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Message from the President

You may be aware that the next **Annual General Meeting** of the College will be held on Saturday, 22 November 2002. I sincerely hope that you will attend this meeting and the Admission Ceremony for new Fellows. Do join the Annual Dinner that follows with your spouse and enjoy an evening of leisure with your colleagues. I wish to inform you that I shall step down from the presidency of the College at the Annual General Meeting. It has been a special privilege and a valuable experience to me to be given the opportunity to serve you and the College in the past six years. I thank you sincerely for your advice, guidance and support given to the Council and me.

The College has recently received another **generous donation of \$900,000 from the Providence Foundation** for the purpose of conducting training programmes and review of the development of paediatric subspecialties in Hong Kong. Currently a task force appointed by the Council is studying the status of paediatric subspecialties. This timely donation will boost our colleagues' joint commitment in the development of subspecialties in Hong Kong and their application for accreditation by the College in the future. You may remember that in 2001 the College received \$3 millions donation from the Providence Foundation to establish the H.M. Lui Memorial Fund. I am pleased to inform you that the first H. M. Lui

Fellow, Dr. WANG Jian She from Shanghai, has successfully completed his training in paediatric hepatology at the Liver Institute of King's College Hospital, London. The nomination for H. M. Lui Fellowship for 2003/2004 is now open. Please do not miss the deadline of 31 October 2003.

The College has made **arrangements with two reputable travel agents**, viz. Swire Travel Limited and Farrington American Express Travel Services Limited to provide personalized services to our members at competitive prices. I understand that the discount they offer is among the highest that one can obtain. Members wishing to plan travel arrangements for yourselves or your families can contact the designated service teams of the travel agents by identifying yourselves as members of the College and give your full names and membership numbers.

I wish to remind you that the **First Asia-Pacific Regional Adolescent Health Congress** will be held in Hong Kong on 10 to 12 January 2004. This is the first congress of such nature held in the region and our College is proud to be an organizer of the congress. The theme is "Towards Healthy Adolescence: Intersectoral Collaboration". It has a rich and interesting programme. As the Chairman of the Steering Committee of this congress I look forward to welcoming you at the meeting.

12th Annual General Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the **12th Annual General Meeting** of Hong Kong College of Paediatricians will be held on Saturday, 22 November, 2003 commencing 6:45 p.m. at Lim Por Yen Lecture Theatre, Hong Kong Academy of Medicine Jockey Club Building, 99 Wong Chuk Hang Road, Aberdeen, Hong Kong.

Program is as follows:

6:45pm	Annual General Meeting
7:15pm	Admission of New Fellows Ceremony
7:45pm	Cocktail Reception
8:00pm	Annual Dinner

At the close of nomination, Prof. Fok Tai Fai was nominated as President, Prof. Low Chung Kai, Louis as Vice President, Dr. Wong Sik Nin as Honorary Secretary and Dr. Ko Wai Keung, Frederick as Honorary Treasurer for Year 2003-2006 while Prof. Leung Nai Kong will retire since President shall hold office for no more than two consecutive terms.

Fellows, Members and Associates are welcomed to attend the AGM and the Admission Ceremony for New Fellows commencing 6:45 p.m. Do also join the Annual Dinner with your spouse and enjoy an evening of leisure with your colleagues at only HK\$150 per person.

To show you support, kindly complete and return the attached Reply Form (**Appendix I**) to the College Secretary by fax at 27851850 on or before 22 October, 2003 for registration.

Remember, Hong Kong College of Paediatricians continuously needs your input, participation and support.

Guidelines on Interruption of Paediatric Training

At the recent Council Meeting, the following guidelines on the interruption of training by a trainee (be it continuous or discontinuous) proposed by the Accreditation Committee was approved. Fellows, Members and Associates should be familiar with these regulations.

Guidelines on Interruption of Paediatric Training

- i) Any one period of interruption should not be more than 12 weeks;
- ii) A maximum of 24 weeks of cumulative leave (leave other than the entitled statutory leave, annual leave and casual leave) would be allowed during the trainee's 6-year of training period, where not more than 12 weeks would be allowed during either the Basic or Higher Training period;
- iii) Only one period of continuous or cumulative 12-week leave would be allowed (other than the entitled statutory leave, annual leave and casual leave) during each of the 3-year Basic Training Programme or Higher Training Programme. Trainees taking leave more than that would be required to extend his/her training period to make up for the interruption in excess of 12 weeks during either Basic or Higher Training;
- iv) All trainees should fulfill the compulsory Basic Training modules, i.e. the 6-month Neonatology and the 6-month MCHC rotation training despite he/she being allowed to take a maximum of 12 weeks continuous leave;
- v) A declaration of any interruption of training should be made by the trainee on his/her application for Membership and Exit Assessment;
- vi) All trainees entering into Basic or Higher Training from 1st January 2004 should abide by these guidelines.

