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Dear Practitioners and Stakeholders:

I am pleased to send you this first letter updating you on the work of the Transitional Council.

Since our first meeting on June 25 and 26, 2008, we have gone through five exciting and busy months. In the first two months the government offered us extensive orientation on our responsibilities as a Transitional Council and the health regulatory system. We learned from legal counsel, consultants and government officials that we are accountable to the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care (MOHLTC) and that our sole duty is to protect the interest of the public. In discharging our responsibilities, we must comply with the *Regulated Health Professions Act, 1991* (RHPA) and the *Traditional Chinese Medicine Act, 2006* (TCMA) as well as federal and provincial legislations.

Our initial tasks are to establish by-laws and policies for internal governance, appoint members to committees and to develop regulations under the TCMA. We have already put in place the transitional by-laws. We have also elected members to the Executive Committee and appointed members to the Registration Committee and various by-law working committees: specifically, the Professional Practices/Standards, Communications and Finance Committees. Details of the transitional by-laws and composition of each committee are available on our website at [www.ctcmpao.on.ca](http://www.ctcmpao.on.ca).

The Transitional Council plans to complete the drafting of the Registration Regulation and Professional Misconduct Regulation before the expiry of our appointment in 2010. The Registration Regulation will include, at minimum, provisions with regard to classes of members, titles, entry-to-practice and grandparenting requirements and application and renewal procedures. The Professional Misconduct Regulation will stipulate conduct and practices considered to be unacceptable, unprofessional, dishonourable or disgraceful that could subject a registered member to complaint and possible disciplinary proceedings.

We are aware that practitioners are anxious to apply for registration without delay. However, we cannot issue a registration certificate to anyone until our regulations are approved by government. We must complete our research and consultation process allowing us to draft the two regulations and submit them to the MOHLTC for review and subsequent approval by the Legislature.

When reviewing a draft regulation, MOHLTC will consider how the proposed provisions protect the interest of the public and whether comments of stakeholders had been sought and considered. It is a challenge for us to balance the requirements of government and the wishes of practitioners. We are committed to working with you in a transparent manner throughout this process. Please be assured that to the best of our abilities, we shall support practitioners in the province to continue to deliver safe and quality care to the public. With that in mind, let us have your suggestions in a timely manner.

The Registrar and I will continue to advise you directly of our progress from time to time. We look forward to working with you. We encourage you to provide us your constructive suggestions on issues.

On behalf of the transitional Council, the Registrar and her staff, I wish you a Happy New Year.

Yours truly,

Prof. Cedric Cheung  
President  
Transitional Council

Encl. Suggestion Form

**PLEASE RETURN PRIOR TO FEBRUARY 15, 2009**

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I wish the Transitional Council will take the following suggestions into consideration when drafting the Registration and Professional Misconduct Regulations.

<b>My suggestions</b>	<b>Reasons for my suggestions</b>
<b>For Drafting of Registration Regulations:</b>	
<b>For Drafting of Professional Misconduct Regulations:</b>	

I understand that the Registrar or her designate may contact me for clarification of my suggestions and agree to have my information entered into the contact database of the transitional Council.

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