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Dear Mr. Cheung,

On behalf of the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine (the "Academy"), I am writing to provide updates on the arrangements for the two additional seats of registered medical practitioners who are Fellows of the Academy, with respect to the revised proposal on the composition of the Medical Council of Hong Kong (the "Medical Council") released by the Food and Health Bureau in October 2017.

Under the latest proposal, there will be an addition of two seats who are Fellows nominated and elected by Fellows in accordance with the regulations or procedures of the Academy. In order to formulate the relevant nomination and election mechanisms for these two seats, the Academy conducted a survey among all Fellows during 12 December 2017 – 5 January 2018 to collect their views on the subject.

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While the mechanisms are yet to be determined, we are pleased to share with you the survey results for your reference. A total of 7,572 questionnaires were sent out to our Fellows and 1,906 replies were received, giving a response rate of around 25%. The purpose of the survey was to collect views from Fellows on three aspects: 1) eligibility to stand for election; 2) nomination mechanism; and 3) means of election. The results revealed a majority (~75%) of respondents agreed that no prerequisite requirements or conditions would be needed for the two new seats from the Academy and that the two candidates should be nominated (~83% of respondents) and elected (~93% of



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respondents) by all Fellows. The Academy Council discussed the results and resolved to accept the views reflected in the survey. In future, if the Bill is passed according to the Government's latest proposal as described in this letter, we shall follow the resolution of the Academy Council, i.e. all Academy Fellows will be eligible to stand for election of the two additional seats and there will be no prerequisite requirements or conditions. These two additional seats will be nominated and elected directly by all Academy Fellows.

As we communicated with the Food and Health Bureau earlier, we will keep a close watch on the legislative process of the Medical Registration (Amendment) Bill 2017 and follow up on the issue as appropriate.

The Academy Council is pleased to submit any supplementary documents if required. We would be grateful if we could also be informed of the meeting schedule of the Bills Committee in future, so that we could provide you the updates about our discussion in advance, if needed.

Yours sincerely,

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