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Dear Members of the Hong Kong College of Pediatricians,

I am pleased to support the development of the pediatric subspecialty of Endocrinology & Metabolism in Hong Kong. My background and responsibilities, that I will outline, allow me to evaluate and comment as an informed expert in the field. I am board certified in both Clinical Genetics and Clinical Biochemical Genetics by the American Board of Medical Genetics and am active in Maintenance of Certification. I am Director of the largest genetics and biochemical genetics fellowship program in the United States and am Vice Chair of the Residency Review Committee (RRC) for Medical Genetics and Medical Biochemical Genetics. In my time on the RRC I have revised the program requirements for the Medical Biochemical Genetics fellowship training and have participated in the development of Milestones for residents and fellows. I am also a Director of the American Board of Medical Genetics and serve as the Assistant Book Chief for the Biochemical Genetics certification examination.

I have reviewed the proposal for subspecialty training provided to me by Drs. But & Hui and find the syllabus and requirements for training programs to be thorough and of the highest standards. Additionally, I recently had the opportunity to work with Metabolic specialists in their clinics and participate in a symposium organized by the Hong Kong Society of Inborn Errors of Metabolism while I was a visiting professor at the Prince of Wales Hospital/Chinese University of Hong Kong in early January, 2013. I am convinced that the interest in this subspecialty in Hong Kong is sufficiently mature to justify the establishment of the training program. For these reasons, I fully and enthusiastically support the establishment of subspecialty training and certification for Pediatric Endocrinology & Metabolism in Hong Kong.

Sincerely,

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