

2 *Functions of the Dental Council of Hong Kong*

2.1 The Dental Council is established under section 4 of the Dentists Registration Ordinance Chapter 156 of the Laws of Hong Kong to carry out the following statutory functions in accordance with the Ordinance and the Dentists (Registration and Disciplinary Procedure) Regulations :-

- (a) registration of dental practitioners in Hong Kong, including processing applications for registration, applications for permission to use specialist titles and applications for registration of additional qualifications, and issuing various kinds of certificates in relation to the practice of dentistry to registered dental practitioners;
- (b) conduct of licensing examinations; and
- (c) disciplinary regulation of dental practitioners in Hong Kong.

2.2 The Council and its various committees and working groups meet regularly to consider and decide policies to facilitate the proper conduct of these functions. The Council Secretariat provides executive and secretarial support to the Council. During the year, apart from holding routine policy and committee meetings, the Council processed, with the support of the Secretariat:-

- (a) 45 applications to sit for the licensing examination;
- (b) 56 applications for registration;
- (c) 1,724 applications for renewal of annual practising certificates for dentists whose names are on the register for dentists resident in Hong Kong;
- (d) 104 disciplinary complaints; and
- (e) over 10,000 general enquiries from members of the profession and the public.