

Post-meeting Notes – 9th Task Force Meeting, 23 June 2004

Prof. L. Low had a long discussion with Prof. G. Tang and Mr. E. Wan and he was advised not to table any formal questions to the Academy Education Committee. The following comments are based on summary of the discussion.

- 1) Retrospective accreditation of subspecialty training using the 6-year of good independent practice rule (twice the duration of the formal subspecialty training programme) would only be applicable to the admission of First Fellows.
- 2) After the start of admission of trainees into a new subspecialty training programme (cut-off date for admission of First Fellow), all subsequent applicants to become Fellow in that subspecialty must have undergone (a) an accredited 3-year full-time training programme in an accredited local institution; or (b) a 3-year full-time training programme in an overseas institution which has been assessed by our College to be comparable in standard to our local training programme.
- 3) No additional or remedial training would be possible for trainees in a subspecialty who could not fulfill the criteria to be admitted as First Fellow by the cut-off date. This had been the Academy ruling for the HK College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (**Appendix I**).
- 4) Although the 6-year good independent practice rule for admission as First Fellow in a new subspecialty has been suggested by the Academy Guidelines for the Admission of First Fellows (**Appendix II**), the Academy Education Committee holds the view that individual Colleges will still have the final say in how First Fellows are accredited. Whether formal full-time training in local or overseas institutions would be accredited in full or in part is up to the Colleges to decide (the College should set the standard which will normally be respected and accepted by the Academy Education Committee). The Academy had accepted the proposal of the College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists in admitting First Fellows who had undergone three to six years of training if they fulfill certain accreditation criteria (**Appendix III**).

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