(Translation)

Prof Hon CHAN Wing-kwong's motion on "Actively promoting the development of Chinese medicine to alleviate the pressure on the healthcare system"

Wording of the Motion

That Chinese medicine has been proven highly effective in disease prevention, treatment and rehabilitation; given that the continued ageing of the population in Hong Kong has put increasing pressure on the existing public healthcare system, this Council urges the Government to actively promote the development of Chinese medicine in Hong Kong through specific measures including developing public Chinese medicine services, enhancing collaboration between Western and Chinese medicine, expediting the legislative work on inter-referral between Chinese medicine services and other healthcare professional services, facilitating Chinese medicine specialization development, expeditiously formulating salary structures and promotion mechanisms for Chinese medicine practitioners to improve their remuneration packages, and making good use and strengthening the training of Chinese medicine talents, with a view to better safeguarding the health of Hong Kong people and alleviating the pressure on the healthcare system in Hong Kong.