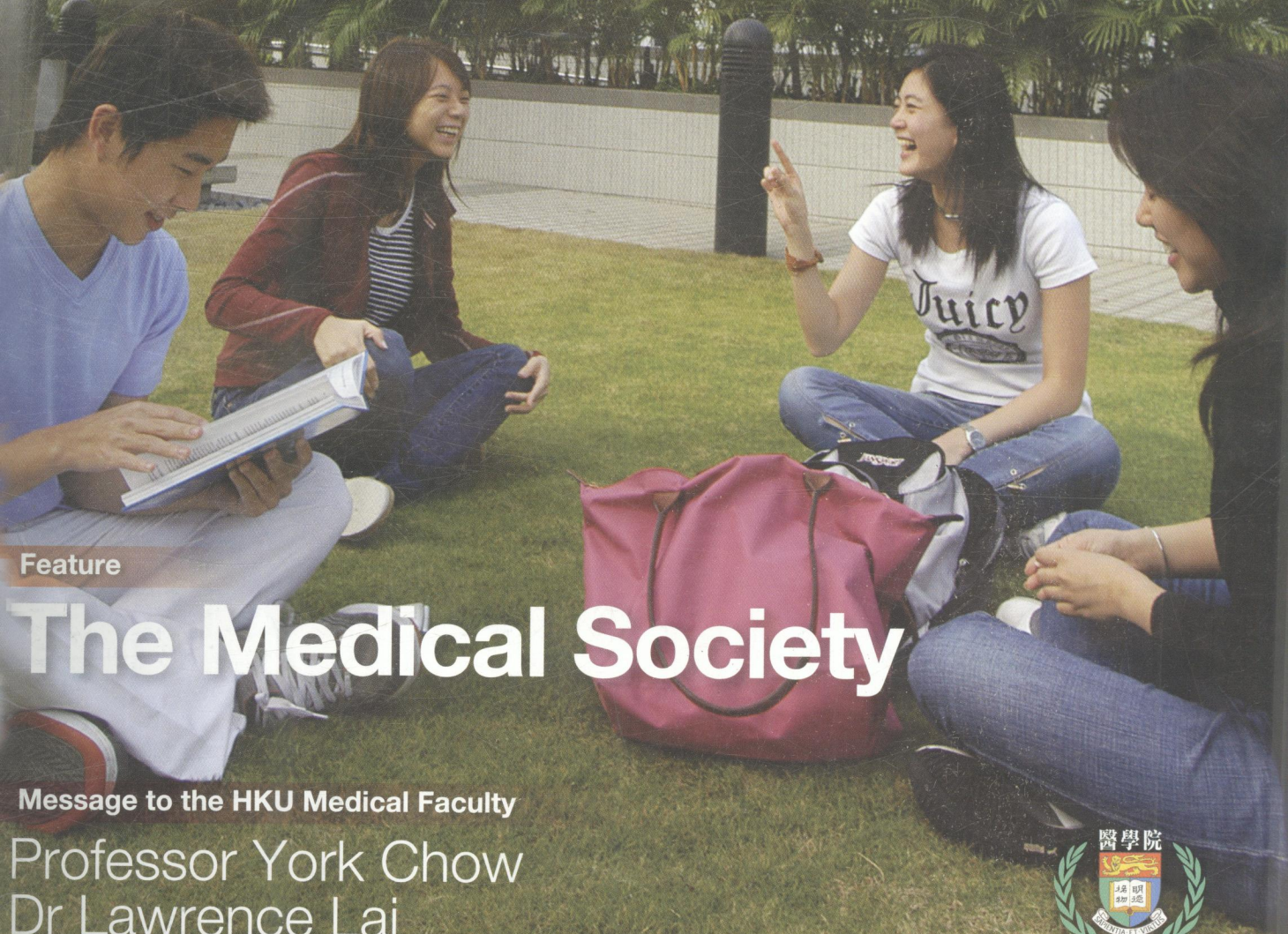


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One hundred and eighteen years ago Hong Kong made an investment in medicine and established this medical school. Back then, life expectancy was 26 years. It is now 80. The longevity of our males and females today ranks first and second

in the world, respectively, and our infant mortality is among the lowest. The ability of Hong Kong to provide high quality healthcare has to be a major reason for the success. And the success of the profession is not surprising, because those who join have always been the city's talents.

Asia is industrializing in leaps and bounds. Its myriads of cities are ever more packed with people, and Asians are ageing rapidly, a unique scenario that creates an unprecedented demand for healthcare. Healthcare expenditure in Asia, excluding Japan, stands at US\$539 billion a year. In China, it is at US\$82 billion, and is projected to grow at 9 percent annually.

A recent HKU market study shows that by 2015 there could be one million foreign patients from the Mainland and neighbourhood Asia seeking medical care in Hong Kong, boosting Hong Kong's GDP by HK\$10 billion and creating 15,000 jobs. Interesting enough, the Economic Review Committee of Singapore arrives at a similar conclusion that by 2012 there could be one million international patients seeking medical care in the Lion City, raising its GNP by 2% and creating 10,000 jobs. Clearly, there is a market for international patients out there.

Hong Kong has all the qualities to grab this market. Its high-quality medical care that generates trust, its law and order that assures confidence, its easy land and water access from the Pearl River Delta, its three-hour flying distance from most parts of Asia, its understanding of the Asian health problems, its mix of east-west cultures - are all the qualities for Hong Kong to become a Healthcare City of Asia.

Healthcare provision could, in fact, represent a sunrise industry for Hong Kong. Not only will it bring in health seeking visitors and tourism, it will also bring in revenue needed for the continuous improvement of the city's healthcare. It will generate resources for medical research

and development, which will keep Hong Kong at the cutting edge of medical care and build its brand name further. It will mean a huge consumption of pharmaceutical products concentrated in one place - a place that respects patent rights, a large laboratory of medical diagnostics, a massive workshop of medical equipment and devices, and a vast flow of investment capital to turn Hong Kong into a biomedical hub.

HKU's mission is to "act in partnership with the community over the application of knowledge", and in line with this mission, "the Faculty is committed to the development of Hong Kong into a premier medical centre for the global community". Yes, we will take up the leadership role, be a catalyst and a gateway, make the best use of our brand, and bring this new market of patient visitors to a network of private medicine in Hong Kong.

Hong Kong must move fast. Bangkok and Singapore have been positioning hard for already a decade. Since China allowed joint venture in 1996, 160 foreign-invested hospitals have appeared in the Mainland, and as soon as China allows 100% foreign investment in 2005, a new hospital is setting foot in Dongguan with 100% Taiwan investment. In 2006, CEPA 3 will likely be in, and these Mainland hospitals will entice our professional talents over to help build the market there. Now is the time.

Hong Kong today still has the edge to compete in this market and become tomorrow's healthcare city of Asia, thereby doubling and quadrupling our client base. All it takes is for us medical professionals to shake off some of our socialistic culture, think capitalistic, get some blessing from the government, drop some of our self interests, join hands and align ourselves to embrace not just Hong Kong but China, Asia and beyond.

For this medical school, we are simultaneously committed to this society a hundred years before yesterday and a hundred years after tomorrow.

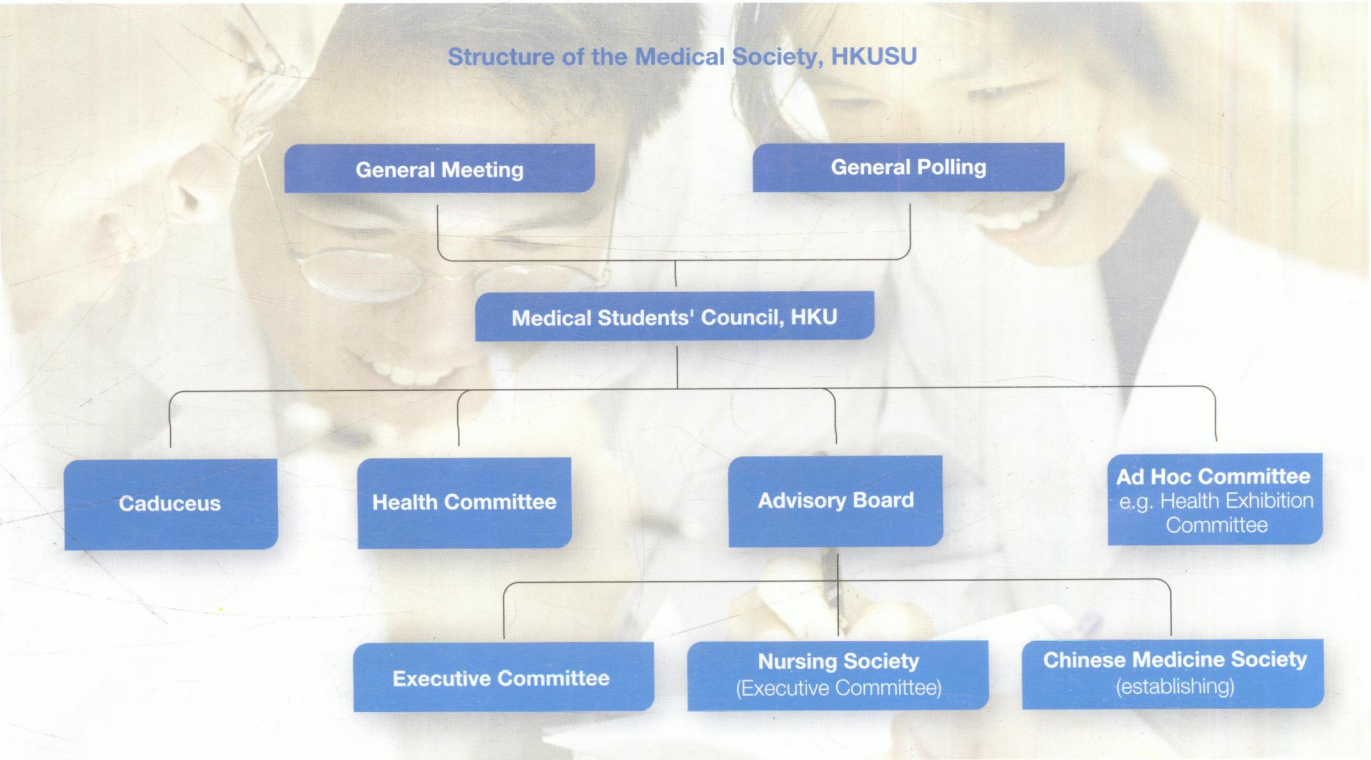
Professor SK Lam
Dean

The Medical Society

A Platform for Personal Development



By Esther Yu (MBBS IV), Christy Lam (MBBS II), Fiona Tsui (MBBS III)



