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**By Email & Hard Copy**

Dear Dr. KO,

### **Re: Clarification and Objection on the False Accusation on the Role of HKPA on the Consultancy Study (the Study)**

In response to the Meeting of the Legislative Council Panel on Health Services on the Proposed Regulatory Framework for Medical Devices held on 16 Jan 2017 (the Meeting), the HKPA shows great discontent and objection on the false accusation on the role of HKPA on the Consultancy Study conducted by the Emergency Care Research Institute (“the Consultant”), in September 2015 for an in-depth study regarding the control of use in Hong Kong of 20 types of selected medical devices which have been used for cosmetic purposes. In the Meeting, **Prof. Sophia CHAN, the Under Secretary for Food and Health, stated that the Bureau has consulted the HKPA for the mentioned regulatory framework.** However, the **Government has NEVER & EVER consulted us for the proposed framework.** In actual fact, the Consultant has invited HKPA to contribute to the Study with chains of facts summarized as below for clarification:

1. The Consultant invited to contribute our thoughts and perspectives to the Study by completing the questionnaire (attached email & Appendix 1) on 31 Oct 2015. The questionnaire is attached as Appendix 2. In the questionnaires, we suggested to set up a regulatory framework of high, medium and low risks. The equipment should be operated

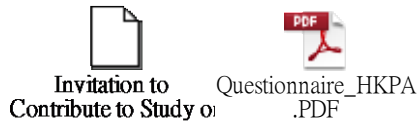


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by different types of operators on a risk-based stratification. In addition, we have stated that further details of the parameters of the device have to be provided to solicit more valid comment. **We have NOT been asked for the details of the risk stratification system.**



2. Mr. Kyle LIU, the representative of the Hong Kong Productivity Council requested for an interview on the use of equipment and preferably with a site visit on 3 types of medical devices, namely Extracorporeal Shockwave Therapy, High Voltage Pulsed Current and Infrared (attached email – Appendix 3). An interview has been conducted on 2 Dec 2015 at the Hong Kong Polytechnic University with presence of Dr. Amy FU, Ms. Rainbow LAW and me (Appendix 4). He also stressed that we all received the interview on **personal capacity**. In the interview, **we elaborated the utilization, device use environment, safety and training policies, adverse effect and effect of medical device regulation on business and device use (attached email - Appendix 5). The risk and the contraindication to be checked for the use of mentioned devices were also discussed.**



3. On 4 Mar 2016, both Ms. Rainbow LAW and I were asked to provide our name and capacity as **the Consultant did plan to acknowledge all participants who contributed to the study in the final report** (attached email – Appendix 6 & 7).



We have to repeatedly stressed that **HKPA has NOT be consulted with the mentioned proposed regulatory framework** but just gave comment and site visit for the Study. **The false accusation in the Meeting on 16 Jan 2017 is UNFAIR to us. We deserve for a post-meeting amendment in the Minutes of Meeting and a formal apology.**

We look forward to your positive and favorable reply.



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Yours truly,

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