Examination Committee

MRCPCH Part I Written Examination—New Format

The new format MRCPCH Part I Written Examination will be introduced in January 2004. The Examination is now divided into two papers, Part IA and Part IB. The information on the new examination as disseminated by the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health are appended herewith for your information (**Appendix II**).

Diploma in Child Health Examination (DCH) 2004

The Hong Kong College of Paediatricians (HKCPaed) and the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health (RCPCH) will hold a Joint Diploma in Child Health Examination in Hong Kong in 2004, awarding DCH (HK) and DCH (International) to the successful candidates. Please refer to **Appendix III** for details.

Membership Committee

The following twenty-two trainees were approved for **Associateship**:

- 1) Dr. CHAN, Bosco
- 2) Dr. CHAN Chi-man
- 3) Dr. CHEN Hay-son, Robin
- 4) Dr. CHIK Kar-ki
- 5) Dr. CHONG Shuk-ching
- 6) Dr. CHOW Chin-pang
- 7) Dr. CHUA Shui-ching
- 8) Dr. FU Chun-ho
- 9) Dr. KOH, Carline
- 10) Dr. KU Tak-loi
- 11) Dr. LAM Hoi-yan
- 12) Dr. LEE Pak-ho
- 13) Dr. LEE Pui-wah, Pamela
- 14) Dr. LEE Wing-cheong
- 15) Dr. LIE Kin-fung
- 16) Dr. LO Pui-wan, Henny
- 17) Dr. LUK Ho-ming
- 18) Dr. TAN Ho-yin, Timothy
- 19) Dr. TSUNG Li-yan
- 20) Dr. WONG Man-yee

- 21) Dr. YANG Yee-kwan
- 22) Dr. YAU Man-mut

The following Associates were approved for elevation to **Membership** :

- 1) Dr. CHUNG Hon-yin, Brian
- 2) Dr. CHOW Chung-mo
- 3) Dr. HO Chi-hang, Assunta
- 4) Dr. TAM Ka-man, Carmen

The following Members who passed the Exit Assessment were approved for elevation to **Fellowship** and nomination for FHKAM (Paed):

- 1) Dr. CHAN Chun-wing
- 2) Dr. CHENG Yan-wah
- 3) Dr. CHOW Pak-cheong
- 4) Dr. CHOW Pok-yu, Michael
- 5) Dr. HON Kam-lun, Ellis
- 6) Dr. HUI Ning-tat, Hamilton
- 7) Dr. KWONG Kar-shun, Wilson
- 8) Dr. MAK Pui-yee, Pauline
- 9) Dr. WONG Kwok-wan, Wendy
- 10) Dr. WONG Siu-chun, Mabel
- 11) Dr. WU Chun-bun, Benny

The following was approved for transferal to Overseas Fellowship:

Dr. TANG Yin-ping

The following was approved for transferal to Overseas Membership:

Dr. LUI Kim-choi

H.M. Lui Memorial Fund

The College acknowledges with thanks another generous donation of \$900,000 from the Providence Foundation for conducting training programmes and review on the development of subspecialties in Hong Kong. The fund will be managed by the Board of Trustees of the H.M. Lui Memorial Fund. Details of the application of the fund will be announced shortly.

The first recipient of the H. M. Lui Fellowship, Dr. WANG Jian She from Shanghai, has successfully completed his training in paediatric hepatology at the Liver Institute of King's College Hospital, London. The nomination for

H. M. Lui Fellowship for 2003/2004 is now open. The deadline of nomination is 31 October 2003.

Hong Kong College of Paediatricians Foundation Cambodia Mission Trip 29 September – 4 October, 2003

At the close of deadline, there were a total of seven doctors participating in this project, namely:

Dr. Cheng Ling Ling
Dr. Ko Wai Keung, Frederick
Dr. Lee Kay Man, Karen
Dr. Shek Chi Chiu
Dr. Tong Pak Chiu
Dr. Wan, Helene
Dr. Yau Fai To, Adrian