Introduction

Students of the Faculty of Medicine, the University of Hong Kong have always strived for academic excellence. They are also known to be active and have wide ranging interests with involvements in sports, music and leadership within or outside the University. In addition, students of the Faculty contributes to the community - through the activities of the Medical Society, The University of Hong Kong Student Union (HKUSU).

The Medical Society was established in 1947, with the aims to serve and represent its fellow students, as well as to serve the community with medical knowledge and skills gained through undergraduate studies



in the Medical Faculty. With expanding vision and continual development through these 58 years, it now has become a well-structured students' body comprising of different committees, each responsible for a unique function of the Medical Society.

Medical Students' Council

It is the supervisory body of the Medical Society, comprising of a council chairman, an honorary secretary and councilors representing different classes of each curriculum and committee. Regular assemblies are held to discuss the objectives and feasibility of each activity proposed by the different committees, in order to ensure the quality of services to be delivered to the fellow members and the public.

Executive Committee

In view of the expanding membership and the need for unique representation for students in the different schools of the Faculty, the executive committee currently

is dedicated to represent students of the MBBS curriculum only, and not representing all students in the Faculty. It provides a multitude of services to its members, including stationary sales, orientation program for freshmen and sports competitions etc.

Nursing Society

The Nursing Society was established in January 2003. It consists of Council and an Executive Committee, which provide services to its members including social gathering, current affair forum and publication of "Nursing Affairs 《護事》". The Nursing Society also works closely with the executive committee of the Medical Society on activities that involve all students of the Faculty, such as orientation programme for freshmen and inter-faculty sports competition.



Chinese Medicine Society

Currently, the Chinese Medicine Society is being established. In the near future, it will be able to serve and represent the students of Bachelor of Chinese Medicine curriculum to meet their unique professional demands.

Advisory Board

The Advisory Board was established in January 2003 to co-ordinate the activities of the executive committees of the Medical Society and the Nursing Society, and in future, the Chinese Medicine Society. It aims to enhance communication and cooperation between the executive committees from different societies, in order to promote unity, harmony and co-



operation within the Faculty and between the different professions, starting from undergraduate years.

Caduceus

Caduceus is the society newspaper. It originates from a medical publication in Hong Kong before World War II. Today, Caduceus is a regular publication of the Medical Society, HKUSU, and widely circulated to all undergraduates of the Faculty. The missions of the publication are to provide a platform for free expression, to familiarize our readers with the Faculty of Medicine and, at the same time, promote a sense of belonging.



Health Committee

The Health Committee aims to promote health to the general public and to provide a means for the medical students to contribute to the community. A wide variety of services are provided, such as estate and community centre health screening tests and health talks at primary schools. Through these enjoyable and meaningful services, students can put their medical knowledge into practice. The early exposure to the general public is also valuable to our students.

Health Exhibition Committee

The Health Exhibition, as the largest annual activity organized by our medical students, aims at enhancing public awareness and understanding of medicine in layman's perspective and providing an opportunity for the medical and nursing students to contribute their time, and knowledge to promote health in the community. The following are the themes for the exhibitions in the past 15 years.

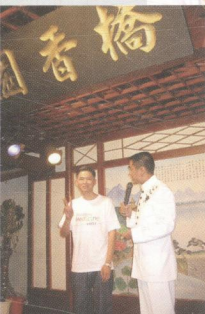
Year Themes

1990	Basic Law of Health
1991	The Cardiovascular System
1992	The Perspective of Respiratory System
1993	The Perspective of Tissue and Organ Transplant
1994	Chronic Disease
1995	Lifestyle and Gastrointestinal Tract Problems
1996	Caring for your Heart: A Look at the Circulatory System
1997	Cancer Files
1998	Facts behind Infections
1999	Emergency Files
2000	Women's Health 2000
2001	All Perspectives Elderly Health
2002	General Aspects of Children's Health
2003	Surviving the Concrete Jungle
2004	Nature's best Clothes - Simply Skin

Highlights of Achievements and Activities

Social Involvement:

- Outreach programme to the poor – the outreach section of the Health Committee was introduced in 2001, with the aim to reach out to the less privileged groups in our population who have limited access to medical resources. Since its establishment, different groups have been served including elderly living alone and recently, people living in the cage-homes. The services not only improved the health awareness of the target group but also broadened the understanding of our medical students on social issues.



Sports:

- As one of the largest faculties of the University, students of the Faculty of Medicine have maintained outstanding performance on all inter-faculty sport competitions all these years.



Professional Development:

- Forums – in recent years, uncertainty concerning the future career development of the medical profession arose in face of the limitation of the Hospital Authority funding and escalating health-care costs. The executive committee of the Medical Society had arranged several forums, providing platforms for students to discuss with policymakers directly on their worries and to gain insights into future directions of professional development.

- Interflow Programme – The "Medical Exploration Interflow Programme '03" was held jointly by the Medical Societies of both the University of Hong Kong and the Chinese University of Hong Kong. In the 2-day camp, students from both schools were able to exchange thoughts on current medical issues and foster closer relationship between these future medical professionals.



They have served in the Medical Society:

1960-61 Chairman	Professor C H LEONG 梁智鴻	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Immediate Past-president Hong Kong Academy of Medicine • Former Chairman Hospital Authority 	
1963-64 Honorary Secretary	Professor N K LEUNG 梁乃江	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Former Hospital Chief Executive Princess Margaret Hospital 	
1964-65 Honorary Secretary	Dr Pamela M K LEUNG 梁明娟	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cluster Chief Executive (Hong Kong East) Hospital Authority • Hospital Chief Executive Pamela Youde Nethersole Eastern Hospital 	
1967-68 Social Convenor	Dr Kathleen SO 蘇碧嫻	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Former Director (Professional Services & Human Resources) Hospital Authority 	
1968-69 Financial Secretary	Professor Grace W K TANG 鄧惠瓊	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • President Hong Kong Academy of Medicine • Former Dean Faculty of Medicine, HKU 	
1969-70 Social Secretary			
1970-71 Financial Secretary	Dr C Y TSE 謝俊仁	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cluster Chief Executive (Kowloon East) Hospital Authority • Hospital Chief Executive United Christian Hospital 	
1974-75 Financial Secretary	Dr W L LO 勞永樂	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Former President Hong Kong Medical Association • Former Legislative Councilor (Medical) Legislative Council, HKSAR 	
1977-78 External Vice-Chairman	Dr C T HUNG 熊志添	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hospital Chief Executive Queen Elizabeth Hospital • Cluster Chief Executive (Kowloon Central) Hospital Authority 	
1978-79 Chairman	Dr FUNG Hong 馮康	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cluster Chief Executive (New Territories East) Hospital Authority • Hospital Chief Executive Prince of Wales Hospital 	
1978-79 Welfare Secretary	Dr William HO 何兆煒	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chief Executive Hospital Authority • Former Hospital Chief Executive Kwong Wah Hospital 	
1980-81 Chairman			
1981-82 Internal Vice-Chairman	Dr Hon K K KWOK 郭家麒	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legislative Councilor (Medical) Legislative Council, HKSAR 	



Message from Professor York Chow

Secretary for Health, Welfare and Food, HKSAR

The Medical Scene as I see it in 2010

Speech addressed at the dinner with HKU Medical Alumni on February 16, 2005.

"Dear Dr Lee and Fellow Alumni of the Medical Faculty, the University of Hong Kong,

I am most thankful for your kind invitation to join you on this occasion of the Chinese New Year, the Year of the Tiger*, to share with you the experience of the recent healthcare reform, and to look forward to the Healthcare Financing Scheme which is to be implemented later this year. Hong Kong has gone through a lot of up and downs in the past twelve years since the handover of sovereignty: the regional financial crisis in 1997 and 1998, followed by the negative economic growth of 5 years; the painful SARS crisis in 2003, the South Asian tsunami of 2004, and the recent global influenza outbreak. Despite all these, Hong Kong still maintains its strategic position as one of the most free, economically vibrant and healthy spots on earth, and we pride ourselves on the outstanding professional standards and ethics of our healthcare workers. We should all be proud that the vital health statistics of Hong Kong still occupy top positions among the developed countries. We expect they would further improve in the next decade, with the total ban of smoking in all indoor public

areas, including restaurants and bars being enforced since 2006. The number of young smokers has also been on the decline since that ban, together with the other promotional and educational measures, and of course the increase of tobacco tax. No wonder Hong Kong is now considered the "City of Health & Fun" for all international visitors. The opening of the Hong Kong Disneyland in 2005, and the recent re-opening of the face-lifted Ocean Park, have contributed much to this development. In years to come, the soon to be completed West Kowloon Cultural Project, the Sports Park Project, and the Lantau development and its bridge link with Macao and Zhuhai will further enhance the unique image of our city.

