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Director of Immigration
Immigration Department
7 Gloucester Road
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To the Director of Immigration:

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This letter is written in full support of Dr. Steve Paine's request for extension of a work visa.

I first heard of Doctor Stephen Paine four years ago on RTHK Radio 3. He was doing a series on Chinese Medicine, and a special focus on Acupuncture. I recall the gist of the message, even up to this day, because what was said was the truth. Basically, Eastern and Western Medicines had begun to integrate, and that in the future the two would no longer be viewed as opposing choices but complementary approaches to total health care. As a result of the radio show, I perceived Steve Paine as a health care practitioner promoting and educating the public not only for the benefit of his practice, but more importantly for the benefit of society.

I ended up becoming his patient shortly thereafter, and as a result of long-term counsel, gained vibrant health like I knew from childhood years. I have Steve to thank for being the bridge between Western medicine (which I was using until early adulthood) and Chinese Medicine, now a part of my lifestyle.

There are many local Traditional Chinese Medicine doctors in Hong Kong. Unfortunately, it has been my experience to be less than successful at communicating my history, needs and queries with them. Whether it was due to language, culture, information or personalities, I need not say. Ultimately, however, these various consultations and those of my friends and associates, were partly helpful, but largely frustrating.

I strongly assert that Steve brought Chinese Medicine to me in a way that I could understand, and his use of it made me better. Compared to peers, his listening skills are unparalleled. Also, he has a talent for standing in the minds of two cultures and being the bridge of an abundance of information, disseminating it with discretion. I would go so far as to say that in the field of medicine (in Hong Kong) I trust Steve's opinion more than any other doctor's.

There are more than 100,000 ex-patriots living in Hong Kong, the "international" hot spot of Asia. Hong Kong wants to be "the place to be" for these kinds of people. Every one of these people, their wives and children, need to be looked after by a qualified person who can do the job. In fact, we need a whole league of these kinds of professionals.

Steve is this type of person. On top of all this, he is growing the industry for the good of the Region, and in turn for the Earth if you really think about it. I accept that I need him for my education in lifestyle and health. Does Hong Kong recognize how much it has already benefited from his caring for the people? Does Hong Kong know that now more than ever, it needs more people like him *wherever they come from?*

Upon request, and with pleasure, I will provide any further information about Steve. I may be contacted at this number: 2814-5316.

Most respectfully yours,

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