

19th October 2015

Dear Pharmacists,

Public Consultation on Proposal for Establishing a Pharmacy Council for Hong Kong

In the past six months since the rationale, possible functions, and potential impact of establishing the HK Pharmacy Council (HKPC) were discussed at the final Plenary Session of the 2015 Hong Kong Pharmacy Conference, the Task Force held several meetings to refine the draft proposal in response to the many thoughtful suggestions and comments. Their effort has led to a "Draft document on Framework of the Future Pharmacy Council", which will be the subject of the forthcoming public consultation forum.

I would be grateful if you would attend the open forum and air your opinion on three aspects of the proposed council: functions, composition, and the continuing pharmacy development requirement of non-specialist pharmacists. Details of the forum are as follows:

Date: 10 November 2015

Time: 7:00 TO 9:00 p.m.


Venue: 3/F, 38, Nelson Street, Mongkok

(香港遊樂場協會, 旺角奶路臣街 38 號 3 樓. E2 exit at the Mongkok MTR Station)

For the purpose of ordering snacks and refreshments, please register by sending an email to: christie.chan@mims.com with your name, email address, and work sector (i.e., community pharmacy, pharmaceutical company (wholesaler), pharmaceutical manufacturer, hospital authority, private hospital, government, academic institution, other private institution). You can also call Ms. Christie Chan at 2155 8557 for information. Reservation will be on a first come first serve basis. **Please register before 2nd November 2015 and feel free to encourage your pharmacist colleagues to attend the forum as well.**

I look forward to your participation at the forum.

Sincerely,



Prof. Vincent H.L. Lee

Chairman

Task Force on Preparation of a Proposal

for Establishing a Pharmacy Council in Hong Kong

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**Executive Summary for
Public Consultation**



Background

20 Nov 2014

- Review local and overseas examples of professional councils
- Potential functions of the Pharmacy Council

17 Dec 2014

- Framework of the future Pharmacy Council

29 Mar 2015

- HK Pharmacy Conference 2015 Plenary Session

Apr – Oct 2015

- Task Force Meetings
- Draft Document on Framework of the future Pharmacy Council

Nov – Dec 2015

- Public Consultations

Public Consultation

- ▶ Date: 10 November 2015 (Tue)
- ▶ Time: 7:00pm – 9:00pm
- ▶ Venue: Hong Kong Playground Association
(香港遊樂場協會)
3/F, 38, Nelson Street, Mongkok

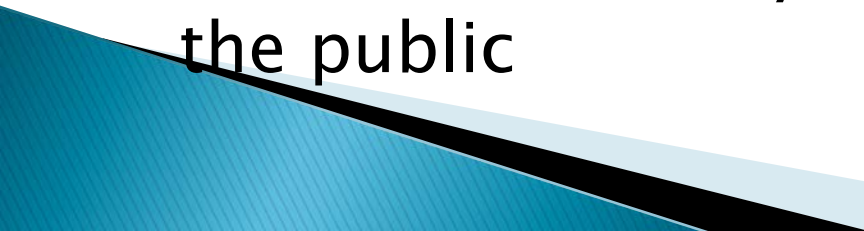
All pharmacists are welcome.



We want to hear from you

- ▶ Functions
 - ▶ Composition
 - ▶ Continuing Pharmacy Education (CPE) and Continuing Pharmacy Development (CPD)
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Why this is the Right Time for a Pharmacy Council?

- ▶ A critical mass of pharmacists
 - ▶ Differentiation of practice – specialties
 - ▶ Responsibility of a mature health profession (Vision and mission)
 - ▶ Distinct profession of the team accountable for better and safer drug products for the public
 - ▶ Support of government (Food and Health Bureau)
 - ▶ Clarification of functions of Pharmacy Council (PC) and Pharmacy and Poisons Board (PPB) to the public
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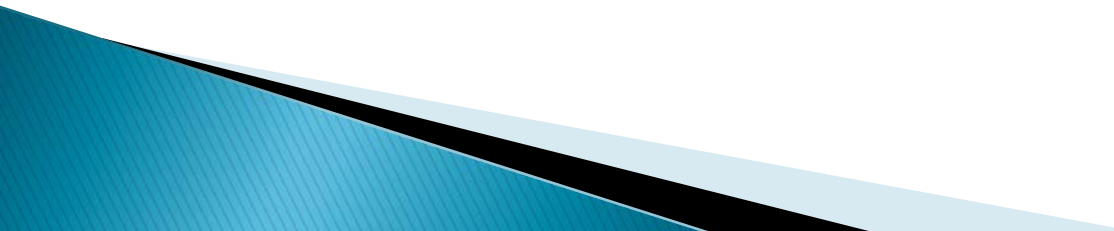
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- ▶ Chairperson: Prof Vincent LEE
- ▶ Executive Committee:
 - Mrs Mary CHENG
 - Mr Philip CHIU
 - Mr William CHUI
 - Mr Benjamin KWONG
 - Dr Keary ZHOU

