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It is inevitable that with the great advances and modern trends in medicine general practice will come into its own in any society, more so in a dynamic community such as we have in Hong Kong.

I have followed with great interest the tremendous efforts and progress which have been made over the last few years by the general practitioners in Hong Kong to set up for themselves a College of General Practitioners. This is only in keeping with the desire and interest in improving standards of general practice by continuing education and which in the ultimate can benefit not only those in the profession but also the general public in the provision of a better service.

I therefore have much pleasure in offering my warmest congratulations to the Hong Kong College of General Practitioners to mark this auspicious occasion of its inauguration and to wish the College every success in the future.

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