

Hon Mrs Selina CHOW to ask on 12/12/07

All medical graduates who wish to register as medical practitioners with the Medical Council of Hong Kong, with the exception of graduates of the University of Hong Kong and The Chinese University of Hong Kong, are required to pass the Council's Licensing Examination. In this connection, will the Government inform this Council:

1. of the number of candidates who sat for the above Licensing Examination in the past three years, and among them, the respective numbers of the following four types of candidates and their passing rates:
 - medical graduates of overseas universities returning to Hong Kong;
 - medical graduates of mainland universities returning to Hong Kong;
 - overseas qualified doctors; and
 - mainland qualified doctors;
2. in the past three years, of the main countries from which the two types of candidates referred to in (i) and (iii) above obtained their medical degrees, and the passing rates of candidates from those countries; and
3. whether the authorities will review the existing policy on the licensing examination system for doctors to allow more non-locally trained outstanding doctors to practise in Hong Kong, so as to help develop Hong Kong into a medical tourism centre in the Asia-Pacific region?

Public Officer to reply : **Secretary for Food and Health**