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Dear Sirs,

**Re: Hong Kong Code –
Legislative Council Panel on Health Services Deputation meeting on 10 April 2017**

I, Anthony Kai-Yiu Lee, am the Chairman of the Hong Kong Private Hospitals Association and I am also the Chief Hospital Manager and Medical Director of the Union Hospital at Tai Wai Hong Kong.

As representative of both institutions, I am submitting the following in support of the above-captioned code proposed by the Food and Health Bureau to help the noble cause of “Breast Milk Feeding” in Hong Kong.

1. It is an indisputable fact that breast milk is the BEST food for the newborn and infants.
2. The Hong Kong Government and numerous commercial enterprises have been sparing no effort in making the work-place user-friendly for breast feeding.
3. Despite all of the above, doctors and nurses in private hospitals still encounter tremendous difficulty in convincing mothers of newborn babies to stick to ‘breast feeding’ as the sole or principal source of food for their new offsprings.
4. Private hospitals like Union Hospital and other members of the HK Private Hospitals Association have stopped receiving free samples from suppliers of milk products which are labelled as ‘breast milk substitutes’ for distribution to newborn mothers.
5. We, in the healthcare profession offering maternity services, believe that if promotion of milk products which are claimed to be breast milk substitutes can be kept to a minimum or towards zero, there will be much better chance of success in achieving ‘strict breast-feeding’ for our newborn babies. This will have long term beneficial effect on the health status of our next generation.

Thank you very much for your attention.

Dr Anthony Lee