Dear Fellows,

With the rapid development of the novel coronavirus outbreak in recent weeks, I am aware that all of you as well as other healthcare professionals are facing tremendous pressure and increased workload.

The normal working day will resume tomorrow and you will assume even greater responsibilities. I would like to take this opportunity to express my respect and appreciation for your dedication and professionalism in serving patients in a selfless manner. At this difficult time, the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine will continue to fulfil our statutory duties in providing training and maintaining standards of the practice of medicine in Hong Kong.

As doctors, we must remember that we are in a position of trust and that we must care for all patients professionally, humanely and ethically to the best of our abilities. Solidarity within our profession and with other healthcare sectors has never been more important and needed. Let’s embrace our fundamental values in serving the public and work together to overcome the challenges.

The Academy will urge the Government to take further steps to limit the possible import of the novel coronavirus to Hong Kong, and to provide sufficient supportive measures for healthcare personnel.

Take care and be vigilant.

Your sincerely,
Professor CS Lau
President
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