

Government expresses regrets and disappointment over MCHK's failure of passing the relaxation of internship requirement of non-locally trained specialist doctors

The Government expresses regrets and disappointment over the failure of passing the relaxation of the internship requirement of the non-locally trained specialist doctors by the Medical Council of Hong Kong (MCHK) at its meeting today (April 3).

"To alleviate the manpower shortage condition in the public healthcare sector, the Government has been striving to strengthen medical workforce on various fronts. Apart from substantially increasing the University Grants Committee-funded medical training places, the Government has also endeavoured to attract more eligible non-locally trained doctors to serve in the public sector in Hong Kong. For instance, upon commencement of the Medical Registration (Amendment) Ordinance 2018, the validity period and renewal period of limited registration have been extended from not exceeding one year to not exceeding three years. The Government will continue to explore and implement various practicable options to tackle the doctors' manpower shortage problem," a government spokesman said.