

Future Developments

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- 9.1 As Hong Kong is evolving rapidly in all aspects, the environment in which the Council operates is changing too. Members of the profession and the public whom the Council serves are expecting not only courteous service, but also improved quality and higher efficiency of service from the Council. With the growing complexity of complaints against registered doctors, members of the public expect greater accountability and transparency in dealing with the complaints from the Council. Within the medical profession, there are also discussions on ethical issues and expression of concerns over the standard and quality of medical practice which requires the Council's attention. 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, the mechanism of the Professional Performance Committee and the implementation plan for mandatory CME, and has 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 they are supported by the Government.
- 9.3 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 submission of applications and electronic payment for renewal of practising/retention certificates.