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Response To Letter Dated Feb. 8, 2019

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Dr. Mario Wai-kwong CHAK  
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BY THE FEDERATION OF MEDICAL SOCIETIES OF HONG KONG

Re : Joint Submission on Issues Relating to the Regulation of Devices and Development of Beauty Industry

**1ST VICE-PRESIDENT**

Prof. Bernard Man-yung CHEUNG  
張文勇

The Federation welcomes the Government's effort to regulate medical devices and we do believe such regulation can protect public's health and safety.

**2ND VICE-PRESIDENT**

Dr. Chun-Kong NG  
吳振江

We agree it is not possible to precisely differentiate between beauty devices and medical devices. In addition, the future control on medical devices will be a risk-level based strategy. Hence, we support the Government's proposal to regulate all medical and beauty devices.

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Mr. Benjamin Cheung-mei LEE  
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Dr. Ludwig Chun-hing TSOI  
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Moreover, there is definite need to impose statutory regulatory regime on the 2 main areas - the pre-market control and post-market control. During its implementation, a committee should be set-up to perform screening on all medical devices after they are imported into Hong Kong.

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We have also collected the opinions and feedback from our member society (The Hong Kong Association of Cosmetic Surgery) and summarize them as follow:

We object to a bill in regulation of medical devices without controlling device users, the reasons being:

1. User control is more important than device control in terms of safety to patients and the public.
2. Since there is no differentiation between medical device and cosmetic device, the allowance of non-supervised use of medical device in the beauty industry will give a false impression to the public that medical devices can be safely employed by non-regulated and non-supervised personnel in a setting of beauty industry which is just run as a commercial business.
3. In view of the passing of the bill on regulation of private medical facilities, the difficulties faced by the medical profession and the cost of running clinic will be further increased, while the beauty industry is not affected. The lack of control on user of medical devices in cosmetic area will further aggravate the market imbalance.
4. The bill does not enhance the authority and professional autonomy of medical practitioners employed by the beauty sector, making

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the differentiation between medical cosmetic practice and beauty industry more blurred. This is detrimental to our effort to uphold the image of our profession and to safeguard public safety.

Once the Medical Bill is passed, there should be a mechanism to handle all the controversial cases to ensure effective implementation of the regulation

We shall continue to work closely with the Department of Health for the betterment of all the citizens of Hong Kong.

#### **APPENDIX**

The response is issued by the Executive Committee of the Federation of Medical Societies of Hong Kong with views of our member societies incorporated.

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