

# 9 *Communication with the Profession and the Public*

9.1 In order to enhance communication between the Dental Council and members of the profession, the Council, apart from publishing an annual report, issued circular letters to all dental practitioners in Hong Kong from time to time. These circular letters highlighted some of the matters considered by the Council which were of interest to members of the profession.

9.2 The Council welcomes any views from members of the profession on various issues concerning the dental profession so as to update the dental profession on latest developments.

9.3 The Dental Council operates a homepage (**web site : <http://www.dchk.org.hk>**) to provide the following information:-

- (a) Memberships of the Dental Council and its subsidiary bodies;
- (b) Text of the Dentists Registration Ordinance and its subsidiary legislations;
- (c) Text of the Code of Professional Discipline;
- (d) List of registered dentists;

- (e) List of registered dentists who have been permitted by the Dental Council to use a Specialist Title;
- (f) Information Pamphlet and Form in relation to Complaints against Registered Dentists;
- (g) News about the date of an upcoming inquiry of the Dental Council;
- (h) Continuing Medical Education Programme for Practising Dentists;
- (i) Guideline for the Registration of Additional Qualifications;
- (j) List of Registrable Additional Qualifications; and
- (k) Annual Report of the Dental Council.

9.4 To enhance the dissemination of information to the public, the Council decided to allow dentists to provide their practice information through an electronic dentists directory developed by approved organizations. As at 2003, the Council has approved the Hong Kong Dental Association to develop an electronic dentists directory.