

# Pharmacy Council of Hong Kong: Public Consultation

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## 2<sup>nd</sup> Consultation on the Future Pharmacy Council

- Date: 14 January 2016 (Thurs)
- Time: 7:00pm - 9:00pm
- Venue: The Cityview Hotel, Waterloo Road, Kowloon (城景國際) – Diamond Room

All hospital pharmacists are welcome

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## Various Councils of Healthcare Professionals in Hong Kong



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## Pharmacy Councils around the World (2)



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# Pharmacy Councils around the World

**General  
Pharmaceutical  
Council**

UK  
General Pharmaceutical Council



**APhA**  
US  
American Pharmacists  
Association



australian  
pharmacy  
council  
**AUSTRALIA**  
Australian Pharmacy Council



**TAIWAN**  
The Pharmaceutical  
Society of Taiwan



**SINGAPORE**  
Singapore  
Pharmacy Council



**대한약사회**  
KOREAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION



**JAPAN**  
The Pharmaceutical  
Society of Japan



**MALAYSIA**  
Malaysian  
Pharmaceutical Society



**NEPAL**  
Nepal Pharmacy Council



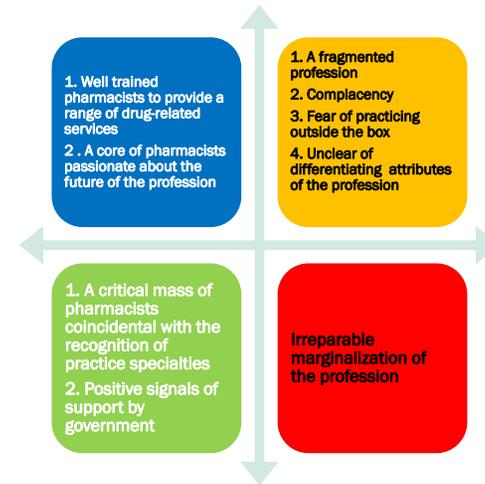
**INDONESIA**  
Indonesian  
Pharmacists Association



**THAILAND**  
The Pharmacy Council  
of Thailand

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# SWOT Analysis of Pharmacy Profession in Hong Kong



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# Our Path Forward – Pharmacy Council



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# Pharmacists Aspirations

1. Fortify professional image
2. Empower pharmacists to be recognized by the public, government and other healthcare professionals as an integral and indispensable healthcare partner
3. Enhance Public Private/NGO Partnership to create more professional opportunities to pharmacists
4. Establish common platform for all pharmacists to strengthen the professional authority and cohesiveness to work better with the government and law makers
5. Enhance continuous professional development
6. Change and improve working and practicing environment for pharmacists from different sectors

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# Pharmacy Council of Hong Kong

## Vision

To be an independent statutory body dedicated to continuous quality enhancement of professional practice across all sectors of the pharmacy profession

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# Pharmacy Council of Hong Kong

## Mission

To promote health, ensure drug safety, and protect the well being of the public by establishing standards consistent with safe and effective practice of pharmacy

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## Our Values

### To Patients

- Assure the public being provided with quality pharmaceutical care in Hong Kong
- Enhance medication safety, disease prevention and health promotion
- Advocate patient empowerment and encourage patient participation in decision making process in treatment with healthcare providers

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## Our Values

### To Pharmacy Profession

- Embrace professionalism, thereby inspiring pride among pharmacists
- Enhance credibility of pharmaceutical services in the eyes of the public
- Better chance to change and improve practicing environment

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## Background

**20 Nov 2014**

- Review local and overseas examples of professional councils
- Potential functions of the Pharmacy Council

**17 Dec 2014**

- Framework of the future Pharmacy Council

**29 Mar 2015**

- HK Pharmacy Conference 2015 Plenary Session

**Apr – Oct 2015**

- Task Force Meetings
- Draft the Framework of the future Pharmacy Council

**Nov 2015 – Feb 2016**

Public Consultations

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## Task Group

**Chairperson:**

- Prof Vincent LEE

**Subcommittee Conveners:**

- Rapport (Mrs Mary CHENG)
- Operational (Mr Benjamin KWONG)
- Core (Mr William CHUI)
- Publicity (Mr Philip CHIU)
- Coordination (Dr Keary ZHOU)