Fees involved were HK\$5,300 for each person. The participants from HK delivered talks and seminars at the Municipal Health Department, Phnom Penh on the subject “Paediatric Emergencies” and “Common Paediatric Problems”. They also visited the National Paediatric Hospital and two local orphanages. A mobile clinic and a simple laboratory (donated by Hong Kong College of Paediatricians Foundation) were set up in three poor areas to provide free consultation to more than 100 Cambodian citizens per visit. At the

same time, usage of the medical instruments was demonstrated. Besides medical mission, all doctors visited the famous Killing Field in Phnom Penh and also had a 1-day tour to Angkor Wat before returning to Hong Kong. Since this trip was a pioneer for our Paediatricians and considered very meaningful, Hong Kong College of Paediatricians Foundation has decided to organize it again next year.

Overall, the trip was very successful and meaningful to all participants even though it was tough. Our colleagues are encouraged to join the Cambodia Mission Trip next year to experience what we have experienced.

Special Arrangements with Travel Agents

The College has made arrangements with two reputable travel agents, viz. Swire Travel Limited and Farrington American Express Travel Services Limited to provide personalised services to our members at competitive prices. Members wishing to plan travel arrangements for yourselves or your families can contact the designated service teams of the travel agents by identifying yourselves as members of the College and give your full names and membership numbers. Please refer to **Appendix IV** for details.

CME Category A Activities

Listed below are CME Category A activities organized by the HKCPaed and various paediatric societies and institutions. For the complete list of Category A activities and Category B activities, please refer to the homepage of the HKCPaed.

The accuracy of the information has been checked according to the details submitted by the responsible organizers. *Members and fellows are reminded to enquire the contact person listed below for last-minute alterations.*

October 2003	
8th Oct (Wed) CME Cat. A 2 pts	<p>Topic: 1. Role of transplant coordinator in organ donation 2. Case presentation</p> <p>Venue: Room 604 Block G Princess Margaret Hospital</p> <p>Time: 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm</p> <p>Speakers: 1. Mr PC Chan 2. Dr Winnie Chan</p> <p>Organizer: HK Paediatric Nephrology Society</p> <p>Enquiry: Dr Lai Wai Ming, Tel: 29903757</p>
11th-12th Oct (Sat-Sun) CME Cat A Max 6 pts	<p>Topic: Annual Scientific Meeting – Back to Basics</p> <p>Venue: HK Academy of Medicine Jockey Club Building</p> <p>Organizers: HK College of Physicians & HK College of Paediatricians</p> <p>Enquiry: Ms Gloria Ng, Tel: 28718836</p>
13th Oct (Mon) CME Cat A 2 pts	<p>Topic: 1. A young gentleman who cannot walk 2. Macrophage activation syndrome in a patient with autoimmune disease</p> <p>Venue: Room 3, Block M, G/F, Queen Elizabeth Hospital</p> <p>Time: 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm</p> <p>Speakers: 1. Dr SP Wu 2. Dr SC Ling</p> <p>Organizer: HK Paediatric Haematology & Oncology Study Group</p> <p>Enquiry: Dr PW Yau, Tel: 29586741</p>
18th Oct (Sat) CME Cat A 3 pts	<p>Topic: Update Series on Child Health 2003 – session II 1. SARS in Hong Kong children 2. Mental health and a major disaster</p> <p>Venue: Ballroom, 3/F, Sheraton Hotel</p> <p>Time: 2:30 pm – 5:00 pm</p> <p>Speakers: 1. Dr Leung Chi Wai 2. Dr Luk Siu Luen Ernest</p> <p>Organizer: HK Paediatric Society</p> <p>Enquiry: Dr KC Ma, Tel: 26322851</p>

