

Panel on Health Services
Subcommittee on Issues Relating to the Development of Chinese Medicine

Work plan

Date of meeting/visit	Subject	Concerns raised by members to be covered
Meeting on 20 January 2020	Latest progress of the Government's initiatives on the development of Chinese medicine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Updates on Chinese medicine development and amendments to the Chinese Medicine Ordinance (Cap. 549) (including issues relating to the definition and registration of proprietary Chinese medicines) ● Role of Chinese medicine practitioners in primary healthcare ● Collaboration between Hong Kong and the Mainland, in particular the Greater Bay Area, in the development of Chinese medicine ● Composition and functions of the regulatory body and advisory committees on Chinese medicine¹
Meeting on 24 February 2020	Meeting with deputations and the Administration on the development of Chinese medicine	
February 2020	The Subcommittee will conduct a half-day visit on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Services of Chinese Medicine Centres for Training and Research ● Integrated Chinese and Western Medicine ("ICWM") inpatient services ● Government Chinese Medicine Testing Institute ("GCMTI") 	
Meeting in March 2020	Government-subsidized Chinese medicine outpatient services and ICWM inpatient services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Progress of introducing Chinese medicine services as part of the medical benefits for civil service eligible persons

¹ The Administration has advised that where necessary, meeting(s) between representatives of the Chinese Medicine Council of Hong Kong ("HKCMC") and individual members of the Subcommittee could be arranged for exchange of views on the work of HKCMC and the development of Chinese medicine.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Promotion of Chinese medicine services under the public healthcare system and social welfare system (including expanding publicly-subsidized Chinese medicine services to District Health Centres, correctional institutions, residential care homes for the elderly and persons with disabilities as well as the Integrated Community Centres for Mental Wellness, and increasing the subsidy for recipients under the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance Scheme and the elderly for using services provided by Chinese medicine clinics under local universities)
	Development of Chinese Medicine Hospital	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Management mode and development strategy of Chinese Medicine Hospital
Meeting in April 2020	Regulatory regime for Chinese herbal medicines and proprietary Chinese medicines and development of the industry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Safety and quality management of Chinese herbal medicines ● Promoting the role and professional development of Chinese medicine pharmacists in dispensing Chinese herbal medicines
	Development of GCMTI	
Meeting in May 2020	Regulatory regime for and professional development of Chinese medicine practitioners	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Role and professional development of Chinese medicine practitioners in the healthcare system (including the practice situation of manipulative therapy, and the establishment of career structure, progression pathway and pay scale for Chinese medicine practitioners)
	Latest progress of Chinese Medicine Development Fund	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Implementation of the Chinese Medicine Development Fund