We may perhaps still remember the various medical reforms in recent years, notably the establishment of the Hospital Authority (HA) in 1990, the taking over of all public hospitals in 1992, and the many changes made by HA to improve the facilities and standards of healthcare in the early nineties. These led to the significant market shift of private care patients to the public system, and resulted in HA being the victim of its own success. With tightening of public funding in the late nineties, HA concentrated on cost control measures which accounted for the complex human resources and staff morale issues. We are indebted to the then Chairman and Board Members of HA, who took the bold decision to reform the Authority in 2005, and restored the motivated culture of our public healthcare workers. We are also thankful for the private service providers who responded readily to the many private-public partnership initiatives since that time. Let us recall some of these changes and examine their current status.

The district healthcare service model for the eighteen districts perhaps can illustrate best the changes: now every citizen or family in Hong Kong is enrolled with a family medicine clinic, and under the care of a named doctor of their choice, located mostly close to their home. There are regular health checks, depending on age,

* 2010 will be the Year of Tiger



past health history, and family history for everyone, for a moderate monthly premium. Our public general outpatient clinics also perform a similar function for those who cannot afford private health-care, while at the same time training more new family medicine doctors and community specialists.

With the integration of paediatrics and geriatrics services of the Department of Health and the Hospital Authority and their private counterparts, care for children and the elderly are now reaching out to the community. The community elderly service is particularly effective with our visiting medical, nursing and allied health teams reaching out to residential or family homes. With the portable diagnostic kits acquired recently, our old folks rarely need to be admitted through Accident & Emergency departments nowadays just for diagnostic exclusion. Soon the territory-wide medical record system will be launched, and we must thank all the medical doctors in Hong Kong for their cooperation in the past four years, allowing a consensus to be built on the common platform.

Another significant decision, naturally a daring one, was the cessation of admission to Castle Peak Hospital and Kwai Chung Hospital scheduled for this summer. The caring of mental health patients in the community, with admission as treatment rather than disposal, might be new to Hong Kong, but we should thank our psychiatrists, nursing staff and rehabilitation professionals for taking such a decision with great courage and commitment.

It would be futile to describe the changes of hospitals in Hong Kong, as most of you were the driven force of the recent changes. With the fee increase of the Hospital Authority in the past four years, there is now a better private-public market distribution, and space for development of tertiary services and centres of excellence, both in public and private facilities. Our patients can now have registered access to hospitals of their choice, and closely link with their respective faculty doctors. Patients with chronic illnesses are being cared for by joint efforts of specialists



and their family members, some with drug subsidies from the Hospital Authority. Our fees and charges system can guarantee all public services are affordable, and we shall also start regulating the fast developing insurance system next year.

It is encouraging to see so much improvement and investment in our healthcare facilities, and the new projects coming on stream. The reformed governance of teaching hospitals allows much more initiatives for development of new technologies, research, and services for patients from our neighbouring regions. The open and transparent healthcare quality audit system has enabled Hong Kong as the renowned medical care centre of this part of the world.

Professionally we have mapped out clearer career paths for our young healthcare professionals, and their comprehensive training both from public and private sectors will be very useful for our future professional generations. Much still needs to be done for our healthcare system, but I am thankful for the support that you gave me in those two and a half years, to allow me to build on the foundations developed by Dr EK Yeoh. Of course, we should thank the current Secretary for Health, Welfare & Food, and many of you for carrying on with those plans and improving them. Once again, I would like to thank you for inviting me to share with you the progress of healthcare reform after my retirement."

Message from Dr Lawrence Lai

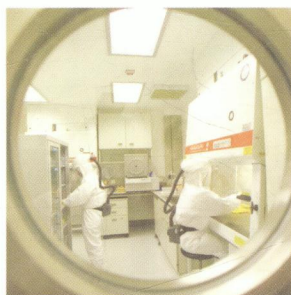
Cluster Chief Executive (Hong Kong West), Hospital Authority
Hospital Chief Executive, Queen Mary Hospital



Queen Mary Hospital (QMH) is well recognised as a leading teaching hospital of international repute. Having witnessed the changes in the Hospital for almost four decades, I wish to pay tribute to the commendable efforts of successive generations of staff of Queen Mary Hospital and the University of Hong Kong (HKU) for the significant contributions and achievements made to improving the health of the community in Hong Kong. I am convinced that QMH will continue to excel and play a pivotal role in the health-care service in Hong Kong in more ways than one, particularly if it can capitalise on its strength to focus on two strategic areas - containing infectious diseases and advocating patient safety.

With advances in medical research, introduction of new vaccines and better antibiotics, health officials had declared over three decades ago that industrialised countries would no longer need to worry about the scourge of communicable diseases. Unfortunately, their optimism was not well founded. Old diseases such as tuberculosis and malaria have defied eradication and persisted. New ones such as Ebola, human immunodeficiency and Avian Flu viruses have emerged to claim a large number of casualties. Severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS), a new respiratory disease that swiftly moved from China to Hong Kong, which eventually spread to 29 countries within six months, should give us a wake up call. While we pay most of our attention to treating non-communicable diseases, recent health statistics show that infectious diseases account for at least a

quarter of all deaths worldwide. We owe much to Professor KY Yuen, Dr WH Seto, Ms Patricia Ching and countless other unsung heroes in QMH and HKU for the successful containment of SARS. However, with the prediction by World Health Organization of potential threats of influenza pandemic, human to human transmission of Avian Flu and the re-emergence of SARS, it is imperative for QMH to take assertive action to enhance not only surveillance for the early detection of but also vigilance on infection control measures in preparation for future infectious disease outbreaks. With the recent setting up of a P3 Laboratory in HKU, I am sure the University will have much to contribute to containing infectious diseases in Hong Kong.

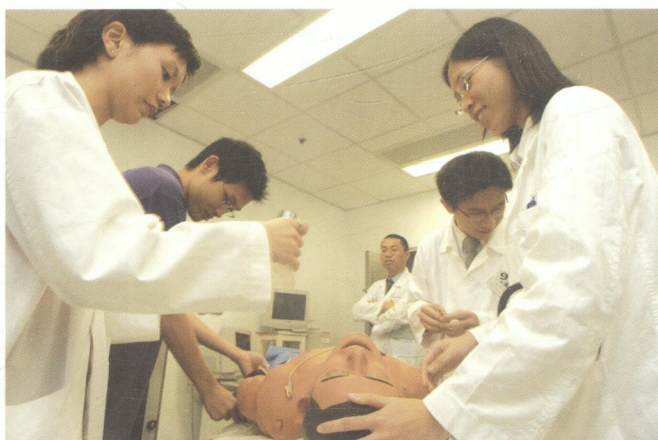


Another area in which QMH can do well is to advocate patient safety. Preventable medical errors are now recognised to be a significant cause of morbidity and mortality in hospitalised patients. As shown in increasing number of international

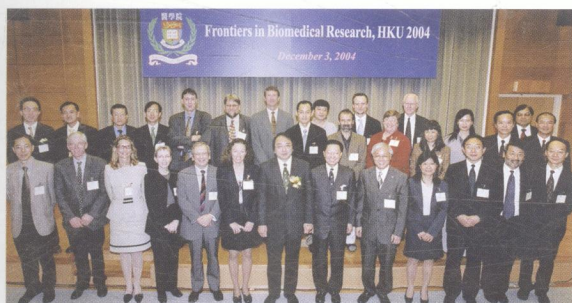
reports and studies, hospitals are dangerous places for patients. Most of these studies showed that about 3% to 10% of hospitalised patients suffered from preventable adverse events. By extrapolating the results of a Harvard Medical Practice Study to 33.6 million admissions to US hospitals in 1997, at least 44,000 to 98,000 patients die each year as a result of medical errors.

The issue of preventable medical errors is neither unique nor confined to countries overseas. There is no reason to believe that our health-care system is immune to medical errors. QMH is certainly well poised to significantly improve the health and well being of all of our patients by advocating patient safety and ensuring that our system will "DO NO HARM" to those under our care.

The greatest asset of QMH, in close affiliation and collaboration with HKU, is in its world class teaching, research, evidence-based practice, clinical expertise, governance and leadership. Our community will be better served if the Hospital will target its efforts in containing infectious diseases and advocating patient safety in the years ahead.



Frontiers in Biomedical Research 2004



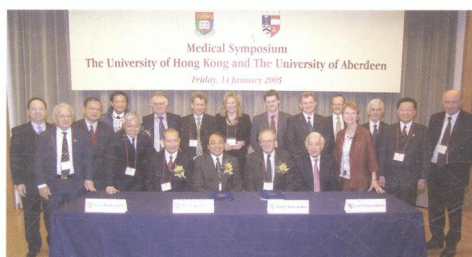
The Faculty annual flagship research meeting "Frontiers in Biomedical Research, HKU 2004" was successfully held on December 3, 2004 at the Faculty of Medicine Building.

Seventeen world renowned experts from Mainland and overseas shared their cutting-edge scientific research with us. Over 30 local researchers presented their latest discoveries. The conference served as local breeding ground for excellence in advancing the frontier of biomedical knowledge.

The meeting was organized along the five strategic research themes of the Faculty, i.e. Cancer, Heart, Brain, Hormone & Healthy Ageing, Infection & Immunology, Public Health, and Reproduction, Development & Growth. Over 800 participants attended the symposia and parallel lectures.

