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CHPAMS Sets a New Stage

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CHPAMS turns to a new page in the last quarter of 2014. With China Medical Board (CMB)'s strong support, CHPAMS started to build a sustainable infrastructure. Coincidentally with the national day of China, CHPAMS was incorporated as a not-for-profit organization and registered in the State of Virginia in the U.S. on October 1, 2014. The new bylaw was adopted on the same day. Under the governance of the new bylaw, anybody who subscribes the CHPAMS email list will automatically become our non-voting members. CHPAMS will initiate a new registration process to upgrade the status to voting members. After an open nomination process, seven members of CHPAMS were appointed as the first Board of Directors. To see their biographies, please visit our newly designed website at www.chpams.org.

More excitingly, CHPAMS received a 501(c)(3) status in the same month from Internal Revenue Service, which gives the official recognition of the tax-exempt status for charity organizations. Under the 501(c)(3) status, CHPAMS is exempt from business income tax by operating any educational, scientific, or charity activities. All donations to CHPAMS can be deducted from individual and business taxable income. The 501(c)(3) status is a significant booster for CHPAMS's continuous operation.

In November 2014, CHPAMS received a two-year grant from CMB to build up the sustainable infrastructure. This support is crucial to support our members, especially junior members, to establish their careers related to health policy or public health in China. The organization appreciates the generous support from CMB. The board will initiate a series of activities to utilize the grant to benefit our members.

Thank you for all your supports in 2014 and best wishes for your career and lives in 2015!

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