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The President,
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REF: Subspecialty training programme on Paediatric Endocrinology and Metabolism (PEM).

I am writing this letter to strongly support the Subspecialty training programme on Paediatric Endocrinology and Metabolism (PEM) in Hong Kong which is being proposed. The Subspecialty training in paediatric endocrinology and metabolism will be a 3-year full time programme. The 3-year training programme on PEM will include at least 24 months of core clinical training and 6 months of elective (non-core) clinical training either in Endocrinology or Metabolism. The core clinical training will be a hospital-based training on paediatric endocrinology and metabolism. The time spent in endocrinology and metabolic diseases will be roughly 12 months each during this two-year training period.

There is an elective (non-core) clinical training period built into the programme and during this period trainees may take either the stream in endocrinology or metabolism. At least 6-12 months of training will be spent in a well-recognised tertiary overseas centre. 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 and/or metabolism may also be recognised as completion of training for up to a maximum of 6 months subject to approval by the Subspecialty Board.

The proposed Subspecialty training programme in PEM should provide excellent training and research experience for those trainees interested in this field. The proposed programme is broad and covers all aspects of PEM. 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.

Yours sincerely

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