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Dear Fellows, Members and Trainees

Arrangement for examinations and CME owing to COVID-19

In the last few months, Hong Kong has faced unprecedented challenges with the COVID-19. This time it has created more difficulties than SARS back in 2003.

The COVID-19 affects all sectors of the society and the medical communities. And the physicians are always on the frontline of the battlefield as more of these patients will go through our isolation wards or general medical wards or intensive care units, in different stages of the patients' illnesses.

The College would like to give praise to all our trainees, members and Fellows in both the public and private sectors to join hand in hand in combating this potentially life-threatening infection.

The COVID-19 pandemic has affected our College's examinations. The PACES examination of the March and July 2020 diets have been cancelled. We are now working towards the October PACES. The College will make the most optimal arrangement to address the need for our trainees. The March and July Part II (Written) examinations for this year are also cancelled by the UK Office. Once again, we will try our best to cater for more candidates in the coming October diet. For MRCP Part I examination in September 2020 diet, at the moment, this will run as scheduled.

For our Exit Assessment for all HPTs of AIM and all Specialties, the College has made the decision to go ahead in the next few months, making adjustments for dissertation submissions, and will not delay the time as much as possible that our HPTs to sit in the Fellowship examination.

For the CME of our College Fellows, we have decided to waive the minimum



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requirement of 10 CME Points for this year. It so happens this year is the start of our CME cycle and there will be 3 years ahead. The College also approved to accredit CME for meetings organised by video conferencing.

The College is very much aware of the anxiety of our trainees about the examination dates. Please be reassured that the College will try our very best to make up for all the subsequent examination quota and slots in order to reduce the impact on our trainees and members to a minimum. Please let me and any of the council members know what your needs are that the College can help.

Thank you for all your hard work during this challenging period of Hong Kong and the College will be with you together to overcome this crisis.

Yours sincerely

Philip Li

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