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Dear Mr. Tsang,

Submission for the 2012-13 Budget Consultation The College of Nursing, Hong Kong

Thanks for inviting views on the 2012-2013 budget.

The Council of the College of Nursing, Hong Kong supports the Government not to continue the Scheme \$6,000 in the 2012-13 budget. The following is our suggestion on the 2012 – 2013 budget.

1. Quality Living in Hong Kong:
 - i. Increase resources to support the pre-school child care (0-6 years old) service for the working parents;
 - ii. Increase continuing education allowance for people in work force;
 - iii. Allocate recourse for various housing schemes for population from different economic sectors;
 - iv. Increase facilities and frequency of public transports for disabled citizens, and promote accessibility by ensuring barrier free environment in public areas.
2. Health and Social Expenditures:
 - i. Increase the Health Care Voucher amount to the elderly to HK\$1,000 per person per year;
 - ii. Increase resources for public dental and ophthalmic services for Hong Kong citizen;
 - iii. Increase recourses for promoting environmental and food safety for health of Hong Kong residents;
 - iv. Resources should be allocated for setting up a foundation for medical insurance plan for all;
 - v. Resources should be allocated for health services development including information technology and communication among health services providers;
 - vi. More resources should be allocated for maintaining and training of health care professionals, including medical, nursing and allied health for quality health care services;



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- vii. New funding for the establishment and running of Nursing Internship program in the University Training Hospitals for the fresh nursing graduates;
- viii. Support to make preparation for social security of the aging and needy population in view of the lower percentage of economically active population in the coming years;
- ix. Allocate funding to primary health care including public health, and health education for healthy living style and disease prevention;
- x. Appropriate allocation of funding for quality of health services including shortening waiting time for specialties, shortening length of hospital stay with proper community support after discharge for the disabled and chronic illnesses;
- xi. Allocation of resources to develop collaborative health services for the disabled and elderly reside at Shenzhen or nearby cities outside Hong Kong.

Committed to the development of professional nursing for the health of Hong Kong population, the College of Nursing is prepared for further discussions with you if needed.

Yours sincerely,

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