	627
Hong Kong College of Physicians	1 697
The Hong Kong College of Psychiatrists	380
Hong Kong College of Radiologists	537
The College of Surgeons of Hong Kong	919
<b>Total</b>	<b>7 666</b>

Note There are 66 fellows who possess fellowship in two or more different specialties.

7. The Council of HKAM currently has 27 members, including six officers (a president, two vice-presidents, an honorary secretary, an honorary treasurer, and an editor) who are nominated and elected by council members, the immediate past President, 15 college presidents who are elected by members of the colleges in general, and five elected council members who are nominated and elected by all fellows of HKAM.

8. College presidents are elected in accordance with the constitutions of each college. For most of the colleges (11 colleges including Colleges of Community Medicine, Emergency Medicine, Family Physicians, Ophthalmologists, Orthopaedic Surgeons, Otorhinolaryngologists, Paediatricians, Pathologists, Physicians, Psychiatrists and Radiologists), the college president is nominated and elected by all college members. For Colleges of Anaesthesiologists, Dental Surgeons, Obstetricians & Gynaecologists and

Surgeons, the College President is nominated and elected by the college councillors who are nominated and elected by all college members.

9. Details of the election of council members are as follows –

	Nomination and election mechanism
Nominated and elected by Council members	
President	According to section 8(2) of the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine Ordinance, the six officers shall be nominated and elected by the members of the Council.
Vice-President	
Vice-President	
Honorary Secretary	
Honorary Treasurer	
Editor	
Ex Officio Members - President of College for	
Anaesthesiologists	College presidents are elected in accordance with the constitutions of each college. Please refer to paragraph 7 above for details.
Community Medicine	
Dental Surgeons	
Emergency Medicine	
Family Physicians	
Obstetricians & Gynaecologists	
Ophthalmologists	
Orthopaedic Surgeons	
Otorhinolaryngologists	
Paediatricians	
Pathologists	
Physicians	
Psychiatrists	
Radiologists	
Surgeons	
Nominated and elected by all fellows of HKAM	
According to section 8(3) of the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine Regulation, the five elected council members shall be nominated and elected by all fellows. Not more than one member of any single College should be elected to the Council under the category of elected Council members	

10. Currently, the two council members of MCHK nominated by HKAM are nominated and elected by the members of the Council of HKAM.

**Food and Health Bureau**  
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