

G.N. 7907

MEDICAL REGISTRATION ORDINANCE (Chapter 161)

ORDER MADE BY THE MEDICAL COUNCIL OF HONG KONG

It is hereby notified that the Medical Council of Hong Kong after due inquiry held on 11 November 2009 in accordance with section 21 of the Medical Registration Ordinance, Chapter 161 of the Laws of Hong Kong, was satisfied that in or around 2007 and 2008, Dr. TAW Jin Liam, being a registered medical practitioner, disregarded his professional responsibility in that he instigated, sanctioned, acquiesced in or failed to take adequate steps to prevent the dissemination of exaggerated information to the public by Healthmax Cancer Clinic Limited ('Clinic'):—

- (a) in the advertisement or article posted on the Oriental Daily on or around 19 July 2007 regarding the professed result of treatment provided by the Clinic on liver cancer ;
- (b) in the advertisement or article posted on the Oriental Daily on or around 6 August 2007 regarding the professed result of treatment provided by the Clinic on lung cancer ;
- (c) in the advertisement or article posted on the Apple Daily on or around 7 September 2007 regarding the professed result of treatment provided by the Clinic on breast cancer ;
- (d) in the advertisement or article posted on the Oriental Daily on or around 10 October 2007 regarding the professed result of treatment provided by the Clinic on cervical cancer ;
- (e) in the advertisement or article posted on Sing Tao Daily, Ming Pao, Apple Daily and the Sun as well as disseminated through the website (www.on.cc) in or around January 2008 regarding the professed result of treatment provided by the Clinic on liver cancer.

The Council was satisfied that in relation to the facts alleged, either individually or cumulatively, Dr. TAW has been guilty of misconduct in a professional respect.

In accordance with section 21(1)(iv) of the Medical Registration Ordinance, the Council ordered on 11 November 2009 that the name of Dr. TAW Jin Liam be removed from the General Register for a period of four months, and such removal order be suspended for a period of two years.

In accordance with section 21(5) of the Medical Registration Ordinance, the order shall be published in The Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Gazette.

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