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Foster More Chiropractors to Serve the General Public • •

- 香港脊骨神經科醫學院基金 Hong Kong Chiropractic College Foundation



### 香港勞骨神經科醫學院基金背景

在七十年代初,數名脊骨神經科醫生在海外受訓,學成返港執業,當時他們的專業資格並不受香港政府認可。經過長年的爭取,直至1992年,香港立法局才正式通過「脊醫註冊條例」,確認脊骨神經科成為香港註冊基層醫療體系之一。

在脊醫培訓方面,政府一直態度消極、未有開辦任何資科高等教育課程、現時所有在港執業的脊醫都是從美國、加拿大、英國及澳洲等地畢業。歷年來,不少脊醫團體都曾向政府爭取成立香港資料醫學院,培育更多脊醫人才;但政府一直都沒有任何正面回應,以致本地脊醫人數一直增長緩慢。時至今日,全港脊醫總人數亦只約220人。對應香港人口,每名脊醫要服務3.27萬名香港市民,脊醫不足的嚴重程度可想而知。

#### 基金成立

2012年1月·一班脊醫深感培訓本地人才刻不容緩·成立了慈善組織 —「香港脊骨神經科醫學院基金」·籌措資金成立脊醫學院。由於經費龐大·基金自2012年5月開設了診所·向公眾提供脊醫治療·收益扣除日常開支後·全數撥入慈善基金。而2014年起·基金向香港的優異生頒發獎學金·負笈英國修讀脊醫碩士課程。現時·基金正努力籌備脊醫學院的前期工作·並向各界募捐·希望集腋成裘·早日成立脊醫學院·培訓本地人才·服務全港市民。

#### 基金成立的目的

- 籌措資金,成立資醫學院
- 提供獎學金或資助給予脊醫學生
- 為業內人士提供專業培訓
- 向公眾推廣教育,關注資骨健康
- 開設脊醫診所,服務大眾市民

# Background on Establishment of Hong Kong Chiropractic College Foundation

In the early 70s, there were only a few chiropractors practising in Hong Kong. All of them graduated from overseas. Their credentials, however, were not recognized locally. It was through much lobbying that legislature was drafted and passed. In 1992, the Chiropractors Registration Ordinance was passed and chiropractic becomes one of the registered primary health care professions in Hong Kong.

Relating to the training of chiropractors, the Government has adopted a passive attitude towards the establishment of a chiropractic tertiary institution. In fact, all chiropractic practitioners who practise in Hong Kong at present graduate from overseas including but are not limited to USA, Canada, UK and Australia. Despite the cry by different chiropractic associations for a chiropractic college in Hong Kong to train chiropractors, there has been no response from the Government. No unexpectedly, the number of chiropractic practitioners in Hong Kong increases very slowly. As of today, there are around 220 practitioners. Each chiropractor serves about 32,700 Hong Kong people, reflecting the fact that there are insufficient practitioners to provide chiropractic services to the local community.

# The establishment of Hong Kong Chiropractic College Foundation Ltd

Some chiropractors felt the urge to erect a local tertiary institution, thus the idea of setting up a foundation was born. The Hong Kong Chiropractic College Foundation, a charity organization, was established in January 2012, with the objective of fund raising for the establishment of a chiropractic college. Owing to large capital layout, the foundation has set up a chiropractic clinic in May 2012. This clinic not only provides daily chiropractic services, but also with a view to providing proper chiropractic treatments to all patients in need. All income generated from the clinic after deduction of the clinic expenditure will be donated to Hong Kong Chiropractic College Foundation. Since 2014, the foundation has set up scholarship for Hong Kong students, to study chiropractic (Master of Science) in UK. Currently, the previous planning work and fund raising of Hong Kong Chiropractic College are in progress, going towards the ultimate goal of setting up a chiropractic college and fostering more chiropractors to serve the general public in Hong Kong.

#### The objectives of an establishment of the foundation

- To establish a chiropractic college
- To provide full or partial scholarship for chiropractic students
- To develop and promote the chiropractic professional education
- To educate the public on the importance of spinal hygiene
- To provide chiropractic treatments to public through a chiropractic clinic



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## 為何香港人需要脊醫治療?

香港九成人都有不同程度的痛症問題,包括頭痛、頸痛、 腰痛、膝痛等等,而當中不少痛症可能是源於脊骨半脫位 或生物力學毛病所引起,透過脊醫的手法治療,可以減輕 甚至緩解痛症,不單效果顯著,且沒有傳統用藥治療的副 作用。脊醫強調全人治療,除了手法治療以外,亦會建議 患者改善飲食及生活習慣,包括坐姿及睡姿等等,並非單 單減輕表面的病徵,而是由病患的根源出發,長遠改善患 者的健康。

### Why do Hong Kong resident need chiropractic treatment?

In Hong Kong, 90% of the population has suffered from different types of spinal problems, including headaches, neck pain, back pain, knee pain etc. These mechanical pains can be taken care by chiropractors through specialized hands-on healing technique (manipulation). Manipulation can reduce or relieve many painful conditions secondary to vertebral subluxation or biomechanical derangement. The treatment is effective, and there are no side effects from medication as chiropractic treatment is drug free. In addition to manipulation, chiropractors, depending on the patients' conditions, will give advice to the patients on their proper diet and habit, including sitting and sleeping postures etc. This will not only treat the symptoms of the conditions but also help treat the underlying causes of the painful conditions. This would definitely be beneficial to the patients' health in the long run.