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Future Developments

- 9.1 As Hong Kong is evolving rapidly in all aspects, the environment in which the Medical Council operates is changing too. Doctors and members of the public for whom the Council serves are expecting services not only with courtesy, but also improved quality and higher efficiency. Together with the growing complexity of complaints against registered doctors, members of the public also expect greater accountability and transparency from the Council. Within the medical profession, there are discussions of ethical issues and concerns over the standard and quality of medical practice. To cater for changing needs, the Council must continue to move with the times.
- 9.2 With regard to the reform proposals, the Council has finalized its proposals on the composition and appointment of the Panel of Adjudicators for disciplinary inquiry and mechanism of the Professional Performance Committee, and forwarded them to the Government for consideration. Amendments to the Medical Registration Ordinance and its subsidiary Regulations will have to be made to implement the reform proposals, if supported by the Government.
- 9.3 On maintenance of standards, the EAC will continue to deliberate and make recommendations to the Council on the finer details of the implementation plan for mandatory CME.
- 9.4 On registration and related services, the Council Secretariat will continue to explore the use of new technology to improve the services provided, e.g. electronic delivery of different types of application forms and ultimately electronic payment for renewal of practising/retention certificates.