Pharmacy Council of Hong Kong

Vision

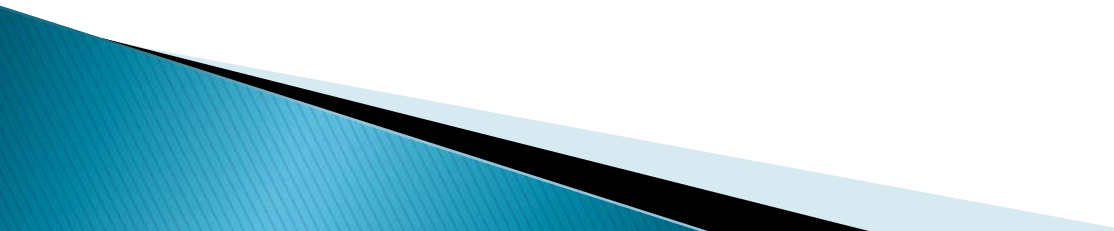
To be an independent statutory body dedicated to continuous quality enhancement of professional practice across all sectors of the pharmacy profession



Pharmacy Council of Hong Kong


Mission

To promote health, ensure drug safety, and protect the well being of the public by establishing standards consistent with safe and effective practice of pharmacy



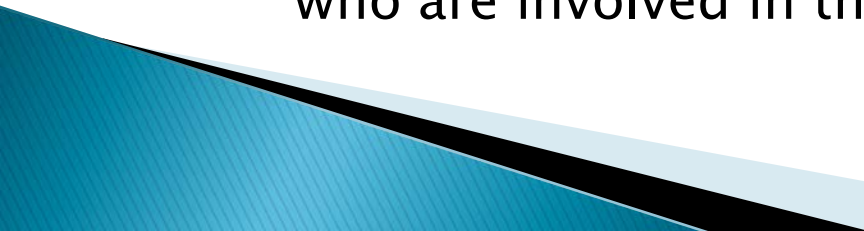
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Functions

1. To set standards for safe and effective pharmacy practice
 2. To set standards and accredit Bachelor of Pharmacy programs (or entry pharmacy degree programs) , internship training programme and continuing professional development
 3. To set standards for the registration of specialist pharmacists and accredit programmes of specialties in pharmacy and pharmaceutical sciences
 4. To provide a platform for promoting interactions with other healthcare professionals
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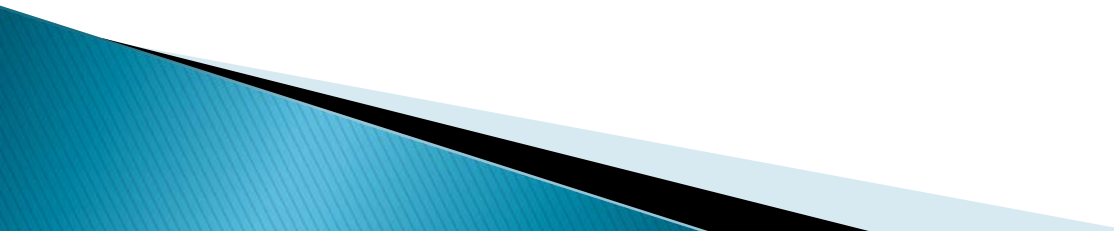
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Functions

