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The Chairman
The Committee of Subspecialty Boards of the Hong Kong College of Paediatricians

Dear Sir or Madam,

Re : support for an accredited subspecialty training program in Paediatric Endocrinology and Diabetes in Hong Kong

I write to offer my support and recommendation for the development of Paediatric Endocrinology and Diabetes as an accredited subspecialty training program under the supervision and administration of your learned college. This is an important area of clinical practice of significant complexity and I believe it would be of benefit to the Hong Kong community to ensure that there is a well-defined set of standards for recognition and practice in this specialty.

I have had the opportunity to review the proposed syllabus which appears comprehensive and note that the training program would be of 3 years duration full-time, with at least 24 months of core clinical training. There is an optional module on Inborn Errors of Metabolism which I believe is of value for Paediatric Subspecialty trainees, although in Australia these 2 sub-specialties have separate training programs and most specialists would not practice in both. However, such a decision will be dependent on your local infrastructure and resources.

I am convinced that a decision to proceed with this proposal would be prudent and beneficial to your college, the medical community and, most importantly, children with paediatric endocrine conditions and their families in Hong Kong. I wish you well with this important endeavour.

Yours sincerely

Professor Geoffrey Ambler

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