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Dear Nurses,

Inviting comments and proposals:

Consultation Paper on Voluntary Scheme on Advanced/Specialised Nursing Practice under the Nursing Council of Hong Kong ("NCHK")

To advance the professional competence of nurses and to pave the way for setting up a statutory registration system in the long run, Food and Health Bureau invited NCHK, the statutory regulatory authority of the nursing profession in Hong Kong, to establish and implement a voluntary scheme within a two-year time frame. In 2018, NCHK has formed a high-level Working Group on Advanced/Specialised Nursing Practice ("WG") to:

- 1. Define and conceptualize the core competencies of advanced and specialized nursing practice;
- 2. Propose a mechanism for setting training standards and recognizing training institutes for advanced and specialized nursing practice; and
- 3. Propose the implementation arrangement

NCHK held a briefing on the progress of the WG and launched the consultation exercise simultaneously in Jan 2019, to ensure the views from stakeholders are taken into consideration throughout the course of formulating of the Scheme.

College of Nursing Hong Kong (CNHK) serves as a member of the working group, we would like to disseminate this information and work with all nurses in this consultation process.

To shape the future of nursing practice, your expertise and advice are vital. Please kindly browse the consultation paper via the <u>website of NCHK</u> and provide your views and proposals <u>on or before 20 March 2019</u> by email to <u>nc@dh.gov.hk</u>. To solicit the widest representation, please feel free to promulgate the message to colleagues. Thank you very much for your kind assistance in advance.

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