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CUHK MB ChB Degrees Gain UK General Medical Council Recognition

The Chinese University of Hong Kong has been informed by the President of the General Medical Council (GMC) of the United Kingdom that its Overseas Committee has agreed to recognise the degrees of Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MB ChB) of the University under sections 19 and 21 of the United Kingdom Medical Act 1983 for the purposes of full and provisional registration in the UK. The GMC will therefore accept Certificates of Full Registration issued to medical graduates of The Chinese University by the Medical Council of Hong Kong as evidence that those graduates have completed the experience required for the grant of full registration in the UK.

The GMC recognition is the result of the visit to the University's Faculty of Medicine by a delegation led by Professor John Anderson. At the invitation of the University, the delegation of four distinguished English medical educationists visited the Faculty between May 10 and June 2 this year. Their itinerary covered all the preclinical and clinical departments of the Faculty, the Prince of Wales Hospital and the United Christian Hospital, and they observed the conduct of the Second Professional Examination on Pathology and Parts 1 and 2 of the Third Professional Examination on all Clinical subjects which took place in May/June 1987. The delegates met the academic staff, external examiners, representatives of students and the first graduates of the Faculty then serving their internship year. It has been the usual practice of the GMC to pay such visits after one or two classes have graduated from a new medical school.

The recognition will be retroactive to cover the first batch of MB ChB of The Chinese University who graduated in 1986. With GMC recognition, CUHK graduates may now obtain full registration in the UK for the purpose of pursuing postgraduate training in preparation for membership/fellowship examinations of the Royal Colleges. Formal recognition of the CUHK degress also confirms that the Faculty of Medicine of the University is of a standard comparable to Commonwealth medical schools under the GMC.