Collaboration of University of Aberdeen and HKU

The Memorandum of Understanding Signing Ceremony between University of Aberdeen (UoA) and HKU on January 14, 2005 marked a new chapter in the collaboration between the two universities and medical schools.



(徐立之), Vice-Chancellor, HKU and Professor Duncan Rice, Vice-Chancellor of UoA, signed a Memorandum of Understanding in the Ceremony, witnessed by Lord Wilson of Tillyorn, Chancellor, UoA and Dr The Honourable David Kwok-Po Li (李國寶), Pro-Chancellor, HKU.

With common vision for the betterment of health-care of mankind, and by pooling expertise and resources, the Memorandum further reinforced the collaborative effort of the two institutions. It also provided a greater and broader platform for research and academic excellence. Professor Lap-Chee Tsui

Medical symposium was followed by the Ceremony from 9:30am - 5:00pm. Experts from both Universities shared the highlights of their cutting-edge multidisciplinary research in medicine. Over 200 participants actively attended the lectures.

Distinguished Lecture by Dr Craig Venter

The Genome Research Centre has invited Dr Craig Venter to deliver a distinguished lecture on "Genomics: From Human Health to the Environment" on December 15, 2004 in the Cheung Kung Hai Conference Centre.

Dr Craig Venter is regarded as one of the leading scientists of the 21st century for his invaluable contributions in genomic research. He is founder and president of the Venter Institute and the J Craig Venter Science Foundation, which are non-profit, research and support organizations dedicated to human genomic research, to exploration of social and ethical issues in genomics, and to seeking alternative energy solutions through microbial sources.

A press interview was held prior to the lecture. Dr Venter expressed his views on the latest development of genomic research. Around 400 scientists, researchers and students attended the lecture which was exciting and inspiring.



The Croucher Advanced Study Institute “Molecular Genetics & Cell Signaling in Cancers”

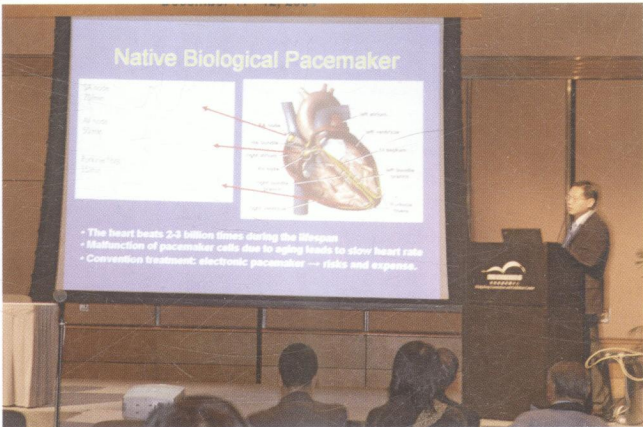
The Croucher Advanced Study Institute "Molecular Genetics & Cell Signaling in Cancers", organized by the Department of Pathology and sponsored by the Croucher Foundation, was held in January 17 - 21, 2005. The 5-day workshop highlighted the latest developments in cancer research and brought together world experts in cancer research to discuss and delineate the molecular and cellular basis of cancer.



Six international experts from the USA, Canada and UK shared with us their expertise. They were Dr Paul Meltzer (US NIH), Dr Stephen Baylin (Johns Hopkins University), Dr Thomas Roberts and Dr William Hahn (Harvard University), Dr Allan Bradley (Sanger Institute) and Dr Tak Mak (University of Toronto). There was fruitful interaction between the speakers and the audience. The sessions in the afternoon enabled presentations by local and regional cancer researchers which stimulated discussions and drew useful comments and advice from the expert guest speakers.



The 8th Annual Scientific Meeting of the Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences



The 8th Annual Scientific Meeting of the Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences and Medicine (ICSM) was held on December 11-12, 2004. The theme of the meeting was “Vascular Biology: From Bench to Patient”. The meeting focused on the blood vessel wall and explored how cardiovascular risk factors affect the endothelium and smooth muscle of blood vessels. New treatments, devices and drugs

for treatment of cardiovascular diseases were introduced by world renowned experts in the fields.

The preparation of the forthcoming 9th Annual Scientific Meeting of the ICSM has already started. The meeting will be held on Saturday and Sunday of December 3-4, 2005. The theme will be Metabolic Syndromes, with a focus on cardiovascular abnormalities due to diabetes or unhealthy diet.



10th Medical Research Conference

Organized by the Department of Medicine, the 10th Medical Research Conference was held on February 19-20, 2005. The primary objectives were to provide researchers an opportunity to present their research frontiers and to foster closer collaboration. This year, there were speakers from our Medical Faculty as well as local sister universities to give five plenary lectures.



Professor KWT Tsang (曾華德) and Dr Ronald Li (李登偉) of the Department of Medicine gave a talk on bronchiectasis and human embryonic stem cell therapy respectively. Professor PMGR Vanhoutte, Visiting Professor of Pharmacology, shared his study on endothelial dysfunction and vascular diseases. Professor Andrew Millar of the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology gave a talk on calcium signaling

and Professor JY Sung (沈祖堯) of the Chinese University of Hong Kong spoke of his experience in the management of gastrointestinal bleeding in Hong Kong in the past 12 years. Altogether 74 papers were submitted, 32 were selected for oral

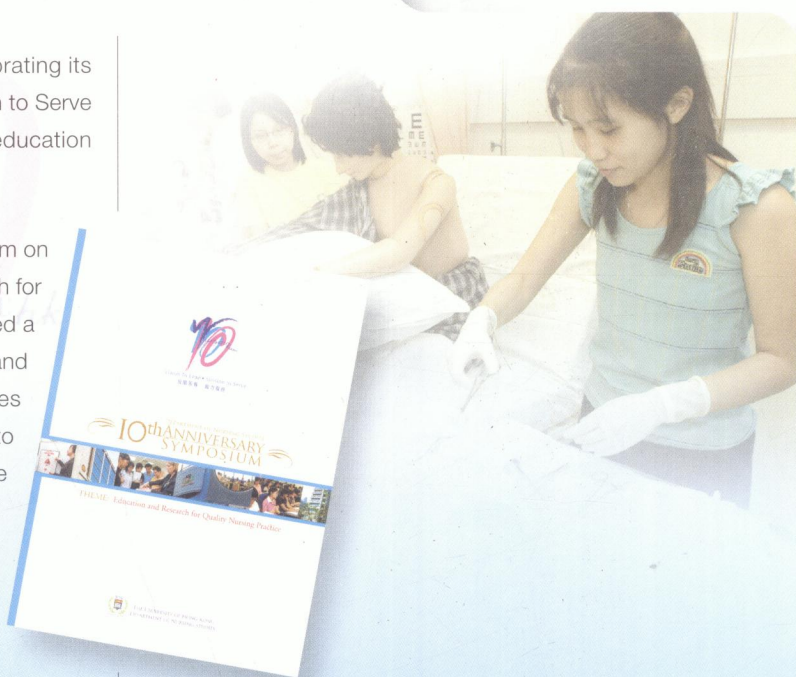
presentation and 20 for poster discussion. Most of the papers were presented by postgraduate students, young scientists and clinicians and were of high quality.



10th Anniversary of the Department of Nursing Studies

In 2005, the Department of Nursing Studies is celebrating its 10th Anniversary. The slogan "Vision to Lead, Mission to Serve 放眼領導 致力服務" represents the quality nursing education and training over the past ten years.

Of special emphasis is the 10th Anniversary Symposium on May 28, 2005 with the theme "Education and Research for Quality Nursing Practice". The Department has invited a number of international and local experts to address and share their insights and expertise in nursing practices and education. Your attendance will no doubt prove to be a valuable experience. The symposium will be followed by a Gala Dinner to be held in the splendid Hong Kong Country Club. For the programme details and registration, please visit the website: www.hku.hk/nursing.





Medical Alumni Day 2005

The first Medical Alumni Day was held on April 17, 2005 at the Faculty of Medicine Building. Over 500 alumni and their family members attended.

The Opening Ceremony was officiated by Professor KH Lee (李健鴻), President of the HKU Medical Alumni Association (HKUMAA), Professor Rosie Young (楊紫芝), Founding President of HKUMAA, our Dean Professor SK Lam (林兆鑫), Associate Dean Professor RHS Liang (梁憲孫), and Vice Presidents of HKUMAA Professor SP Chow (周肇平) and Professor NK Leung (梁乃江). The programme included a wide variety of activities such as memorabilia exhibition, guided tours led by MBBS students, magic performance and coaching by alumni, wine tasting contest, and talks that introduced recent developments of the Medical Faculty and the MBBS programme.

Not surprisingly the talent show was a major attraction, although some might have been surprised by the vast amount of hidden talents amongst our alumni. Distinguished alumni including Professor David Fang (方津生), Dr Sylvia Chen (陳嘉璐), Dr PC Cheng (鄭寶智), Dr MH Ip (葉文浩) and Dr SY Tung (董秀英) and MBBS students Miss Mei-yee Chow (周美兒), Miss Christine Lam (林瑩瑩), Mr Lap-ki Ng (伍立祺), Mr Dennis Yee (余敬行) and Miss Pui-ning Yeung (楊佩寧), charmed the audience with their outstanding singing, musical and magic performances. The master of ceremony Dr YM Ip (葉恩明) brought the evening to a climax with his witty hosting style.

