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The Chairman,
Committee for Subspecialty Boards
Hong Kong College of Paediatricians

Dear Chairman,

REF: Subspecialty training programme on Paediatric Endocrinology

I am writing this letter to strongly support the proposed Subspecialty training programme on Paediatric Endocrinology (PE) in Hong Kong. The Subspecialty training in paediatric endocrinology and metabolism will be a 3-year full time programme. This 3-year training programme on PE is hospital-based and will include at least 24 months of core clinical training in Endocrinology, diabetes and up to 6 months of highly recommended optional elective clinical training in Inborn Errors of Metabolism.

At least 6 months of training in an overseas institution (tertiary care centre) with a well recognised training programme is highly recommended and encouraged in the programme. This will enable the trainees to gain sufficient breadth of exposure and experience.

Experience in research methodology relevant to endocrinology or metabolism may be accredited for a maximum of 3-6 months. Obtaining the qualification of a postgraduate diploma or degree (e.g. MSc, MPhil, PhD or MD) related to endocrinology may also be recognised as completion of training for up to a maximum of 6 months subject to approval by the Subspecialty Board.

After reviewing the training syllabus, I think the proposed Subspecialty training programme in PE should provide excellent training and research experience for those trainees interested in this field. The proposed programme is broad and covers all aspects of PE. The time spent in an overseas institution will greatly add to the trainees' knowledge and experience. The trainees should be strongly encouraged to undertake research and being actively involved in writing case reports, audit projects and research projects to enhance their exposure to this field.

It is my pleasure to recommend and support this proposal and will be glad to witness its approval.

Yours sincerely

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