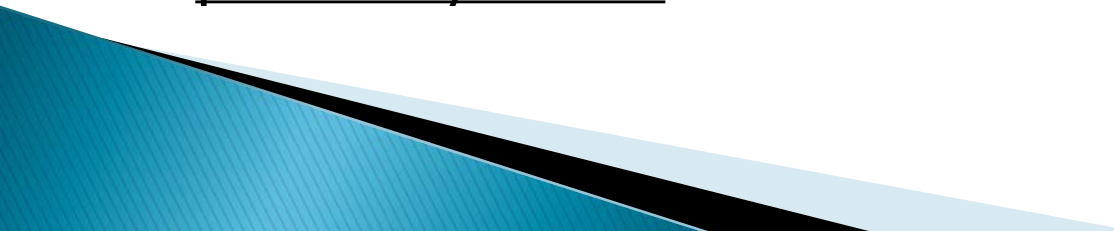
5. To set standards of Licensing Examinations and to be responsible for the conduct of such examinations
 6. To ensure the continued fitness to practice of registrants
 7. To exercise the regulatory and disciplinary powers for the profession
 8. To publish or provide information about the
 - a) regulation of pharmacists , by e.g. Establishing a Code of Practice
 - b) guidance to registrants, employers and other persons concerned in respect of the standards for the education, training, supervision and performance of non-registrants who are involved in the provision of pharmacy service
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Proposed Composition

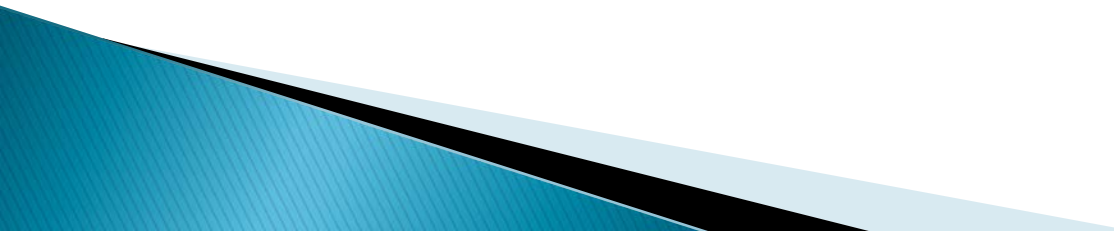
Composition (as an example)

- ▶ Pharmacists, plus lay members
 - ▶ All pharmacist members of the council are registered pharmacists in Hong Kong.
 - ▶ Composition is determined by practice sectors: by nomination or by election. Members who changed jobs to work in a different sector must resign from the position in the council within 6 months.
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Proposed Composition

- a) Registered pharmacist(s) from the government– to be nominated by the head of the Drug Office
 - b) Registered pharmacist(s) from the academic sector – to be nominated by the University of Hong Kong and The Chinese University of Hong Kong
 - c) Registered pharmacist(s) from the public hospital sector – to be nominated by the Chief Pharmacist, Hospital Authority
 - d) Registered pharmacist(s) from the private hospital sector – to be determined by election
 - e) Registered pharmacist(s) from the chain community pharmacy sector – to be determined by election
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Proposed Composition

- f) Registered pharmacist(s) from the private community pharmacy sector – to be determined by election
 - g) Registered pharmacist(s) from the manufacturing sector – to be determined by election
 - h) Registered pharmacist(s) from the pharmacy industry (wholesale) sector – to be determined by election
 - i) Registered pharmacist(s) from the pharmacy industry (research) sector – to be determined by election
 - j) Lay members (who have never been registered as a pharmacist locally or overseas, and who will not be qualified for the application of pharmacist registration under the Pharmacy Council)
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Proposed Composition

Terms of Office (proposed)

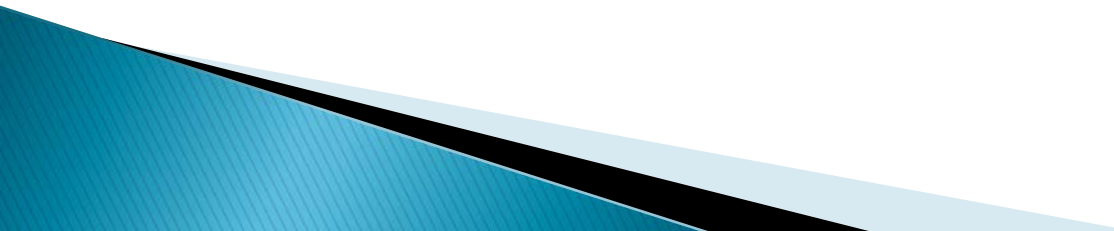
- 6 years
- Eligible for re-election for a total of 2 terms

