

Chapter 5 -

Future Work and Direction of the Chinese Medicine Council of Hong Kong

Renewal of Practising Certificates

The usual validity period of a practising certificate is three years. The practising certificates of about 2,725 registered CMPs will expire in 2018. The Practitioners Board will issue letters to notify the registered CMPs concerned of the arrangements for the renewal of their practising certificates about three months in advance of the expiry dates.

2018 CMPs Licensing Examination

The Written Examination of the 2018 CMPs Licensing Examination will be conducted in June, and the Clinical Examination will be conducted from early August to mid-August 2018. The Hong Kong Examinations and Assessment Authority will continue to assist the Practitioners Board to conduct these examinations.

Review of the System of Continuing Education in Chinese Medicine (CME) for Registered CMPs

The Practitioners Board will conduct the sixth review of the CME system in 2018.

Disciplinary Issues of CMPs

The Practitioners Board and its Disciplinary Committee will continue to process disciplinary cases of CMPs.

Codes of Conduct of CMPs

The Practitioners Board and its Ethics Committee will continue to review the Codes of Conduct of CMPs from time to time.

Establishment of the - "Health Committee for Listed CMPs" -

To handle cases involving listed CMPs who, by reason of health, is unfit to practise Chinese medicine more effectively, a "Health Committee for Listed CMPs" will be established under the Practitioners Board to specifically handle cases related to medical grounds, evaluate if the listed

CMPs with medical problems are fit to continue practising Chinese medicine, and to make recommendations to the Practitioners Board and Disciplinary Committee accordingly.

Work on Licensing of Chinese Medicines Traders

The Chinese Medicines Traders Committee under the Medicines Board will continue to process new applications for Chinese medicines trader licences and renewal of licences. To be qualified for licensing, the Chinese medicines traders must fulfill all of the licensing requirements.

Work on Implementation of Mandatory Good Manufacturing Practice (GMP) for Manufacturing pCm

The Chinese Medicines Traders Committee will continue to process applications for Certificate for Manufacturer (Good Manufacturing Practice in respect of pCm) (GMP Certificate).

The Medicines Board and the Department of Health will continue to organise sharing and briefing sessions for the trade, and to collect opinions from the trade on the timetable and details of implementation of mandatory GMP.

Regulatory Work on Chinese Medicines Traders

The Medicines Board and the Regulatory Committee of Chinese Medicines Traders will continue to handle cases related to complaints against licensed Chinese medicines traders in 2018.

Work on Registration of pCm

With the commencement of the legislative provisions related to the mandatory registration of pCm and the requirements of label and package inserts in December 2010 and December 2011 respectively, the Medicines Board and the Chinese Medicines Committee will continue to process applications for registration of pCm as

well as applications for renewal of registration of pCm.

Clinical Trial and Medicinal Test of pCm

The Chinese Medicines Committee under the Medicines Board will continue to issue the Certificate for Clinical Trial and Medicinal Test upon application.