Over 300 alumni together with their family and friends joined the alumni dinner at the Grand Foyer of Cheung Kung Hai Conference Centre of the Faculty Building, during which Professor NK Leung and Dr SF Tsang (曾三峰) hosted an exciting lucky draw. This grand and successful reunion concluded with a note of thanks by Professor KH Lee to all alumni for their overwhelming support.



Dinner in honour of Professor York Chow



The University of Hong Kong Medical Alumni Association (HKUMAA) hosted a dinner gathering at the Alumni Chamber on February 16, 2005, in honour of Professor York Chow (周一嶽), Secretary for Health, Welfare and Food. Over 40 medic alumni and guests participated, including the Vice-Chancellor Professor Lap-Chee Tsui (徐立之) and our Dean Professor Shiu-Kum Lam (林兆鑫).

Following a welcoming address by Professor Kin-Hung Lee (李健鴻), President of the HKUMAA, Professor Chow delivered a speech on the topic "The Medical Scene as I see it in 2010". In his lecture, Professor Chow gave the audience a preview of his vision on the development of medical and health service in Hong Kong, and analyzed the challenges ahead of us. He foresaw advancements in

improved matching of resources to the needy areas, better community outreach, a closer link between individual citizens and their family doctors, a clearer career path for young doctors, and enhanced cooperation between public and private institutes in providing professional training.

Professor Chow's inspiring speech and his apt sense of humour captivated the audience, and his vision won much applause. A souvenir from the HKUMAA was presented by Professor Lap-Chee Tsui to Professor Chow, following which the guests enjoyed their dinner.

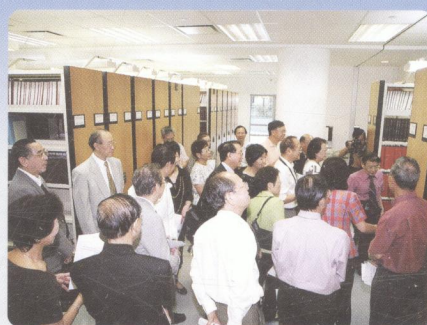


Medic Class Reunion

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Medic 68



Medic 79



Medic 84



If you want to organize a tour for your class to our medical campus, please contact the HKUMAA Secretariat at (tel) 2819 2857.



An unforgettable summer - Qiaotou

Fiona Tsui (MBBS III), Esther Yu (MBBS IV)

In June 2004, 22 of MBBS students organized a 9-day service trip to Qiaotou, one of the poorest rural areas in Guangdong Province. We visited homes of local families and their schools, and we also prepared mass games to help the children learning English.

The children were enthusiastic and intelligent. Most students needed to travel 45 minutes on foot to school early in the morning and yet, all were present daily. They treasured each opportunity to learn.

Considering the education facilities and the condition of the dormitory, with no ventilation, lighting or sewage system, the perseverance and enthusiasm of these students was admirable.

We also visited the local villages. According to most families, their annual income was around 500RMB from selling crops. The younger generation would leave for the cities for opportunities, leaving the elderly and the sick, further jeopardizing the productivity.

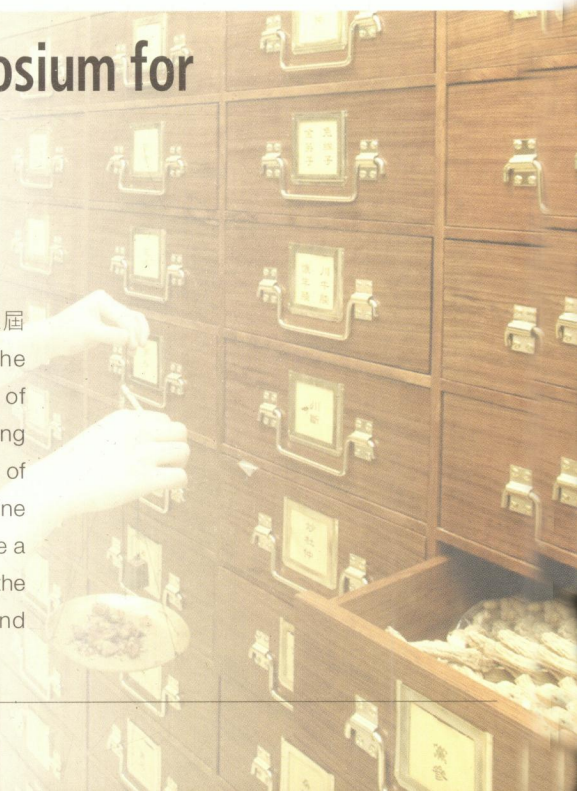


We learnt about the health pattern and the problems in accessing healthcare resources, and this trip reminded every of us the mission to serve the needy.

3rd Pong Ding Yuen International Symposium for Chinese Medicine

Samuel To (BCM I)

The 3rd Pong Ding Yuen International Symposium for Chinese Medicine (第三屆龐鼎元國際中醫藥學術研討會) was held on January 28 and 29, 2005. The participants of the Symposium included the representatives of the School of Chinese Medicine of the University of Hong Kong, the Chinese University of Hong Kong and the Hong Kong Baptist University. Other representatives included the Department of Health, the State Food and Drug Administration (SFDA), the School of Chinese Medicine from the mainland and neighbouring countries. The focus of symposium was to promote a high quality teaching in Chinese Medicine and it also served as an opportunity to review the existing curriculum. The symposium was a motivation to enhance international and regional understanding towards the clinical service of the Chinese Medicine.



18th East Asian Medical Students' Conference (EAMSC), Japan

Asian Medical Student Association Hong Kong Won the Academic Paper Presentation

Dominic Kwok (MBBS I)

The EAMSC is an international conference which aims to foster closer ties amongst Asian medical students and to raise their awareness towards global health issues. This year, the theme of EAMSC was "The Nature of Health - the Medical Profession and Social Expectations". Eighteen medical students of Year 1 to Year 4 coming from both HKU and CUHK make us the second largest delegation after the host country, Japan. Other participating countries included Korea, Taiwan, Thailand, Philippines, Malaysia, Indonesia and Iraq. Asian Medical Student Association Hong Kong won the Academic Paper Presentation on SARS.



The Hong Kong delegation bearing the banner of AMSA HK in the conference hall

Students' Awards

Ms KW Wong (黃嘉慧), PhD candidate of Psychiatry has been honoured with The Croucher Research Studentship. The award supports local promising young researchers to pursue scientific research in natural science, medicine or technology at postdoctoral and doctoral levels.

Mr OBH Yip (葉邦瀚), MPhil candidate in Pathology has been awarded for The Swire Scholarship. Mr Yip is under the supervision of Professor G Srivastava of the Department of Pathology.

Achievements

Professor YS Chan (陳應城), Professor, Department of Physiology, has been elected as the President of the Federation of Asian-Oceanian Neuroscience Societies in 2004 - 2006.

Professor KN Lai (黎嘉能), Head, Department of Medicine, has been elected as President of Hong Kong College of Physician.

Professor CM Lo (盧寵茂), Chair Professor of Hepatobiliary Surgery, has been elected as President of the International Society of Digestive Surgery.

Dr FPT Mok (莫碧添), Honorary Clinical Associate Professor, Department of Surgery, **Professor HYS Ngan** (顏婉嫦), Professor, Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology and **Dr AFY Tiwari** (羅鳳儀), Assistant Professor, Department of Nursing Studies have been honoured Faculty Teaching Medals 2004.

Professor IOL Ng (吳呂愛蓮), Professor, Department of Pathology and **Professor JSM Peiris** (裴偉士), Chair Professor, Department of Microbiology, have been awarded The Croucher Senior Research Fellowships 2005 - 06. Professor Ng has also been awarded The Croucher Senior Medical Research Fellowship 2005 - 06.

Dr NG Patil, Associate Professor, Department of Surgery, has received University Teaching Fellowship Award in November 2004.

Professor GWK Tang (鄧惠瓊), Professor, Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, has been elected as President of Hong Kong Academy of Medicine.

Dr WP Yau (丘偉鵬), Honorary Clinical Assistant Professor, Department of Orthopaedic and Traumatology, has received the Arthur Yau Award and Dr David Fang Trophy by Hong Kong Orthopaedic Association.

Department of Orthopaedic and Traumatology recently obtained \$4.14 million from the Research Grants Council to work on "Development of Novel Materials for Orthopedics". This is mainly to work on the Nickel-Titanium Implant for scoliosis correction in collaboration with the City University of Hong Kong.

Professor Paul K Chu from the City University is the principal investigator of this project. **Professor KDK Luk** (陸颯驥), **Dr KMC Cheung** (張文智) and **Dr WW Lu** (呂維加) of Department of Orthopaedic and Traumatology, HKU are members of the team.

Hello



Dr DYT Fong (方以德) joined the Department of Nursing Studies as Assistant Professor in February 2005. He obtained his BSc in Mathematics and MPhil in Statistics from HKU. He then completed a PhD in Statistics at the University of Waterloo, Canada. Upon graduation, he taught in Singapore for one year and spent six years as a Research Assistant Professor at the Clinical Trials Centre of HKU. His research area is medical statistics with special interest in longitudinal data analysis. Besides, he has many years of experience in the design and analysis of clinical trials, and had collaborated extensively with medical researchers.



Hello

Dr Mary Schooling joined the Department of Community Medicine Assistant Professor. She has an MA in Pure Maths and Medieval History, an MSc in Statistics. Her doctoral thesis was on how the interplay between social context and self-concept in adolescence affects adult health behaviour. Her research interests lie in the effect of social and historical forces over the life course on disease risk; southern China with its unique history is a fascinating research location. Her prior career included health planning in the UK. She is excited to be joining a dynamic department with such wide-ranging research programmes.



