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CUHK Proposes to Offer Bachelor of Chinese Medicine Programme

The Chinese University of Hong Kong has proposed to introduce a Bachelor of Chinese Medicine Degree Programme in the academic year 1998-99 to provide full-time training programme consisting of theoretical teaching and practical placement in traditional Chinese medicine.

This three-year programme aims to train generalists in Chinese medicine who are knowledgeable in basic life science and medical sciences and are equipped with humanitarian insight. Graduates should be general practitioners providing primary health care. The number of student intake in 1998-99 is planned to be 15.

Despite the persisting popularity of Chinese medicine in Hong Kong, only short courses are available at present, usually as extramural courses or evening practical courses. The proposed Chinese Medicine Programme is designed to be intellectual and definitely more than vocational in nature, which, the University believes, will benefit the Hong Kong community at large.

The well-established Faculty of Medicine of the University can contribute substantially to programme planning and provide for teaching support in various preclinical disciplines. As the development of Chinese medicine relies on good research, the world-renowned Chinese Medicinal Material Research Centre of the University can also function as a valuable database and supporter to the programme. The Centre, established in 1979, holds the largest collection of books, journals and periodicals in Chinese medicine in Hong Kong. The Centre has been working on various research projects on the authentication, quality control, safety and biological activities of Chinese medicine and has offered valuable services to Hong Kong citizens. It has also in the past years engaged itself in the preparation for proper teaching courses.

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