19th Oct (Sun) CME Cat A 1 pt	Topic: SARS – the story, the evidence and the riddle Venue: Grappas (Restaurant at Jardine House) Time: 5:45 pm – 6:45 pm Speaker: Dr William Wong Organizer: HK Paediatric Society Enquiry: Dr Becky Chiu, Tel: 73286883
25th Oct (Sat) CME Cat A 3 pts	Topic: Rehabilitation Scientific Conference 2003, Hong Kong West Cluster Venue: Lecture Theatre, Faculty of Medicine Building, 21 Sassoon Road Time: 8:50 am – 1:00 pm Organizer: Department of Paediatrics, The Duchess of Kent Children's Hospital at Sandy Bay Enquiry: Dr Winnie Goh, Tel: 29740277
25th Oct (Sat) CME Cat A 3 pts	Topic: Medicolegal Topics in Perinatology Venue: Grand Ballroom, 3/F, Sheraton Hotel Time: 1:45 pm – 5:00 pm Speakers: Drs Robert CL Law, Lawrence CH Tang, Ms LF Ho, Prof TF Fok, Dr David Kan Organizer: HK Society of Neonatal Medicine Enquiry: Ms Anita Liu, Tel: 25106331
26th Oct (Sun) CME Cat A Max 6 pts	Topic: Sixth Annual Scientific Meeting Venue: Sheraton Hotel Time: 9:00 am – 12:30 pm; 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm Organizer: HK Society of Paediatric Respiriology Enquiry: Ms Sandy Chung, Tel: 28213519
30th Oct (Thu) CME Cat A 1 pt	Topic: Education Programme for Management of Disabled Children Venue: Room 01, Multicentre Block B, Pamela Youde Nethersole Eastern Hospital Time: 4:30 pm – 5:30 pm Organizer: Comprehensive Paediatric Rehabilitation Centre, PYNEH Enquiry: Ms Suki Tsang, Tel: 25956860
31st Oct (Fri) CME Cat A 1 pt	Topic: Clinical Pathology Conference – A Child with Multiple Infections Venue: Auditorium, G/F, Tseung Kwan O Hospital Time: 12:45 pm – 2:00 pm Organizer: Tseung Kwan O Hospital Enquiry: Dr Wong Tak Cheung, Tel: 22080588

November 2003	
8th Nov (Sat) CME Cat A 3 pts	<p>Topic: Hong Kong Thalassaemia Conference 2003</p> <p>Venue: Lecture Theatre 3, G/F, Academic & Administrative Block, Faculty of Medicine, 21 Sassoon Road</p> <p>Time: 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm</p> <p>Speakers: Drs Edmond Ma, SY Ha, Prof John B Porter</p> <p>Organizer: HK Children's Thalassaemia Foundation & Department of Paediatrics & Adolescent Medicine, the University of Hong Kong</p> <p>Enquiry: Ms Olive Yu, Tel: 28554091</p>
11th Nov (Tue) CME Cat A 2 pts	<p>Topic: Pamela Youde Nethersole Eastern Hospital & Stanford University School of Medicine Medical Teleconference Programme – Topics in Neonatology</p> <p>Venue: Lecture Theatre, Multicentre Block B, Pamela Youde Nethersole Eastern Hospital</p> <p>Time: 7:30 am – 9:30 am</p> <p>Organizer: Department of Paediatrics & Adolescent Medicine, Pamela Youde Nethersole Eastern Hospital</p> <p>Enquiry: Ms Erica Chung, Tel: 25956410</p>
15 Nov (Sat) CME Cat A 3 pts	<p>Topic: Update Series on Child Health 2003 – Session III</p> <p>1. Common eye problems in children</p> <p>2. Attention deficit and hyperactivity in children and adults</p> <p>Venue: Ballroom, 3/F, Sheraton Hotel</p> <p>Time: 2:30 pm – 5:00 pm</p> <p>Speakers: 3. Dr Barbara Tam 4. Dr Wong Yuk Chun Eunice</p> <p>Organizer: HK Paediatric Society</p> <p>Enquiry: Dr KC Ma, Tel: 26322851</p>
17th Nov (Mon) CME Cat A 2 pts	<p>Topic: 1. Treating obesity in children/adolescents and sharing of research findings</p> <p>2. A 3-year-old girl with abdominal distention and bizarre eating habit</p> <p>Venue: Lecture Theatre, Block A, G/F, Queen Elizabeth Hospital</p> <p>Time: 7:30 pm – 9:30 pm</p> <p>Speakers: 1. Ms Geraldine Ng 2. Dr Yiu Wai Lim</p> <p>Organizer: HK Society of Paediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology & Nutrition</p> <p>Enquiry: Dr Leung Ying Kit, Tel: 27710698</p>

19th Nov (Wed)	Topic: Recent Advances in Prenatal Diagnosis Venue: M Ground Lecture Theatre, Queen Elizabeth Hospital Time: 7:30 pm – 9:30 pm Speaker: Prof Lau Tse Kin
CME Cat A 2 pts	Organizer: HK Paediatric Society Enquiry: Ms Sarah Wong, Tel: 25998871