Dr DMF Yuen (袁孟峰) has been working in the Department of Medicine, Queen Mary Hospital after his graduation from HKU in 1992. He started the specialty training of Gastroenterology and Hepatology in 1995. He obtained the degree of Doctor of Medicine (MD) with Sir Patrick Manson Gold Medal in 2001. Dr Yuen's research interests are on chronic hepatitis B infection with extensive studies on prevention, natural history, molecular virology and treatment of this disease including treatment of hepatocellular carcinoma. He has already published 120 research papers in various international journals with 50 being the first author and including 8 first author papers in Hepatology (impact factor 9.5). Dr Yuen assumed the post of Associate Professor in November 2004.



Hello

Dr Judy Yam (任蕙蘋) joined the Department of Pathology as Assistant Professor in December 2004. She obtained her BSc degree (Biochemistry) at the University of Washington, USA and her MSc and PhD degrees at The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology. She joined the Department of Pathology as a Post-doctoral fellow in 2000. Her research interest focuses on the molecular basis of cellular transformation and the transcriptional regulation of gene expression.

Dr GPG Fung (馮寶姿), Assistant Professor, Department of Paediatrics and Adolescent Medicine

Dr S Riley (韋仕勳), Assistant Professor, Department of Community Medicine

Dr Julian Tanner, Assistant Professor, Department of Biochemistry

Dr JHL Yung (翁海玲), Assistant Professor, Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology

Dr RYL Chen (陳玉麟), Assistant Professor, Department of Psychiatry

Professor PW Lucas, Professor, Department of Anatomy

Dr IHN Wong (王興南), Assistant Professor, Department of Biochemistry

Goodbye

Goodbye

Congratulations

Professor LC Chan (陳立昌), has been promoted to Chair of Pathology.

Donations

Merck Sharp & Dohme (Asia) Ltd. Eisai (HK) Co. Ltd.	HK\$1,222,090 HK\$250,000	Supporting research project conducted by Dr BCY Wong, Department of Medicine
Mr Siri Manavutiveth	HK\$1,000,000	Supporting the development of Hepatology Research Laboratory of Department of Medicine
Professor MMW Chan	HK\$1,000,000	Pledge of \$5 million to establish an Endowed Scholar Fund in Department of Medicine
Sun Chieh Yeh Heart Foundation	HK\$795,916	Supporting research protocol entitled "CRISPS2" conducted by Dr BMY Cheung, Department of Medicine
Mr & Mrs Wai Kee-shun	HK\$500,000	Supporting the research and clinical work of bone marrow transplantation of Division of Haematology and Oncology
Wai Hung Charitable Foundation Ltd. Fujisawa Pharmaceuticals (China) Co. Ltd.	HK\$500,000 HK\$100,000	Supporting the research activities conducted by Professor TM Chan, Department of Medicine
Mr Woo Pak-chuen	HK\$500,000	Supporting Cardiology research projects conducted by Dr HF Tse, Department of Medicine
Hong Kong Lung Foundation	HK\$298,000	Supporting research project undertaken by Professor MMW Chan, Department of Medicine
Hong Kong Association of Health Care Ltd.	HK\$265,166	Supporting the research activities conducted by Professor CS Lau, Department of Medicine
Hong Kong Society of Gastroenterology	HK\$200,000	Supporting research project conducted by Dr KC Lai, Department of Medicine
Mr Lawrence Fung and Family	HK\$200,000	Supporting the research activities conducted by Dr KMC Cheung, Department of Orthopaedic and Traumatology
GlaxoSmithKline	HK\$117,816	Supporting research project conducted by Dr Judith Mak, Department of Medicine
Mr Henry CH Leung	HK\$100,000	Supporting the research work in the renal unit of Department of Medicine
Leung Chik Wai Charitable Ltd.	HK\$100,000	Supporting research in neurodegenerative disorders undertaken by Dr SL Ho, Department of Medicine
Dr KC Mak	HK\$100,000	Supporting research activities of Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology
Mr Suen Fung Leung	HK\$100,000	Supporting spine research activities of Department of Orthopaedic and Traumatology
Sir Elly Kadoorie & Sons Limited	HK\$1,000,000	Supporting the Rosie Young Endowment Chair in Endocrinology
Sun Chieh Yeh Heart Foundation	HK\$1,000,000	
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Mr William Louey	HK\$250,000	
Mr David Chiu	HK\$200,000	
Professor David Fang	HK\$100,000	
Dr Patrick PC Tong	HK\$100,000	
Dr Donald Li Kwok Tung	HK\$100,000	

Forthcoming Events

Diabetes Education and Management Course

Date : March 1 - May 10, 2005 (Every Tuesday, 5:30 - 8:00pm)
Venue : Queen Mary Hospital
Information : Ms Veronica Hung, Department of Medicine, HKU
Tel: 2855 3780 Fax: 2817 8251 Email: leunglye@ha.org.hk

Post-registration Certificate Course in Perioperative Nursing

Date : April 2, 9, 16¹, 23 & 30², 2005
May 7, 14 & 21, 2005
June 4 & 18 & 25, 2005
July 2, 9, 16² & 30, 2005
August 6² & 13, 2005
Venue : Skills Development Centre, Department of Surgery,
University of Hong Kong Medical Center, Queen Mary Hospital,
Pokfulam, Hong Kong
¹ Operation Theatre, University of Hong Kong Medical Centre,
Queen Mary Hospital, Pokfulam, Hong Kong
² Underground Lecture Theatres, New Clinical Building,
University of Hong Kong Medical Centre, Queen Mary Hospital,
Pokfulam, Hong Kong
Information : Institute of Advanced Nursing Studies, Hospital Authority Head Office
Tel: (852) 2300 7714

Advanced Orthopaedic Basic Science Workshop

Date : April 19-22, 2005
Venue : Faculty of Medicine Building, HKU
Information : Dr William Lu, Department of Orthopaedic and Traumatology, HKU
Tel: 2819 9595 Fax: 2818 5210 Email: ortho1@hku.hk

Pre-Hospital Trauma Life Support (PHTLS) Provider Course 2005

Date : April 20 & 28, 2005, May 14 & 21, 2005,
June 22 & 30, 2005, July 23 & 30, 2005,
August 17 & 25, 2005
Venue : Hong Kong St. John Ambulance Association, St. John Tower,
2 MacDonnell Road
Information : Course Administrator, Hong Kong St. John Ambulance Association
Tel: (852) 2530 8016 Web site: <http://www.hku.hk/surgery>

TCM Lecture Series - Treatment by Acupuncture and Moxibustion

Date : April 22 - May 20, 2005 (Every Friday)
Venue : To be confirmed
Information : Ms Yvonne Ma, School of Chinese Medicine
Tel: 2589 0439 Fax: 2872 5476 Email: chinmed@hku.hk

The 2nd Hong Kong International Orthopaedic Forum

Date : April 23-24, 2005
Venue : Faculty of Medicine Building, HKU
Information : Dr Frankie Leung / Ms Carmen Liu, Department of Orthopaedic
and Traumatology, HKU
Tel: 2855 4654 Fax: 2817 4392 Email: ortho1@hku.hk

6th Regional Osteoporosis Symposium - New Frontier

Date : May 20 -22, 2005
Venue : Hong Kong Convention & Exhibition Centre
Information : Ms Cissy Soon, Department of Medicine, HKU
Tel: 2855 3937 Fax: 2855 4167 Email: cissy@hkucc.hku.hk

Advanced Medical Life Support (AMLS) Program

Date : May 27 - 28, 2005, Friday & Saturday (Provider Course)
May 29 - 30, 2005, Sunday & Monday (Provider Course)
June 1, 2005, Wednesday (Instructor Course)
Venue : Skills Development Centre, Department of Surgery,
University of Hong Kong Medical Center, Queen Mary Hospital,
Pokfulam, Hong Kong
Information : Course Administrator, Department of Surgery,
University of Hong Kong Medical Centre, Queen Mary Hospital,
Pokfulam, Hong Kong
Tel: (852) 2855 4885 / 2855 4886 Fax: (852) 2819 3416
Email: qmhsdc@hkucc.hku.hk
Website: <http://www.hku.hk/surgery>

10th Anniversary Symposium - Department of Nursing Studies

Date : May 28, 2005 9:00am - 5:00pm
Venue : Cheung Kung Hai Conference Centre, Faculty of Medicine Building,
HKU
Information : Department of Nursing Studies
Tel: 2819 2606 Fax: 2872 6079 Email: nursing@hkucc.hku.hk

10th Anniversary Gala Dinner - Department of Nursing Studies

Date : May 28, 2005 6:30pm
Venue : The Hong Kong Country Club, Deep Water Bay
Information : Department of Nursing Studies
Tel: 2819 2606 Fax: 2872 6079 Email: nursing@hkucc.hku.hk

Head and Neck Course 2005

Date : June 2 - 3, 2005
Venue : Underground Lecture Theatres, New Clinical Block,
University of Hong Kong Medical Centre, Queen Mary Hospital
Information : Course Secretary, Department of Surgery, HKU
Tel: 2855 488 Fax: 2819 3416
Email: hnsrg@hkucc.hku.hk Website: <http://www.hku.hk/surgery>

Pong Ding Yuen Distinguished TCM Lecture Series

Date : June 3 - August 8, 2005 (Every Wednesday, except July 1)
Venue : To be confirmed
Information : Ms Yvonne Ma, School of Chinese Medicine
Tel: 2589 0439 Fax: 2872 5476 Email: chinmed@hku.hk

Hong Kong Surgical Forum - Summer 2005

Date : July 8-10, 2005
Venue : Lecture Theatre, 5/F, Professorial Block, University of Hong Kong
Medical Centre, Queen Mary Hospital
Information : Forum Secretary, Department of Surgery, HKU
Tel: 2855 4885 / 2855 4886 Fax: 2819 3416
Email: hksf@hkucc.hku.hk Website: <http://www.hku.hk/surgery>

Digby Memorial Lecture

Date : July 9, 2005
Venue : Underground Lecture Theatres, New Clinical Building,
University of Hong Kong Medical Centre, Queen Mary Hospital,
Pokfulam, Hong Kong
Information : Forum Secretary, Department of Surgery, University of Hong Kong
Medical Centre, Queen Mary Hospital, Pokfulam, Hong Kong
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This medical school has been living on different pots of money coming from the same source, the government. And it has been a rather easy life. All we need to do is to distribute the money fairly and spend it properly. For over a hundred years, living in the shadow of the government has become a way of life. We size our dreams to fit the size of the pots.