Committees and Subcommittees

1. Registration Committee

- a) **Licentiate Sub-Committee:** responsible for the licensing of pharmacists and pharmacy dispensers
 - b) **Examination Sub-Committee:** to set up and conduct examinations for registration of pharmacists and pharmacy dispensers
 - c) **Pharmacy Internship Sub-Committee:** to set standards and regulate internship training programs for interns
 - d) **Continuing Education Sub-Committee:** to define the Continuing Professional Development (CPD) and Continuing Pharmacy Education (CPE) requirements
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Committees and Subcommittees

2. **Accreditation and education Committee:** responsible for accreditation of local pharmacy programs
 3. **Disciplinary Committee**
 - a) Preliminary Investigation Sub-Committee
 - b) Fitness to Practice Sub-committee
 4. **Appeal Tribunal**
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Continuing Education

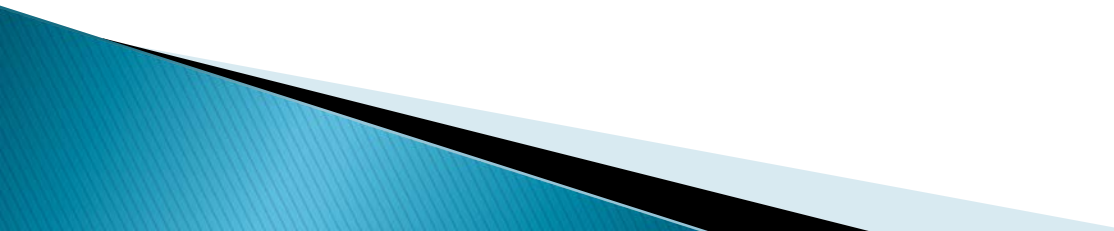
▶ Continuing Pharmacy Education (CPE)

- A registered pharmacist whose name is included in the Specialist Register shall undergo CPE relevant to that specialty
- Practicing pharmacists who are not taking CPE for specialists are invited to enroll in the continuing professional development (CPD) programme on a voluntary basis

Budget

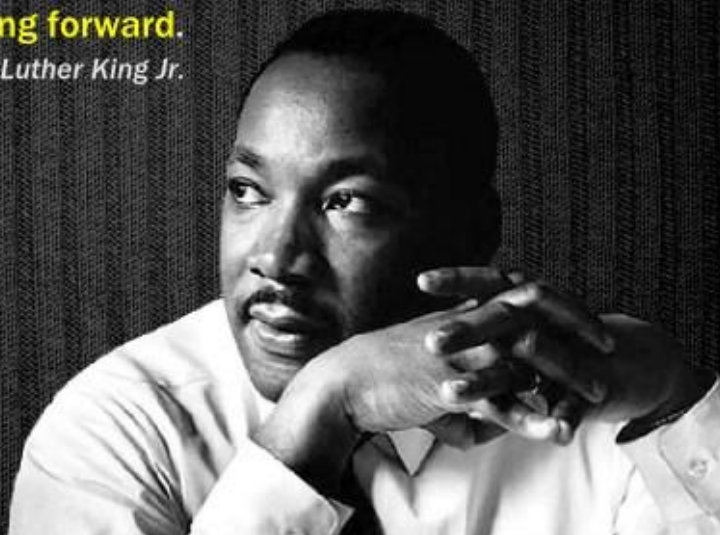
- ▶ Registrants
- ▶ Annual practicing certificate renewal
- ▶ Accreditation
- ▶ Allocation from HKSAR government

We want to hear from you

- ▶ Functions
 - Anything to add?
 - ▶ Composition
 - Comments on the pharmacist member to laymen member ratio?
 - ▶ Continuing Pharmacy Education (CPE)
 - ▶ Complaint handling
 - Should there be a time limit to file a complaint?
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If you can't fly, then run,
if you can't run, then walk,
if you can't walk, then crawl,
but whatever you do,
you have to **keep moving forward.**

- Martin Luther King Jr.



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Open Discussion

Next Steps

Nov – Dec 2015

- Public Consultations

Jan 2016

- Finalize Document on Framework of the future Pharmacy Council

Feb 2016

- Submit document to Food and Health Bureau

28 Feb 2016

- HK Pharmacy Conference 2016 Plenary Session

Thank you