**Members:**

- Pharmacists from Academic, Community, Hospital Authority, Private Hospital, Manufacturer, Wholesaler/Distributor, Multinational Pharmaceutical Company

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## Common Functions from Overseas Councils

1. To set standards for safe and effective pharmacy practice
2. To set standards and accredit Bachelor of Pharmacy programs (or entry pharmacy degree programs), internship training programme and continuing professional development
3. To set standards for the registration of specialist pharmacists and accredit programmes of specialties in pharmacy and pharmaceutical sciences
4. To provide a platform for promoting interactions with other healthcare professionals

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## Common Functions from Overseas Councils

5. To set standards of Licensing Examinations and to be responsible for the conduct of such examinations
6. To ensure the continued fitness to practice of registrants
7. To exercise the regulatory and disciplinary powers for the profession
8. To publish or provide information about the
  - a) regulation of pharmacists, by e.g. Establishing a Code of Practice
  - b) guidance to registrants, employers and other persons concerned in respect of the standards for the education, training, supervision and performance of non-registrants who are involved in the provision of pharmacy service

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## Proposed Composition

- **Pharmacists, plus lay members**
- All pharmacist members of the council are registered pharmacists in Hong Kong.
- Composition is determined by practice sectors: by nomination or by election. Members who changed jobs to work in a different sector must resign from the position in the council within 6 months.

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## Proposed Composition

- a) Registered pharmacist(s) from the government – to be nominated by the head of the Drug Office
- b) Registered pharmacist(s) from the academic sector – to be nominated by the University of Hong Kong and The Chinese University of Hong Kong
- c) Registered pharmacist(s) from the public hospital sector – to be nominated by the Chief Pharmacist, Hospital Authority
- d) Registered pharmacist(s) from the private hospital sector – to be determined by election
- e) Registered pharmacist(s) from the chain community pharmacy sector – to be determined by election

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## Proposed Composition

- f) Registered pharmacist(s) from the private community pharmacy sector – to be determined by election
- g) Registered pharmacist(s) from the manufacturing sector – to be determined by election
- h) Registered pharmacist(s) from the pharmacy industry (wholesale & research) sector – to be determined by election
- i) Lay members (who have never been registered as a pharmacist locally or overseas, and who will not be qualified for the application of pharmacist registration under the Pharmacy Council)

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## Committees and sub-committees

### 1. Registration Committee

- a) **Licentiate Sub-Committee**: responsible for the licensing of pharmacists and pharmacy dispensers
- b) **Examination Sub-Committee**: to set up and conduct examinations for registration of pharmacists and pharmacy dispensers
- c) **Pharmacy Internship Sub-Committee**: to set standards and regulate internship training programs for interns
- d) **Continuing Education Sub-Committee**: to define the Continuing Professional Development (CPD) and Continuing Pharmacy Education (CPE) requirements

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## Committees and sub-committees

2. **Accreditation and education Committee:** responsible for accreditation of local pharmacy programs
3. **Disciplinary Committee**
  - a) Preliminary Investigation Sub-Committee
  - b) Fitness to Practice Sub-committee
4. **Appeal Tribunal**

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## Continuous Professional Training and Development

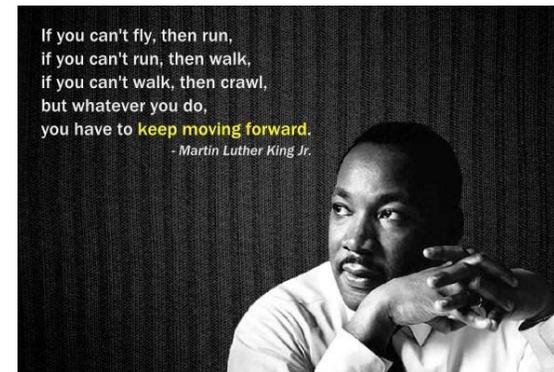
- Practicing pharmacists who are not taking CPE for **specialists** are invited to enroll in the continuing professional development (CPD) programme on a voluntary basis
- A registered pharmacist whose name is included in the Specialist Register shall undergo CPE relevant to that specialty

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## We want to hear from you

- Functions
- Composition
  - Pharmacist member to Laymen member ratio?
- Continuous Professional Training and Development

