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To: News Editors

**Employers' Federation Supports Mandatory Private Health Insurance and  
the Personal Health Reserve**

The Employers' Federation has written to the HKSAR Government in response to the Healthcare Reform Consultation Document. A copy of the Federation's submission is attached.

John Chan, Chairman of the Employers' Federation, commended the Government for publishing the consultation document and said the Federation encourages the Government to pursue its reform agenda. "Hong Kong cannot afford another false start on healthcare reform", he said.

Victor Apps, leader of the Employers' Federation working group on healthcare reform, points out that "although employers are generally averse to increased government legislation, the Employers Federation supports the twin approach of mandatory private health insurance and a personal healthcare reserve as being the best way forward for Hong Kong."

Eleanor Ling, Vice Chairman of the Employers' Federation, emphasised that "the Employers' Federation does not believe that the increased costs of the healthcare system should be borne by employers. Individuals need to take more personal responsibility for the costs they incur."

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## 新聞稿

致：港聞版編輯

香港僱主聯合會早前(六月十三日)向香港特區政府就醫療改革諮詢文件提交意見書。有關內容請詳閱附件。

聯會主席陳祖澤對政府提出醫療改革表示歡迎，冀望政府能積極落實推行有關改革。陳氏表示：「香港在醫療改革道路上不能再裹足不前，我們必須為未來早作籌謀。」

聯會醫療融資改革工作小組主席業榮達補充：「雖然僱主並不贊成增加立法，但聯會認同個人康保儲備(兼具強制醫保及醫療儲蓄特性)方案最為可取。」

聯會副主席林李靜文女士強調：「聯會並不認為僱主須為醫療改革所增加之成本負責。理念上，每一個人應盡己力為自身健康和相關醫療開支負上全責。」

二零零八年六月十六日

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