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Dear Dr. Chow,

Thanks for your courage in bringing forward this consultation document, you have done the very important first step already!

Before casting my vote on the plans you've proposed, I would like to stress that for whatever plan the Government is going to launch, **the future Health Care System should be Primary care oriented, in particular, a Family Medicine-led primary care** which has been shown to be cost effective. Such a FM-led system will save us a great lot of money especially in such a heavily hospital-tilted system nowadays.

Hope that resources could be shifted towards such a development.

Hope that there will be a road map towards such a FM-led primary care too, knowing that the first primary care registry may be more inclusive.

Going back to the future financing model, the plan 6 should be more comprehensive, but I doubt the public would be willing to accept it especially when there would be heavy opposition from the Middle class. I believe a mandatory insurance plan, coupled with adequate monitoring on the insurance companies / co-payment would be more easily acceptable by the public.

I would also suggest a perhaps 7th plan, making use of the Financial reserve and perhaps a possible Sales Tax, to accumulate sufficient fund over the next 10 years or so for the Government as the base for any future financing model.

Thanks and Regards

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