



## Supplementary Statement of the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine on the Medical Registration (Amendment) Bill 2016 and going forward

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The Hong Kong Academy of Medicine (the “Academy”) issued a Position Statement on the Medical Registration (Amendment) Bill 2016 (the “Amendment Bill”) on 29 June 2016. The Amendment Bill was then in the course of legislative process.

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The Amendment Bill was not passed by the Legislative Council. However, the Government and other stakeholders may in future propose reforms to the Medical Council of Hong Kong (“MCHK”). It has also come to the attention of the Academy Council that there may have been some different interpretations among Fellows of the Academy regarding the contents of the Position Statement issued on 29 June 2016. This Supplementary Statement is made to clarify that Position Statement and to indicate the plan of the Academy for the future.

The Position Statement was issued by the Academy with the aim of reiterating the special role of the Academy with regard to MCHK in view of the Academy’s statutory responsibility and mission to promote and maintain high standards in the practice of medicine and its specialties and in the professional care delivered to the public of Hong Kong. While in the Position Statement the Academy supported the proposal in the Amendment Bill to add lay members to MCHK, the Academy is open for discussions to other proposals, as long as the mission and contribution from the Academy to MCHK would be upheld.

In future, when the government triggers the discussion with proposals for the reform of MCHK, not only will the Presidents of the Academy Colleges on the Academy Council provide feedback, the Academy will also consult Fellows on the proposals including, as the case may be, the nomination and election process of representatives from the Academy to MCHK, as well as the possible need of additional seats from the Academy in MCHK. The Academy will conduct a survey to collect views from all Fellows on relevant proposals.

The Academy looks forward to continuing to fulfil its statutory responsibility and mission.

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