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President
Legislative Council
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*Please refer to
Health Services
Panel. A.*

Dear President,

Tripartite Platform on the Medical Council of Hong Kong

I write to solicit your assistance in arranging nomination of six Members of the Legislative Council (“LegCo”) to serve as members of the Tripartite Platform on Amendments to the Medical Registration Ordinance.

You will recall that setting up a Tripartite Platform comprising doctors, patients (including the Consumer Council) and Legislative Councillors was mooted and made public during the intense debate over the Medical Registration (Amendment) Bill 2016 which fell through and could not proceed to Third Reading before prorogation of the previous term of LegCo on 16 July 2016. As the new term of LegCo has been formed, we would like to kick-start the Tripartite Platform with the participation of key representatives from the three sectors.

The Tripartite Platform is set up with the aim of enhancing communication and forging common ground to the largest extent possible among key stakeholders who share the goal of safeguarding public interest while preserving professional self-regulation, but may hold different views on what exactly should be made to the composition and complaint investigation and disciplinary inquiry mechanism of the Medical Council of Hong Kong. Through the Tripartite Platform, I look forward to an open exchange of views and rational deliberations on key issues concerning the Medical Council of Hong Kong, including its composition, involvement of lay members and design and operation of its complaint investigation and disciplinary inquiry mechanism. The terms of reference of the Tripartite Platform are set out in the **Annex**.

We attach great importance to the views of LegCo. I look forward to receiving your nomination *by 21 October 2016 (Friday)*. The term of membership will commence from the date of the first meeting of the Tripartite Platform and expire upon the completion of the review.

If you have any questions regarding the Tripartite Platform, please feel free to contact Miss Natalie Lau, Assistant Secretary for Food and Health (Health), at 3509 8940.

Yours sincerely,



(Dr KO Wing Man)

Secretary for Food and Health

**Tripartite Platform on
Amendments to the Medical Registration Ordinance**

Terms of Reference

1. To enhance communication and promote understanding among representatives of doctors, patients (including the Consumer Council) and Members of the Legislative Council on proposals aiming to enhance the credibility, transparency and efficiency of the Medical Council of Hong Kong in terms of (a) composition and (b) complaint investigation and disciplinary inquiry mechanism.
2. To offer views, deliberate on and seek to forge common ground to the largest extent possible on proposed legislative changes to the composition and operation of the Medical Council of Hong Kong having regard to prevailing international practices and unique local circumstances.