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Dear Chinese Medicine Practitioners,

Amendment of the Code of Professional Conduct for Registered Chinese Medicine Practitioners

The Chinese Medicine Ordinance enacted in July 1999 has accorded the professional status to Chinese Medicine Practitioners (CMPs). To ensure good practice in the profession, the Chinese Medicine Practitioner Board (CMPB) has drawn up the codes of professional conduct for compliance by the CMPs.

To bring the codes of professional conduct up-to-date, CMPB launched a consultation exercise with the Chinese medicine associations and all local CMPs in October 2009 to collect their views on the proposal of displaying to the public information on the academic titles and practising qualifications of CMPs. After deliberations on the views collected, the CMPB and the Ethics Committee have worked out and agreed on the amended version of the Code of Professional Conduct for Registered Chinese Medicine Practitioners. The amended version will include all other amendments approved by CMPB since its first publication, i.e. the provisions on the interpretation of medical records and practice promotion approved in December 2008.

A six-month grace period will be given for the amended version, under Part 3 clause 6(2)(a), namely, "Signs and Signboards at Clinics" for registered CMPs to change their signs and signboards, if needed. After the grace period, CMPB will carry out disciplinary actions against any CMPs who do not comply with the revised requirements. Before the end of the grace period, CMPs shall still comply with the provisions laid down in the 2008 amendment on 6(3)(a) and 6(3)(b) in Part 3.

Save for the provisions stated above, the amended Code of Professional Conduct will take effect on **1 January 2011**. All registered CMPs shall comply with the newly amended Code of Professional Conduct for Registered Chinese Medicine Practitioners in their practice. Any breach of the Code of Professional Conduct may be regarded as committing professional misconduct.

I attach a copy of the Code of Conduct for Listed Chinese Medicine Practitioners for your retention and perusal please. For any enquiries, please contact the Secretariat of the Chinese Medicine Council of Hong Kong at 2121 1888.



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