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Quality Patient-Centred Care Through Teamwork
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Dear Mr Nip,

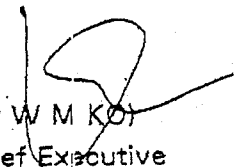
SARS Expert Committee
Meetings of the Hospital Management and Administration Group

Thank you for your letter to Dr William Ho on 2 July 2003 attaching Prof Sydney Chung's letter of 25 June 2003. I have gone through Prof Chung's letter with Dr William Ho and would like to offer the following remarks regarding a meeting that I have personally attended on 12 March 2003 in PWH.

Basing on my recollection, I paid a visit to PWH on the evening of 12 March 2003 with a view to understand the situation of an outbreak of pneumonia amongst staff members. During the meeting, attention was drawn to the fact that a significant number of medical and nursing staff of PWH, particularly from the Department of Internal Medicine and Therapeutics, had fallen ill in the preceding few days. In view of this, two specific measures were decided upon to alleviate the workload pressure of the department. The two measures were (a) suspending cardiology specialist clinic service because a significant proportion of cardiology team members were affected (b) Diversion of A&E patients who require hospitalization in internal medicine wards to other acute hospitals of the New Territories East Cluster (NTEC). The meeting also considered the possible need to stop A&E services of PWH if the outbreak worsen.

Other than the above, I do not have any other comment on Prof Chung's letter. Thank you.

Yours sincerely,


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