



Appendix I

Calendar of Regulatory Work of Chinese Medicine

Date	Event
13 September 1999	The Chinese Medicine Council of Hong Kong was formally established.
20 April 2000	A consultation on the "Code of Practice for Registered Chinese Medicine Practitioners" was held.
June 2000	The Chinese Medicine Practitioners (Registration) Regulation and the Chinese Medicine Practitioners (Discipline) Regulation were passed by the Legislative Council.
July 2000	The details of transitional arrangements for the registration of Chinese medicine practitioners were announced.
1 August 2000	A briefing was held to introduce the registration system of Chinese medicine practitioners and the transitional arrangements; the handbook for application of listed Chinese medicine practitioners and application form were distributed from that date.
16 August to 30 December 2000	Applications for the listed Chinese medicine practitioners were invited. Briefings were held during the period with practitioners.
1 December 2000	The Chinese Medicine Practitioners Board promulgated in the Government gazette that the University of Hong Kong, the Chinese University of Hong Kong, the Hong Kong Baptist University, the Hong Kong Polytechnic University and the City University of Hong Kong might apply for limited registration on behalf of their employees in connection with clinical teaching and research in Chinese medicine. Applications could be made from the same month.
June 2001	Under the Chinese Medicine Practitioners Board, the Committee on Assessment of Chinese Medicine Degree Courses (ADC) was set up to assess degree courses in Chinese Medicine.
November 2001	The ADC started to assess the degree courses in Chinese medicine offered by local universities.
21 December 2001	Announcement of the list of 7,707 listed Chinese medicine practitioners.
2002	Briefings and consultations were conducted with the Chinese medicines trade to collect their views on the proposed regulation of Chinese medicines.
30 January 2002	Briefings were held to introduce the "Code of Practice for Listed Chinese Medicine Practitioners".
5 September 2002	Announcement of result of the assessment of alternative qualifying requirements of listed Chinese medicine practitioners for registration.
29 November 2002	Announcement of list of the first batch of 2,384 registered Chinese medicine practitioners.
December 2002	The three items of subsidiary legislation on the regulation of Chinese medicines, namely Chinese Medicine (Fees) Regulation, Chinese Medicines Regulation and Chinese Medicines Traders (Regulatory) Regulation, were introduced into the Legislative Council.