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Joint HKCPIE/MRCP(UK) Part II Practical Assessment of Clinical Examination Skills (PACES) March 2026

The Joint HKCPIE/MRCP(UK) Part II Practical Assessment of Clinical Examination Skills (PACES) will be held in Hong Kong from **Monday, 23 March to Saturday, 28 March 2026**. We would like to draw your attention to the following:

1 Eligibility

Applicants for PACES must have passed MRCP(UK) Part I Examination within 7 years, or have exemption from it, and should have at least 12 months of Basic Physician Training in the acute general medical wards in accredited training centers before the PACES (defined by the end of the month of this PACES diet, i.e. 31 March 2026). Applicants who do not meet this requirement at the time of application (normally 3–4 months before the examination) will need to have endorsement by their Chiefs of Service or Programme Directors to prove their eligibility. It is also recommended that candidates have commenced 18 months of Basic Physician Training before attempting PACES. Since the MRCP(UK) Central Office has a new policy on the number of attempts for MRCP examinations, please refer to the enclosed document for information.

2 Quota and Application procedures

All intending applicants should complete the enclosed “Application for PACES - Supplementary Information” sheet that **must reach the College Secretariat on or before 5:00 pm on 19 December 2025, the local closing date for new and re-entries. The College will reject applications that reach the Secretariat after the deadline.**

The quota of candidates in this PACES diet is 90. Should the number of applicants exceed the quota, priority would be given according to the following:

- (i) registered trainees of our College
- (ii) applicants who were not selected in the lots in the last PACES diet
- (iii) applicants who re-sit PACES
- (iv) applicants who have passed MRCP Part II (Written) examination (priority will be given to candidates with longer BPT period)



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- (v) applicants who have passed MRCP(UK) Part I examination only
- (vi) applicants who have less than 18 months of Basic Physician Training

If the number of prioritized candidates still exceeds 90, the College will draw lots immediately after the local closing date. Successful applicants will be advised on further details such as application forms, examination fees and withdrawal procedures.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read 'Eric Tse'.

Prof Eric Tse

Chairman

Examination Committee

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cc Director of Health (attn: Staff Training Unit)