

## **Communiqué: 16<sup>th</sup> meeting Chinese Medicine Board of Australia (CMBA) - 12 December 2012**

### **CMBA Strategic Planning**

The Board will be meeting in January 2013 to conduct its inaugural strategic planning day. The CMBA will conduct an analysis on its strength, weakness, opportunity and threat (SWOT) that are critical to fulfill its role as a regulatory body with the primary objective being protecting the public health and safety. This planning day will set priorities for the Board to ensure effectiveness and efficiency of the Board's operation and the development of the Board's annual operation plan, in partnership with the Australian Health Profession Regulatory Agency (AHPRA). The Board will keep the stakeholders informed with this development.

### **Accreditation Committee Update**

One of the critical roles of the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme (NRAS) is to establish an accreditation body. The National Law provide two options of the accreditation arrangements, either to have the accreditation function to be carried out by an independent entity or by a committee appointed by the Board. At the first meeting of the CMBA in July 2011, the Board decided to establish an Accreditation Committee of the Board to carry out this function. The Board was pleased to receive a report that the Accreditation Committee has had its first meeting in November 2012 and is now commencing its important work.

### **Seasons Greetings**

The Board wishes everyone a safe and happy holiday season.

**Professor Charlie Xue**  
**Chair**  
**Chinese Medicine Board of Australia**

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