



香港急症科醫學院

HONG KONG COLLEGE OF EMERGENCY MEDICINE

Dear all Fellows / Trainees,

Ref.: Formation of HKCEM Examination Review Task Group

Our College is currently running the Primary Examination in Emergency Medicine (PEEM) and Exit Examination in Emergency Medicine (EEEM) of our own. As for our Intermediate Examination in Emergency Medicine (IEEM), we conjoined with Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh (RCSEd) to run the examination of MRCS in Accident and Emergency since 1996. However, the RCSEd stopped running this MRCS Examination in HK in 2008 and in UK in 2009 (for re-sit only). The examination in UK was phased out by Membership Examination of College of Emergency Medicine, UK (MCEM) since April 2004.

Our Council has discussed on the future of our IEEM since Feb 2007 and has invited College of EM, UK to hold the first MCEM in HK in March 2009 with a view to adopt it as our future IEEM. The first MCEM was attempted by 26 candidates and 12 candidates passed the overall examination.

A Forum on Incorporating MCEM as our Future IEEM was held on 12-Jun-2009 in James Kung Meeting Room, 2/F HKAM Building. It was well attended by 25 Fellows and 12 Trainees. The issue was critically debated with different views from our Fellows and Trainees. The views of the Forum were taken seriously by the Council at her 98th Meeting on 9-July-09.

The Council decided to hold MCEM as our IEEM for the coming 3 years till 2012 inclusive while a task group was set up to review our IEEM and to advise the Council on whether to continue with MCEM as our IEEM after 2012. The Task Group should give an interim report in six months after formation and to submit the full report within one year to the Council. The Council will then have a final decision in early 2011 on our future intermediate examination and whether to adopt MCEM as our IEEM or to have our own IEEM after 2012. The Education Committee and the Examination Committee will then have sufficient time after our Council's final decision in 2011 to implement the change and to inform our future trainees the format of our IEEM to be held in 2013.

The terms of reference of the Task Group are:

1. to review the past IEEM formats and training requirement
2. to examine and evaluate overseas relevant examinations for reference to IEEM
3. to draft a blueprint design of the examination format, structure, content and criteria for pass for the future IEEM 2013 for Examination Committee to take reference
4. to prepare a final report to the Council by June 2010

The Council has invited Dr. HO Hiu Fai, Chairman of Scientific Affairs Committee and Chief of Service of A&E Department of Queen Elizabeth Hospital to be the Chairperson of the HKCEM Examination Review Task Group and Dr. HO has kindly agreed to take up this essential task of our College.

This Task Group will consist of 15 members besides the Chairman - 5 members from each of the three groups of Fellows/Trainees – Fellows with 10 or more years of fellowship, Fellows with less than 10 years of fellowship, and Trainees. All Fellows and Trainees are invited to self-nominate to the Group. The Chairman would select the members from each group by seniority if the number of self nomination for each group exceeds five.

I am now writing to invite you as Fellow or Trainee of our College to join this Task Group. Please have your self nomination sent to our College Administrator, Miss June WU, on or before 18-September-2009 by email or by returning the filled-in Return Slip below to the College at Room 809, HKAM Building, Wong Chuk Hang, HK.

Our College needs your support and input for a better examination system to shape our future emergency physicians to serve our patients.

Yours sincerely,



Dr. LAU Chor Chiu
President of HKCEM
28th August, 2009

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I, Dr. _____ would like to nominate myself for the HKCEM Examination Review Task Group headed by Dr. HO Hiu Fai.

Signature: _____ Contact email: _____

Portaphone number: _____ Date: _____

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(Re: Examination Review Task Group)