27th Nov (Thu)	Topic: Meeting of Inborn Error of Metabolism – Kowloon West Clusters Venue: Room 10, 2/F., Block G, Princess Margaret Hospital Time: 3:30 pm – 5:00 pm Organizer: Department of Paediatrics & Department of Pathology, Princess Margaret Hospital; Clinical Genetics Services, Department of Health
CME Cat A 2 pts	Enquiry: Dr Lee Shing Yan, Tel: 29901111

December 2003

6th Dec (Sat)	Topic: Update Series on Child Health 2003 – Session IV 1. Recent advances in medical genetics 2. Childhood diabetes Venue: Ballroom, 3/F, Sheraton Hotel Time: 2:30 pm – 5:00 pm Speakers: 5. Dr Lam Tak Sum Stephen 6. Dr Elaine Kwan
CME Cat A 3 pts	Organizer: HK Paediatric Society Enquiry: Dr KC Ma, Tel: 26322851

Reply Slip for the 12th Annual General Meeting
22nd November, 2003 (Saturday)

12th Annual General Meeting at 6:45 p.m.
Admission of New Fellows at 7:15 p.m.
Cocktail at 7:45 p.m.
Dinner at 8:00 p.m.

Lim Por Yen Lecture Theatre, G/F and Run Run Shaw Hall, 1/F,
The HK Academy of Medicine Jockey Club Building,
99 Wong Chuk Hang Road, Aberdeen, Hong Kong

REPLY

I will / will not* attend AGM / Admission of New Fellows

I / and my spouse will / will not* attend dinner (\$150 per person)

Enclosed is a cheque (No. _____) of \$150 / \$300 for dinner
(Payable to "*Hong Kong College of Paediatricians*")

Name _____ (Fellow/ Member/ Associate)*

Name of Spouse _____

Address _____

Tel & Fax _____ Date _____

(Please note: Parking space will be provided on a first come first serve basis)

* *delete as appropriate*

Please return to Professor LOW Chung-Kai, Louis, Honorary Secretary, c/o Rm. 808, HKAM Jockey Club Bldg., 99 Wong Chuk Hang Road, Aberdeen, Hong Kong **before 22 October, 2003.**



Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health

Changes to MRCPCH Part One examination

FROM FIRST EXAMINATION OF 2004

- TWO – PAPER PART ONE EXAMINATION
- END OF EIGHTEEN MONTH ENTRY REQUIREMENT
- SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF PAPER ONE A ALLOWS UP TO THREE ATTEMPTS AT DCH CLINICAL

From the first examination in 2004, to be held Wednesday 21st January, the MRCPCH Part One examination will consist of two papers.

Paper One A (Basic Child Health) will focus on the areas of child health that are relevant to those who will be working with children in their medical careers, not just those entering mainstream hospital-based paediatrics. The areas to be tested will be those conditions likely to be seen in 6 to 12 months of hospital, community or primary care practice.

Paper One B (Extended Paediatrics) will focus on the more complex paediatric problem-solving skills not tested in Paper One A, and on the scientific knowledge underpinning paediatrics. This is equivalent to the current MRCPCH Part One paper.

The regulations for entry have been relaxed to allow candidates to enter the examination upon completion of their primary medical degree. The previous regulation asking for a period of at least eighteen months since the date of graduation has been discontinued.

Both papers will be held on the same day, Paper One A in the morning and One B in the afternoon. Candidates can choose to enter both papers on the same day or to enter only one and attempt the remaining paper at a later date.

UK Timetable	Paper One A:	10.00 – 12.30
	Lunch	12.30 – 13.30
	Paper One B:	13.30 – 16.00

Candidates for MRCPCH must successfully complete both Paper One A and One B before being allowed to enter MRCPCH Part Two. A candidate who, for example, successfully completes Paper One A but who fails Paper One B will only be required to re-enter Paper One B at subsequent sittings.

Candidates will have a period of seven years within which to complete all sections of the MRCPCH, the seven-year period will commence upon successful completion of Paper One B.

Paper One A (Basic Child Health) will replace the current Diploma in Child Health (DCH) written papers. Successful completion of this examination will entitle the candidate to up to three attempts at the DCH Clinical examination before being required to re-enter the written examination.

Both written papers will be 2½ hours in duration and consist of between:

40-45	Multiple true-false questions	worth 5 marks each (1 per item)
17-20	Best of five questions	worth 4 marks each
7-9	Extended matching questions (EMQ)	worth 9 marks each (3 per item)

Multiple true-false questions are most useful when testing knowledge when there is an absolute Yes/No answer.

