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Professor PC Ng President Hong Kong College of Paediatricians Hong Kong Academy of Medicine Hong Kong

Dear Professor Ng,

I am pleased to send this letter of support to the proposed outline of a fellowship program in Paediatric Respiratory Medicine (PRM) as a subspecialty in Hong Kong.

I have been visiting Hong Kong since 2002 as a Visiting Professor and guest speaker of various meetings. I was asked to advise on development plans for a subspecialty since my visit in 2004. In 2008 I served as a formal consultant, I also formally visited a number of the medical centers that were interested in offering training in Pediatric Pulmonology. It was clear that there was much variability between the centers and careful and thoughtful planning was needed to bridge over this lack of uniformity. Concluding my visit in 2008 I participated in a formal meeting of The Hong Kong Academy of Medicine to testify on the justification of starting such a subspecialty in Hong Kong.

I carefully reviewed the detailed 10-element proposal crafted by the committee in charge, and offered a number of modifications, which were incorporated in the final proposal.

I think the proposal in its current format is a intelligently crafted document that addresses the realities in Hong Kong and offers a good working paradigm to start the subspecialty of Paediatric Respiratory Medicine in Hong Kong.

I congratulate the committee on its meticulous and thoughtful document and fully endorse it in its current format.

Sincerely,

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