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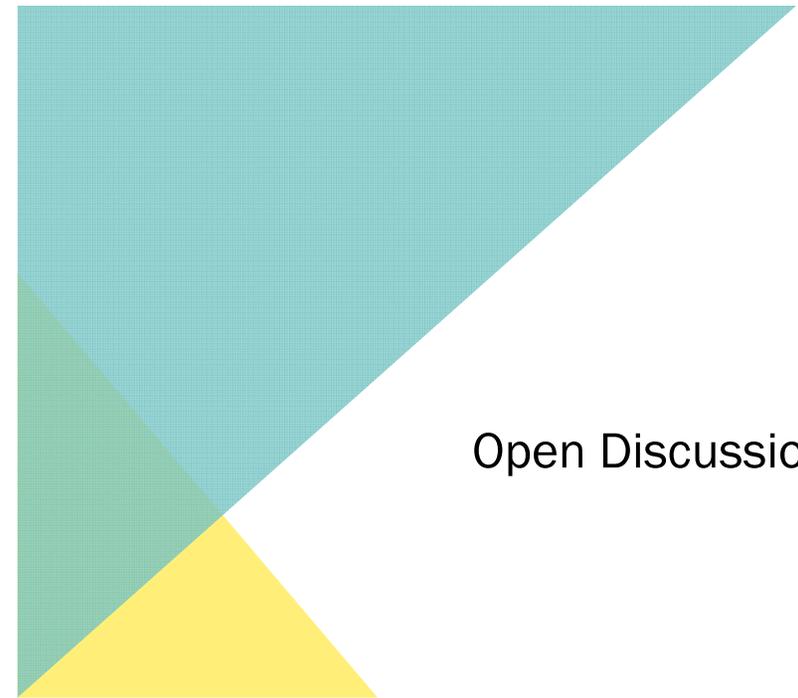
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## We Value Your Contribution



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## Next Steps

**Nov 2015 – Feb 2016**

- Public Consultations

**Feb 2016**

- Finalize Document on Framework of the future Pharmacy Council

**28 Feb 2016**

- HK Pharmacy Conference 2016 Plenary Session

**March 2016**

- Submit document to Food and Health Bureau

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## We Value Your Opinion

### Pharmacy Council Open Forum

The formation of Pharmacy Council is our milestone for brighter future, we would like to collect your precious opinion for our continuous improvement. We value your input for the betterment of the Pharmacy Council.

1. What additional role do you think Pharmacy Council can perform?

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2. Other Suggestions:

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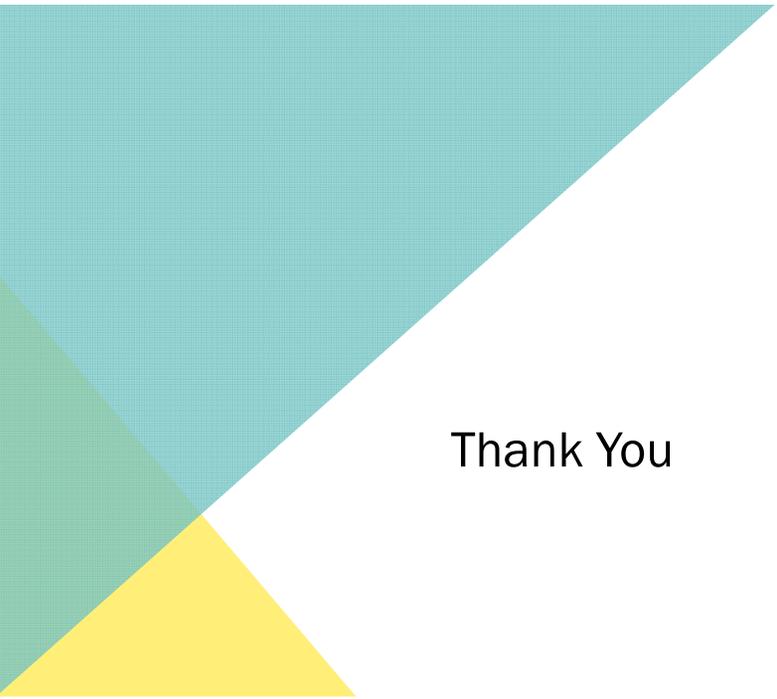
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Practicing Sector: \_\_\_\_\_

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