HONG KONG COLLEGE OF PAEDIATRICIANS

Date: 15th July 2014

To: All COSs and Training Supervisors, Dept of Paediatrics, HA Hospitals
Clinical Genetic Service
Child Assessment Service
Maternal and Child Health Centres
All Associates, Hong Kong College of Paediatricians

Examination Committee Circular No.5-2014
MRCPCH Foundation of Practice & Theory and Science Examination, 7 October 2014

The MRCPCH Foundation of Practice & Theory and Science (formerly known as Part I) Examination will be held in Hong Kong in October 2014. Application details for entry to the above examination are as follows:

1. Examination Date: 7 October 2014 (Tuesday)

2. Examination Fee:

HK$7,250 (both papers)	Foundation of Practice AND Theory & Science	(Part IA & IB)
HK$4,500 (single paper)	Foundation of Practice only	(Part IA) (DCH written)
HK$4,500 (single paper)	Theory & Science only	(Part IB)

3. Entry Requirements

Candidates who wish to enter the examination must hold a recognized medical qualification.

The Hong Kong College of Paediatricians reserves the right to admission for the examination and priority will be given to candidates taking both the Foundation of Practice and Theory & Science (Part IA and IB) examinations.

4. Application

a) From November 2013 onwards, all candidates **must apply** for MRCPCH written examinations **online** using the RCPCH website via the **member sign in** area https://www.rcpch.ac.uk/user. In order to access the online application form, you need to be a registered user. If you do not have an RCPCH online account, you will be required to create one using the following link:
https://www.rcpch.ac.uk/user/signup

The application period in HK will be the same as that in the UK. All candidates must adhere to the set application dates and times. Applications for all exams will open at 9.00am UK local time on the first day of the advertised application period and close at 4.30pm UK local time on the last day.

Online applications cannot be submitted before or after the published deadlines. If you

miss the deadline for any examination online application period, you will need to wait for the next exam.

Please note that your application is NOT confirmed until payment of examination fees is received in Hong Kong.

b) **Opening Date**: 21 July 2014 (Monday)

c) **Closing Date**: 8 August 2014 (Friday)

d) Candidates who wish to sit the examination in Hong Kong **MUST ALSO** apply through the Hong Kong College of Paediatricians by **completing Form B** (Application for entry to the MRCPCH Foundation of Practice & Theory and Science Examinations - Overseas Centres) and indicating which paper(s) you intend to sit.

e) Application Form B and Notes for completing Form B can be downloaded from our College website:
http://www.paediatrician.org.hk/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=46&Itemid=47

Application forms are also obtainable in person or by sending in a HK$2.2 stamped self-addressed envelope to the College at Room 801, Hong Kong Academy of Medicine Jockey Club Building, 99 Wong Chuk Hang Road, Aberdeen, Hong Kong.

Examinations handbooks for MRCPCH examinations are also available on the RCPCH website: www.rcpch.ac.uk.

5. Completing and returning of application forms

a) Both first time applicants and re-entrants are required to complete “Form B-Application for entry to the MRCPCH Foundation of Practice & Theory and Science Examinations - Overseas Centres”

b) It is required that candidates’ name should appear on the application forms exactly as they are on their diplomas in order and spelling.

c) Re-entering candidates should fill in the correct Code Number on the application forms.

d) Supporting Documents

Candidates who are entering the examination for the first time must submit certified true copies of the current annual practicing certificates and the certificates / diplomas of their medical qualifications and / or official translations authenticated by one of the following:

i. Chief of Service of your hospital with hospital chop and signature
ii. The issuing University or Medical School
iii. The District Office of Home Affairs Department
iv. A practicing solicitor
v. A British Consulate or British Consul
vi. The candidate’s own Embassy or High Commission in the United Kingdom

e) Completed application forms together with certified true copies of the candidate’s diploma of primary medical qualification and the current annual practicing certificate and the examination fee should reach the College Secretariat **not later than 8 August 2014.** Applications received

after the closing date will not be accepted.

6. Method of Payment

The following examination fees should be paid by cheques payable to "**Hong Kong College of Paediatricians**." The examination fees in GB Pounds listed in Form B are not applicable in Hong Kong.

HK$7,250 **(in one cheque)**	Both papers Foundation of Practice and Theory & Science	(Part IA and Part IB)
HK$4,500	Single paper Foundation of Practice only	(Part IA) (DCH written)
HK$4,500	Single paper Theory & Science only	(Part IB)

7. Withdrawal / Refund

a) Candidates who notify the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health in writing of their intentions to withdraw from the examination on or before 25 August 2014 may be eligible for a 90% refund of the examination fee, depending upon the circumstances and at the discretion of the Examination Committee.

b) Please forward a copy of the withdrawal letter to Hong Kong College of Paediatricians for reference and refund. Those who withdraw after 25 August 2014 or who are absent from the examination will not receive a refund except in exceptional circumstances subject to the discretion of the Examination Committee.

8. Examination Details

a) **Examination Time**: 3:00 pm to 5:30 pm (Foundation of Practice)
7:00 pm to 9:30 pm (Theory & Science)

b) **Examination Venue**: Hong Kong Academy of Medicine Jockey Club Building, 99 Wong Chuk Hang Road, Aberdeen, Hong Kong. (The exact location is to be announced)

c) **Admission documents** detailing the examination time and venue will be sent to candidates via email directly from the RCPCH 3 – 4 weeks before the date of the examination. Candidate should ensure that his/her email address as appeared on the Application Form is clear and correct.

9. Enquires: please call 28718871 or email to enquiry@paediatrician.org.hk

Candidates can also access the RCPCH website at http://www.rcpch.ac.uk for further information on the examination.

College Secretariat
Hong Kong College of Paediatricians

cc: *Dr HB Bill Chan, Chairman, Examination Committee*
Director of Health (Attn: Staff Training Unit), 17/F, Wu Chung House, 213 Queen's Road East, Wanchai, HK

Information for candidates intending to take the Diploma of Child Health (DCH) Examination

The DCH Examination is divided into two parts, written and clinical. The DCH written examination is the same as the MRCPCH Foundation of Practice (formerly known as MRCPCH Part IA). It is expected that the Hong Kong College of Paediatricians and the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health will hold a Clinical Examination for the Joint Diploma in Child Health in Hong Kong in **October 2014.** This Clinical Examination is open to registered medical practitioners in Hong Kong but there will be a limit to the number of entries. Candidates who have successfully passed the written component (MRCPCH Part IA before February 2013 or Foundation of Practice after February 2013), and have at least 6 months of Paediatric practice (resident medical officer or intern) in a recognized institution with acute hospital admissions are eligible to apply, provided that the 7 year period since passing the written component has not expired. In addition, candidates who passed the Part IA examination in May 2005 or thereafter should have the 6 months of Paediatric practice as stated above completed within 5 years prior to the date of the DCH clinical examination. Further details on the clinical examination will be announced at a later date.

Important Notice

Clinical Examination format for DCH from April 2011

Details of the DCH Clinical Examination format and other relevant information can be viewed on the RCPCH website at:
http://www.rcpch.ac.uk/training-examinations-professional-development/assessment-and-examinations/examinations/clinical-e-3