Today, this medical school can no longer depend on the government as its sole financier, if we want to compete internationally.

Knowledge creation and extension, i.e. research output and impact, remains the yardstick of international excellence. The picture of Pasteur or Jenner working alone in his laboratory and creating world wonders has long gone. It is now team of teams, convergence of expertise, and synergism of multiple disciplines that count. It is technology infrastructure and people capacity that matter. In the end, money speaks.

In 1998 USA Congress embarked on a bipartisan effort to double the budget of the National Institutes of Health, and this was achieved by 2003. In 2002, the USA's 126 medical schools received US\$9.6 billion of the US\$21.4 billion in federal research and development funds, which were US\$12.8 billion in 1996 - a 67 percent jump.

In fact, in USA, the dependency of medical schools on government subsidy represents about a third of their revenues. Worthy of note is that even in United Kingdom, where university subsidies are traditionally derived totally from the government, the government portion of revenue now represents only around 20% and 30% of the total revenues in Imperial College and Cambridge schools of medicine, respectively. In Sweden, a socialistic country, Karolinska and Uppasala medical schools are 49% and 40% respectively dependent on government. All top medical schools maintain their competitiveness through external funding.

In the last 7 years, this medical school faced a budget reduction of close to 25%. In 2004, we managed to switch from close to 100% dependency on government to 87%. Our objective is to decrease this drastically, thereby expanding our teaching and research staff to the critical level needed by top international schools. Yes, we shall create wealth, we shall move out of the shadow of the government, we shall live in true academic freedom.

This generation of HKU medics have big dreams, may be because of the genome technologies that give us so much hope, may be because we have a country to serve, but one thing is certain, it is because we dare to live for our dreams.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'SK Lam'.

Professor SK Lam
Dean

Gateway to lifelong learning - Yu Chun Keung Medical Library



History

The Medical Library was set up as part of the facilities of the Hong Kong College of Medicine for Chinese (predecessor of HKU Faculty of Medicine) when it was founded in 1887. It was incorporated in the University of Hong Kong Library in 1911. Some of the journal volumes were housed temporarily in the old Pathology Building at the Queen Mary Hospital at the War time.

In 1965, the medical collection was moved to the Patrick Manson Building on Sassoon Road and the Library was named the Lee Hysan Medical Library in recognition of the many generous donations to the Faculty by Mr Lee Wing-tat, youngest son of the late Mr Lee Hysan. The Medical Library was again moved to the present Faculty of Medicine Building in 2002 and renamed after Mr Yu Chun Keung for the generous contribution of the Yu Chun Keung Foundation.

Mission

The mission of the Yu Chun Keung Medical Library is to serve the curriculum, research, continuing education, and patient care needs of the University of Hong Kong and its Medical Faculty. Its overall aim is to become a regional centre of excellence in support of teaching, research and scholarship in biomedical and health sciences.

World class collections

The Medical Library has one of the largest collections of biomedical books and journals in Hong Kong and Southeast Asia, with over 186,000 books and bound volumes, 3,600 journal titles, and 5,900 items of audiovisual materials.

There has been tremendous growth in the use of electronic resources in recent years. Users can now access about 14,300 e-books, 5,190 e-journals, and 160 databases on health sciences. Electronic journal archives have also been purchased to extend access to key scholarly titles including backfiles of Nature research journals, Elsevier Science (Cell Press; Immunology and Biochemistry; Biochemistry, Genetics and Molecular Biology), and Wiley Interscience.

Growth in Health Sciences e-resources

	2002/03	2003/04	2004/05
E-journals (titles)	2,191	2,792	5,190
E-books (titles)	2,095	3,039	14,320
Databases (titles)	164	150	160

Innovative technology

The Medical Library offers innovative technology and provides a virtual learning environment conducive to study and research. The Knowledge Navigation Centre is equipped with computers for access to online catalogues, local databases and resources worldwide as well as multimedia workstations, scanners and software packages. In addition to network nodes, wireless LAN is set up to enable 'Network-Access-Everywhere' within the Library. Other upgraded facilities include a Computer Assisted Learning Laboratory, multimedia centre and multi-purposes study rooms.

A webpage on Personal Digital Assistant (PDA) resources (<http://lib.hku.hk/medlib/pdaresources>) has been developed to facilitate and maximize access to biomedical sciences resources via wireless and handheld computers.

Support global SARS research

A special severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS) webpage (<http://www.lib.hku.hk/medlib/sars>) for SARS information was created in 2003 with high quality resources which include guidelines, journal articles, news and links to health care organizations around the world. This webpage provides a convenient platform for worldwide researchers to access pertinent scientific information on SARS.

Open access to scholarly information

The Library's subscription to BioMed Central (BMC) allows staff and students to publish an unlimited number of research papers in BioMed Central journals. HKU community will also benefit from free and open access to research papers, peer-reviewed biological/medical articles published with BMC. Work already published with BioMed Central by HKU researchers could be accessed at URL: <http://www.biomedcentral.com/inst/39413>.



Service support to staff and student

MyAlerts was developed to assist staff and students to keep abreast of the latest information on their research interest. This service provide subscribers with email alerts to new additions of books, journals and multimedia purchased by HKU Libraries as well as the latest issues of favourite journal table of contents, with seamless links to online full text for HKU subscribed e-journals.

E-video was initiated to provide Internet access to videos for teaching and learning, an enhancement to facilitate convenient access to health sciences educational videos which include local programmes on anaesthesiology, paediatrics, public education on SARS, Avian influenza, Chinese and western medicine.

Users of the Library (2004-2005)

(Circulation statistics excluding manual loan)

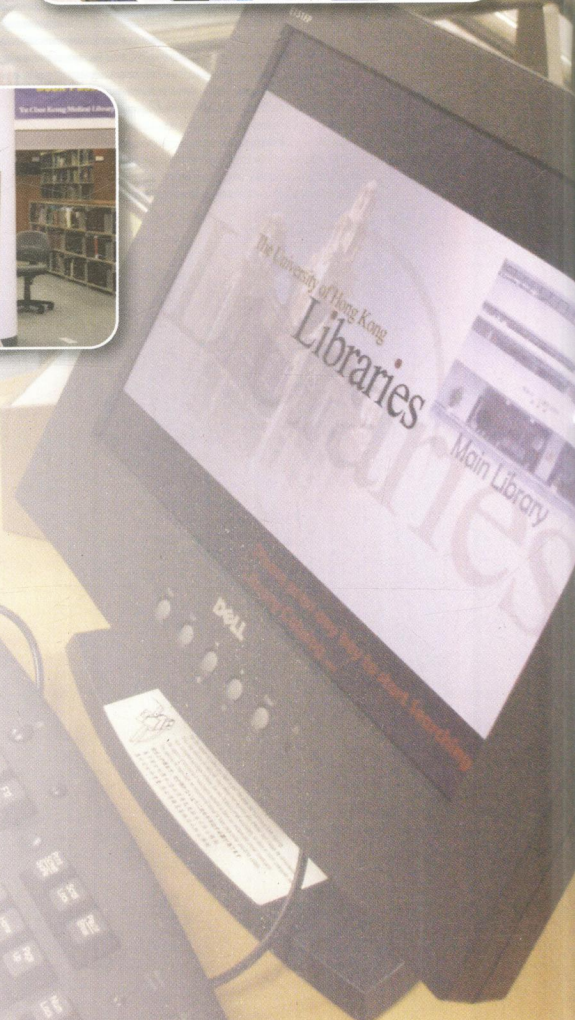
HKU Staff	11,247
HKU Students	83,117
Alumni	14,834
SPACE Staff & Students	1,976
Others	2,129
Total	113,303

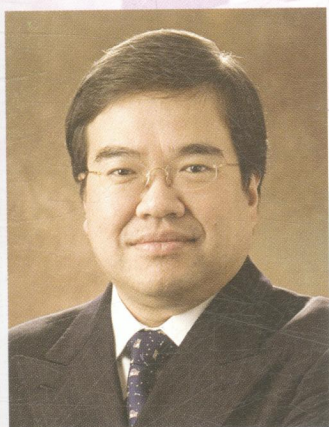
The total number of users entering the Medical Library in 2004/05 is 232,768. It is also a popular site for alumni and visitors. Prominent visitors included Mrs Anson Chan (陳方安生), Premier Wen Jiabao (溫家寶), and Lord Wilson of Tillyorn (衛奕信), Chancellor of the University of Aberdeen.

As an alumnus, how can you apply for a library card?

