

# CHIROPRACTORS REGISTRATION ORDINANCE (CHAPTER 428)

## **ORDER MADE BY THE INQUIRY COMMITTEE, CHIROPRACTORS COUNCIL**

It is hereby notified that the Inquiry Committee of the Chiropractors Council, after due inquiry held on 25 January 2011 in accordance with the Chiropractors (Registration and Disciplinary Procedure) Rules (Cap. 428, subsidiary legislation), found Dr TAM Chung Shing (Registration No. CC000036) guilty of the following charge -

“ That in 2009, he, being a registered chiropractor, had failed to take adequate steps to prevent the use of an unapproved title ‘譚醫生應診’ in his name card, which had a tendency to mislead the public into believing that he was a medical practitioner; and in relation to the facts alleged, he has been guilty of misconduct in a professional respect.”

At all material times, Dr Tam was both a registered chiropractor and a registered physiotherapist, and he practised both chiropractic and physiotherapy in the same clinic. Around March 2009, Dr Tam moved his clinic to a new address and arranged for various information (including his name card) to be sent to the medical practitioners who had been referring patients to him. In the name card, there was the wording ‘譚醫生應診’ (meaning “consultation by Doctor TAM”) which referred to Dr Tam. As the title ‘醫生’ refers to medical practitioners, the name cards would mislead the public into believing that Dr Tam was a medical practitioner. It is also a criminal offence under the Medical Registration Ordinance for a person who is not a registered medical practitioner to use a title or description which implies that he is a registered medical practitioner.

Dr Tam admitted that he had not checked the contents of the name cards before it was issued to other persons. By doing so, Dr Tam had failed to discharge his professional duty to ensure the truth and accuracy of the information on his name cards before issuing them.

The Inquiry Committee was satisfied that Dr Tam’s conduct had fallen below the standard expected amongst registered chiropractors and therefore constituted professional misconduct. Pursuant to section 18 of the Chiropractors Registration Ordinance, the Inquiry Committee ordered on 25 January 2011 that a warning letter be served on Dr TAM Chung Shing.

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