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Chairman

Working Group on Accreditation of Paediatric Subspecialities in Hong Kong The Hong Kong College of Paediatricians Hong Kong Academy of Medicine

Dear Mr. Chairman:

It has been a great honor for me to have been asked by Dr. Brian Chung to review the proposal entitled, "A Proposal of Training Curriculum for Paediatric Subspecialty Training Programme: Clinical Genetics."

A subspecialty training in Clinical Genetics can address a very unique and relevant need in the medical field - the provision of a comprehensive clinical evaluation, management and counseling of individuals and families with or who are at risk for genetic disorders. The training of fellows in the subspecialty of genetics will not only improve the care of patients and their families with heritable conditions but also open opportunities to do research to expand our present knowledge about the genetic basis of diseases and discover novel treatment and preventive strategies.

The Proposal has comprehensively addressed in detail the selection of candidates for training and their qualifications. It has also outlined the topics and core knowledge to be covered. Likewise, the methods of training as well as review and evaluation of progress of the trainees have been adequately summarized.

I believe that training in the subspecialty of Clinical Genetics will strengthen further the health care services of a country and I strongly support this proposal.

Sincerely,

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