

## Traditional Chinese Medicine

The Chinese Medicine Division is responsible for the enforcement of the Chinese Medicine Ordinance, which was passed by the Legislative Council in July 1999. The Ordinance provides for the regulation of the practice of Chinese medicine practitioners and the use, manufacture and trading of Chinese medicines.

Under the Ordinance, the Chinese Medicine Council of Hong Kong was established in September 1999. The Chinese Medicine Division provides professional and executive support to the Council in devising and implementing regulatory measures for Chinese medicine. Application for the registration of Chinese medicine practitioners under the transitional arrangements ended in December 2000. The list of listed Chinese medicine practitioners would be announced in 2001. The draft subsidiary legislation for the regulation of Chinese medicines would be introduced to the Legislative Council in 2001. Upon the enactment of the subsidiary legislation, licensing for traders of Chinese medicines and registration of proprietary Chinese medicines would commence by phases.

A series of publicity and health education programmes on Chinese medicine has been launched since 2000 to tie in with the implementation of the regulatory control.

## 中醫藥事務部

中醫藥事務部的職能包括執行《中醫藥條例》，此條例已於一九九九年七月由立法會通過。條文內容主要包括中醫的執業及中藥的使用、售賣和製造的規管措施。

根據《中醫藥條例》，香港中醫藥管理委員會（管委會）於一九九九年九月成立。中醫藥事務部負責向管委會提供專業和行政支援服務，以協助管委會制定和執行各項中醫藥的規管措施。循過渡性安排的中醫註冊申請已於二零零零年年底結束，表列中醫的名單將於二零零一年公布。而規管中藥的附屬草案將於二零零一年內提交立法會審議，在附屬條例獲通過後，中藥商的領牌和中成藥的註冊制度將分階段實施。

為配合中醫藥規管的實施，中醫藥事務部已於二零零零年展開一系列有關中醫藥的宣傳和健康教育活動。