

# Chapter 5

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

### ► **Renewal of Practising Certificates for Registered CMPs**

The usual validity period of a practising certificate is three years. Registered CMPs must fulfill the requirements of CME as prescribed by the Practitioners Board before they can renew their practising certificates. The practising certificates of about 2,886 registered CMPs will expire in 2021. 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.

### ► **2021 CMPs Licensing Examination**

The Written Examination of the 2021 CMPs Licensing Examination will be conducted in June, and the Clinical Examination will be conducted in August 2021. The Hong Kong Examinations and Assessment Authority will continue to assist the Practitioners Board to conduct these examinations.

### ► **Assessment of Chinese Medicine Degree Courses**

The Practitioners Board and its Committee on Assessment of Chinese Medicine Degree Courses will continue to review the approved courses for undertaking the CMPs Licensing Examination.

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

The Practitioners Board will conduct the seventh review of the CME system in 2021.

### ► **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.

### ► **Work on Licensing of CMTs**

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 obtain a trader licence, the CMTs must fulfill all of the licensing requirements.

### ► **Work on Implementation of Mandatory GMP for Manufacturing of pCm**

The 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 CMTs**

The Medicines Board and the Regulatory Committee of Chinese Medicines Traders will continue to handle cases related to complaints against licensed CMTs in 2021.

### ► **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.