They can cover several aspects of a topic, including pathogenesis, clinical signs, genetics and treatment.

e.g. “The following statements about X condition are true”

Alternatively they might test whether a candidate has true knowledge of a fact or thinks that something similar (but wrong) sounds vaguely familiar.

e.g. “Characteristic features of X condition include”

Best of Five questions are used to test judgement and experience. A simple statement or short clinical scenario leads in to five options. All could be possible but only one is completely or the most correct. The candidate has to choose the best option and is prevented from regurgitating lists learned in the library.

They should only cover one aspect of the topic so suitable stems might be:

“The most likely diagnosis is”

“The most useful investigation would be”

“The next best step would be”

“The best advice to give to the parent is”

“The pathogenesis of this condition is best described as”

“The commonest cause of this condition is”

Extended matching questions (EMQs) are used in much the same way as Best of Five questions. In this case a list of 10 possible answers is offered with three statements or clinical scenarios.

The candidate chooses the best option from the introductory list. Again, all could be possible but only one is completely or the most correct.

EMQs are often accompanied by laboratory results or clinical pictures that are similar but with key differences.

They should only cover one aspect of the topic so suitable questions might be:

“For each of the following case scenarios select the most likely diagnosis from the list above”

“For each of the following case scenarios select the investigation most likely to give a definitive diagnosis from the list above”

“For each of the following scenarios select the most appropriate action from the list above”

The pass mark for each examination will be calculated with reference to the predicted difficulty of each question. Grades will be assigned to each item depending on how vital the subject is for a candidate to know as well as the expected competence of a borderline candidate at that stage of their career.

Appropriateness is graded	E = Essential	Difficulty is graded	1 = very difficult
	I = Interesting		2 = quite difficult
	A = Acceptable		3 = easy

More information on the changes to MRCPCH Part One will be published on the website of Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health (<http://www.rcpch.ac.uk>) in the coming months. Please check for regular updates.

Diploma in Child Health Examination (DCH) 2004

The Hong Kong College of Paediatricians (HKCPaed) and the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health (RCPCH) will hold a Joint Diploma in Child Health Examination in Hong Kong in 2004, awarding DCH (HK) and DCH (International) to the successful candidates.

The Examination will be divided into two parts, Written and Clinical. As from January 2004, the Membership of the RCPCH (MRCPCH) Part 1 Examination will consist of two papers - Part 1A and Part 1B. **The Paper 1A (Basic Child Health) will replace the current Diploma in Child Health (DCH) written papers.** Successful completion of the Part 1A Examination will entitle the candidate to up to three attempts at the DCH Clinical Examination before being required to re-enter the written examination.

The MRCPCH Part 1A (& 1B) Examination will be held in Hong Kong on **Wednesday, 21st January 2004**. The examination fee for the MRCPCH Part 1A Examination is HK\$2,800.

Candidates who wish to enter the MRCPCH Part 1A Examination must hold a registrable medical qualification in Hong Kong.

Application: Candidates who wish to sit the examination in Hong Kong **MUST** apply through the Hong Kong College of Paediatricians (HKCPaed). Application forms and examination regulation booklets are obtainable from the following address: Hong Kong College of Paediatricians Room 808, Hong Kong Academy of Medicine Jockey Club Building, 99 Wong Chuk Hang Road, Hong Kong (Tel: 2871 8871; Fax: 2785 1850). Alternatively, candidates can access the RCPCH website at <http://www.rcpch.ac.uk> to obtain information and download the enrolment forms under the section on "Publications" followed by "Examinations documents".

Completed application forms should be returned to the HKCPaed at the above address with the required examination fee in the form of a crossed cheque made payable to: ***Hong Kong College of Paediatricians***. The HKCPaed reserves the right to admission for the examination and priority will be given to candidates taking both the Part 1A and 1B examinations. Another MRCPCH Part 1A and 1B examination will be held on 5th May 2004.

Please note the Joint DCH Clinical Examination is expected to be held in Hong Kong in mid-October 2004. This Clinical Examination is open to registered medical practitioners in Hong Kong but there will be a limit to the number of entries. Candidates should have at least 6 months of Paediatric practice (resident medical officer or intern) in a recognized institution with acute hospital admissions. Applicants who were externs need to provide evidence of regular on-call duties during their externship training in a recognized training institution. Further details on the Clinical Examination will be announced at a later date.

Deadline for application: 20th October 2003 (to allow processing time to meet the U.K. closing date of 3rd November 2003)

