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## **Press Release**

### **Hong Kong Academy of Medicine Welcomes the Government's Budget Proposal to Increase Resources in Specialist Training**

(Hong Kong, 28 February 2018) – The Hong Kong Academy of Medicine (the “Academy”) welcomes the Government’s proposal to increase its expenditure on healthcare services, particularly in manpower training and dental services, as announced in the 2018-19 Budget by the Financial Secretary. The Academy is pleased that the Government will allocate additional resources to enhance specialist and higher clinical training addressing the Academy’s earlier pledge to the Government on this matter.

The Academy, as the statutory organisation responsible for training and accreditation of medical specialists in Hong Kong, will continue to follow up with the Government and the Hospital Authority to implement the relevant plans. Through the additional resources, the Academy hopes to drive the following proposals:

1. The Academy looks forward to the Government’s steering to conduct a longitudinal survey to determine and monitor the training and service manpower needs of different medical and dental specialties in Hong Kong.
2. The Academy hopes to further expand and reinforce the high standard of specialist training locally, including enhancement of training and assessment systems for the Academy’s 15 specialty Colleges, as well as engagement of medical educationists to strengthen the train-the-trainer programme to improve the quality of training of future specialists for Hong Kong.
3. The Academy will also explore the feasibility to collaborate further with the Hospital Authority and other relevant organisations to foster simulation-based learning in cross-disciplinary training and to arouse the awareness of disaster preparedness.
4. The Academy has always attached importance to medical professionalism and ethics. We hope to gain support through the increased resources to develop related training programmes so as to strengthen the doctor-patient relationship and enhance professionalism.

We will continue to collaborate with the Government and the medical profession, and contribute our suggestions on different issues about the healthcare development, with a view to upgrading the standard and quality of healthcare services in Hong Kong.

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### **About Hong Kong Academy of Medicine**

Established in 1993, the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine (the “Academy”) is an independent institution with statutory power to organise, monitor, assess and accredit all medical and dental specialist training and oversee the provision of continuing medical education and continuous professional development in the territory. Within 15 constituent Colleges, there are now 67 specialties and subspecialties, with more than 7,500 Academy Fellows who are eligible for registration in the Specialist Register of the Medical Council of Hong Kong or Dental Council of Hong Kong.

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