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LMCHK Society Mobilizes Non-Locally Trained Doctors to Answer Hong Kong's Healthcare Demands Under the COVID-19 Pandemic

[Hong Kong, July 31, 2020] With a view to assisting with healthcare services under the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic in Hong Kong, the Medical Licentiate Society of Hong Kong (LMCHK) has launched a program to source non-local medical graduates among its members to volunteer at two local health-related registered charities as volunteers.

This year's Hong Kong Medical Licensing Examination has been cancelled twice due to the COVID-19 pandemic and as a result, a number of non-locally trained doctors have been shut out from helping patients in Hong Kong. While these dedicated doctors are currently in Hong Kong preparing for the next exams, the LMCHK Society has launched the Medical Ambassadors Program (MAP) under which these doctors can offer their help to charities by working several hours a week as volunteers. The LMCHK Society plans to run the MAP until the end of this year.

The COVID-19 pandemic has challenged all aspects of life, including Hong Kong's healthcare. Having realized the pressure on the health system and related charities, the LMCHK Society designed the MAP as a way to assist in the territory's healthcare services. "The non-locally trained doctors are an exam away from becoming medical practitioners in Hong Kong. The candidates' medical knowledge will be a great benefit to the two charities and their assistance can't come at a better time than now when daily life has been so affected under the pandemic," said Dr. Marcus Marcet, a Specialist in Ophthalmology and President of the LMCHK Society.

The LMCHK Society has launched the MAP in partnership with the Patient Care Foundation Limited and the Kiangsu Chekiang & Shanghai Medical Centre. Non-locally trained doctors who have joined the MAP will help at the two health-related registered charities in Hong Kong. The duties will entail services that do not require a registered medical practitioner.



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“MAP participants will engage in not only clinical works, but everything outside of the clinic work, e.g., how to set up reach out programs to the local communities, improve the workflow of the clinic, and set up health talks. I wish for them to spend this time learning things that they don’t teach in medical school,” said Dr. Raymond Tso, a Specialist in Respiratory Medicine and Council Member of the LMCHK Society.

The MAP initiative has been designed to be a win-win scenario for both the charities and the participating non-locally trained doctors. “We planned the MAP experience to be examinee-friendly. The volunteers will receive a certificate of appreciation from the LMCHK Society upon successful completion of the program. Importantly, MAP participants will get an early start learning about Hong Kong’s healthcare and gain valuable experience in the process. Interest among the exam candidates is high. We’re actively looking for a 3rd charity partner.” added Dr. Marcet.

All MAP applicants will go through a competitive selection process run by the LMCHK Society and the charity partners.

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About the Medical Licentiate Society of Hong Kong

The Medical Licentiate Society of Hong Kong (香港執照醫生醫學會) is an independent, non-profit professional body representing licensed non-local medical graduate doctors in Hong Kong. The Society was founded to support the LMCHK community and to engage with the public and other medical professionals both in and out of Hong Kong. Please visit the LMCHK Society website (lmchk.org) to learn more about the organization’s ongoing efforts in representing LMCHK community in Hong Kong.