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To: All Chinese medicine practitioners associations and registered Chinese medicine practitioners

Dear Sir / Madam,

Publication of the Expiry Dates of the Practising Certificates for Registered Chinese Medicine Practitioners

Under the Chinese Medicine Ordinance (“the Ordinance”), registered Chinese medicine practitioners (“CMPs”) shall hold a valid practising certificate to practise Chinese medicine in Hong Kong. Registered CMPs shall also display their practising certificates at a conspicuous place in their clinics in accordance with the “Code of Professional Conduct for Registered Chinese Medicine Practitioners in Hong Kong”. If registered CMPs practise Chinese medicine without valid practising certificates for a period exceeding six months, the Chinese Medicine Practitioners Board (“the CMPB”) may order removal from the Register the name of those registered CMPs under the Ordinance. Apart from the list of registered CMPs published in the Gazette by the Registrar every November, the public can also refer to the list of registered CMPs on the website of the Chinese Medicine Council of Hong Kong (“the CMCHK”) for the latest information at the time being. However, the lists of registered CMPs in the Gazette and on the CMCHK’s website do not set out the expiry dates of the practising certificates for registered CMPs presently, and the public therefore cannot check whether the registered CMPs whom they are consulting are holders of a valid practising certificate from these sources.

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Communications to be addressed to the Secretary

The CMPB had received reports that individual registered CMPs still practised Chinese medicine even after their practising certificates had expired. With a view to safeguarding public interests, the CMPB has held discussions on the publication of the expiry dates of the practising certificates for registered CMPs, and subsequently decided to include the aforementioned expiry dates in the list of registered CMPs on the CMCHK's website with effect from **1 November 2018**.

As it takes time to process applications for the renewal of practising certificates, the CMPB hereby appeals to all registered CMPs to follow the written reminders issued by the CMCHK and submit their renewal applications at least six weeks before the expiry of their practising certificates to ensure timely update of the relevant expiry dates on the CMCHK's website.

For enquiries, please contact Mr Elton CHUNG, Assistant Secretary of the CMCHK, at 2121 1854.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Dennis Chiu', written in a cursive style.

(Dennis CHIU)

Secretary of

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