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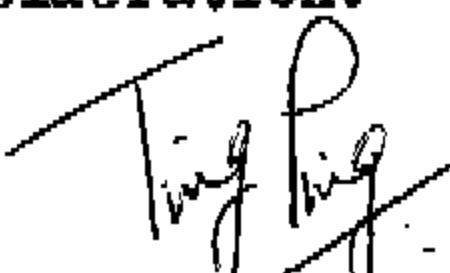
To: Food and Health Bureau,
19/F, Murray Building,
Garden Road,
Central,
Hong Kong.

Subject: Your Health
Your Life
Healthcare Reform Consultation Document
(issued by Food and Health Bureau in March 2008)

Thank you very much for the above Consultation Document, which I fully support as it gives an important step for all Hong Kong residents to see the future of their healthcare in the years to come with a growing number of seniors.

Option (5) - Mandatory Private Health Insurance

2. I support Option (5), having regard to the following "unique" social qualities in Hong Kong in the future decades:-
- (i) a large growing number of senior residents;
 - (ii) in the foreseeable future, no major change in our public tax system (the idea of Goods and Service Tax has been abandoned);
 - (iii) Hong Kong's public health system has limitations in terms of expansion of service and financial resources.
3. However, in your Consultation Document, there is no mention of the following points under the adoption of Option (5):-
- (a) employer's responsibility (many employers currently provide medical benefits to employees; how would Option (5) affect this mode?)
 - (b) Government's responsibility (how would Department of Health's clinics and Hospital Authority's hospitals fit into the operation of Option (5)?)
 - (c) Voluntary association's role (Currently, there are voluntary associations providing free medical treatments. How would this fit into Option (5)?)
 - (d) Public social welfare assistance and Option (5): how can these two systems work together harmoniously for those without ~~income~~ income earning ability?
4. Please acknowledge receipt of my letter, so that I can know that your Bureau has received my views for consideration. Thank you very much.


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