Limited Registration approved for non-locally trained doctors

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

The Hospital Authority (HA) spokesperson today (March 6) announced that confirmation has been received from the Medical Council of Hong Kong on the approval of three new applications of non-locally trained doctors for practice with Limited Registration in public hospitals to help relieve the front-line workload. The three doctors will be serving in Radiology, Emergency Medicine and Family Medicine.

"The HA will continue to exhaust every effort to attract fully registered local doctors and retain public doctors. The recruitment of non-locally trained doctors has been progressing well since last year with the extension of Limited Registration to a three-year term. At the moment, there are 16 non-locally trained doctors who have been assessed to be eligible for the recruitment exercise and considered suitable for appointment after interviews by user departments. All the applicants have fulfilled related qualification requirements recognised by the constituent Colleges of the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine, and they all have licences to practise in their respective countries. The HA will submit Limited Registration applications for non-locally trained doctors in batches according to their intended date of reporting duty," the spokesperson remarked.

Since 2011-12, a total of 39 applications were approved by the Medical Council of Hong Kong for practice with Limited Registration in public hospitals. As at January 2019, there are 10 non-locally trained doctors working in public hospitals to relieve the manpower pressure in the respective units in the specialties of Anaesthesia, Cardiothoracic Surgery, Emergency Medicine, Family Medicine and Internal Medicine. Seven doctors passed the licensing examination for local practice, in which six of them continue to serve in public hospitals. A further four doctors are employed by the two universities and continue to serve citizens of Hong Kong.