HKU Alumni can join the "Circle of Friends" of the HKU Libraries at an annual fee of HK\$500. This membership allows on-site reading, borrowing and access to electronic resources. Members are eligible to receive electronic library newsletter; invitation to talks, exhibitions and special events; and an email account. For more information, please refer to URL: <http://lib.hku.hk/friends>.

Alumni can also apply for regular Graduate Reader's Card or Graduate Borrower's Card at the Registration Counter on the ground floor of the Main Library at HKU main campus. Application of the Reader's Card is free of charge. A refundable deposit of \$500 is required for the Borrower's Card, but this is waived if you hold the Bank of East Asia's University of Hong Kong Graduate Credit Card. These two Cards do not carry remote access privileges to electronic resources. For enquiries, please call 2859-2202 or email maincir@lib.hku.hk.





Message to the HKU Medical Faculty

Mr Anthony Ting-yuk WU, JP

Chairman of the Hospital Authority

I am indeed most honoured to be given the opportunity to write this short article for the Medical Faculty News of the University of Hong Kong to share with you my views on some key issues facing our public healthcare system.

Since taking up the chairmanship of the Hospital Authority last October, I have visited all hospital clusters to meet with both management and frontline staff to understand the issues of concern to them. We also exchanged views on the problems they encountered working in the public healthcare system. Although the feedbacks I collected have been diverse, the underlying theme of sustainability of our current public healthcare system is unmistakable.

Prefacing the sustainability issue is the general consensus that the Hospital Authority has been most successful since its inception in transforming the quality of patient care delivered by public hospitals and in meeting the healthcare needs of our patients. However, these improvements, coupled with the policy of low user fees underpinned by heavy Government subsidy, have boosted the demand for public healthcare services dramatically. The success of the Authority has subsequently become the root of its many problems. In particular, the increase in service demand has put a severe dent on the Authority's financial status and placed our staff

under tremendous work pressure. Both are significant factors in system sustainability.

Since 2001/02, the Hospital Authority has recorded yearly budget deficits of several hundred millions of dollars. This is despite stringent savings measures and efficiency enhancement programmes. Apart from the rising service demand and low user fees policy described above, the situation has been further compounded by rapidly changing demographics with ageing population, escalating cost of new drugs and medical technologies, emergence of new and old communicable and non-communicable diseases, and the measures taken by Government to curb public spending. The budget problem requires multi-pronged solutions involving the Government, the Authority, the private sector and the community at large.

Towards the end of last year, our Secretary for Health, Welfare & Food had set forth policy directions for public healthcare system in response to the sustainability issue. These included focussing public healthcare services on four priority areas: (a) acute and emergency care; (b) services for the low-income group and the underprivileged; (c) illnesses that entail high cost, advanced technology and multi-disciplinary team work in their treatment; and (d) training of healthcare professionals. To move towards these

directions, he also reconvened the Health & Medical Development Advisory Committee (HMDAC) which comprises distinguished leaders of the healthcare profession and opinion-formers from the community. The tasks of the HMDAC are to deliberate on the best healthcare model to serve Hong Kong better and how the model can be financed in a sustainable manner.

While the HMDAC is yet to complete its work, the Secretary has also said on a number of occasions that we must address the sustainability issue in partnership with others including those in the private sector. In this context, the Hospital Authority has devoted intensive efforts to develop programmes on public-private partnership, focusing initially on non-patient care related areas. On patient care services, we have adopted a collaborative partnership approach by involving the private healthcare sector in the development and introduction of referral guidelines, as well as in the promotion of sharing of patient information. Together with the soon-to-be-announced HMDAC recommendations, it is hoped that these initiatives will help to address the public-private imbalance, thereby facilitating the sustainability of Hong Kong's healthcare system.

On our part, the Authority will continue to be a prudent steward of public resources. Where appropriate, we will earmark public resources in a targeted manner to those with the greatest clinical needs. An example is the clinical triage system for specialist outpatient services. The purpose here is to ensure that patients with urgent clinical conditions are accorded priority and attended to as early as possible. In similar vein, stable chronic patients can also be downloaded gradually from the specialist outpatient clinics to the more cost effective option of general outpatient clinics.

It is important to emphasise that addressing the money side will not on its own create a sustainable healthcare system. In my view,

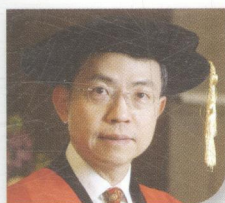
the people side is equally important. This is the reason why I embarked on a programme of visits to frontline staff when I became the Chairman. The Authority's greatest asset is our staff. Without their professionalism, dedication and innovations, our public healthcare system is doomed to failure. I firmly believe that under no circumstances should we compromise our clinical quality. As it is our people who deliver such services, I have put human resources on the top of the Authority's agenda. The objective is to create a People First culture in which we respect, trust, care and value our staff. As a complex organisation, this is easier said than done, and we still have a lot of work to do in this area. My hope is that the Authority will one day become an exemplary employer who is known to care for its staff and is responsive to their needs. It is only through the caring approach that we can best harness the potential and energies of our staff. This in turn will truly make our healthcare system sustainable for many years to come for the benefits of our community.

Before ending, I would like to pay tribute to Dr William Ho (何兆煒), Chief Executive of the Hospital Authority. Despite my numerous attempts in the last few months to persuade him to stay, Dr Ho has decided not to renew his contract as Chief Executive. Dr Ho has held this important position since 1999 and shown total commitment and dedication during the past six years. He has driven many innovative reforms in the organisation and led us through the most horrific of times of SARS and his contribution to the public healthcare system of Hong Kong has been most outstanding. After relinquishing the post of Chief Executive later this year, I am pleased that Dr Ho will stay in the Hospital Authority to help develop the specialty of Community Medicine and train future leaders. We look forward to continue working together with the Government, the universities and all our community partners to face the challenges ahead and to implement effective reforms to ensure a sustainable and healthy healthcare system.

A Legacy of Excellence - Endowed Professorships

On April 26, 2005, the University of Hong Kong celebrated her inauguration of eight new Endowed Professorships, of which six were from the Faculty of Medicine. Officiated by the Acting Chancellor the Honourable Donald Tsang Yam-Kuen, the Inauguration Ceremony marked an unprecedented outpouring of generosity in support of high standards of research achieved at the University.

The "Endowed Professorship" is one of the most significant awards bestowed upon eminent academics in the University. The generous donation will become a perpetual endowment in a designated discipline, as the Endowed Professor upholds a proud tradition of excellence.



Professor CP Lau

劉柱柏

William M W Mong Professor in Cardiology



Professor KSL Lam

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Rosie T T Young Professor in Endocrinology and Metabolism



Professor SK Lam

林兆鑫

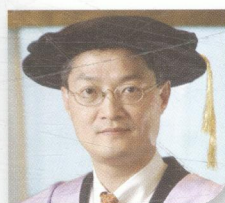
Simon K Y Lee Professor in Gastroenterology



Professor RHS Liang

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S H Ho Professor in Haematology and Oncology



Professor CM Lo

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Chin Lan-Hong Professor in Hepatobiliary and Pancreatic Surgery

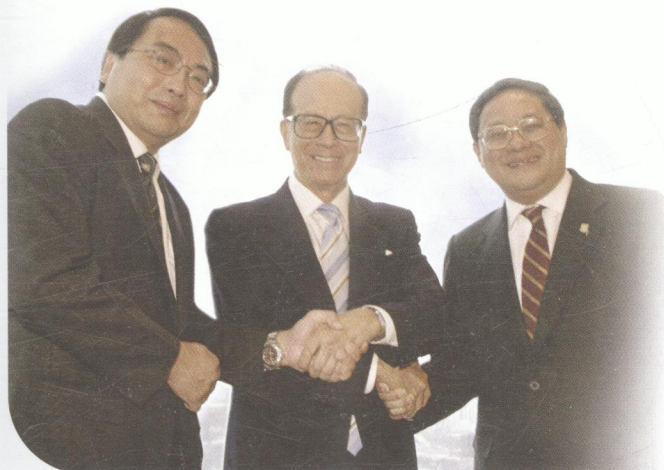


Professor KY Yuen

袁國勇

Henry Fok Professor in Infectious Diseases

Donation from Li Ka Shing Foundation to HKU



In May 2005, the Li Ka Shing Foundation made a generous donation pledge of HK\$1 billion to The University of Hong Kong. The University Council resolved to name the Faculty of Medicine as the HKU Li Ka Shing Faculty of Medicine. This is to recognize the generosity of Mr Li and his Foundation, as well as the wish of the donors to support, in addition to the general development of the University, research and academic activities in medicine.

The donation marks a distinct recognition of the HKU Medical Faculty's achievements contributed by Faculty members over the years and a commitment to the future. It also symbolises the strategic partnership between a premier institution and an outstanding philanthropist. The historical gift will be opportune in setting a firm foundation for the Faculty's development plan, and will bring to Hong Kong community a new era of contributing to tertiary institution.

Visit to Medical Schools in Beijing April 2005



Led by our Dean Professor SK Lam (林兆鑫), a delegation of the Faculty visited Beijing from April 6 to 8, 2005 with the objective of consolidating the Faculty's strategic partnerships with prominent medical schools in Beijing through new initiatives of collaborations in medical education, staff development, as well as basic and clinical research. Members of the delegation included Associate Dean Professor MSM Ip (葉秀文), Professor YS Chan (陳應城, Director of China Programme, Institute of Medical and Health Sciences Education of the Faculty), Assistant Deans Dr ANY Cheung (張雅賢) and Dr GKK Lau (廖家傑), Ms Isabella Wong (Director of China Affairs, Registry) and Ms Jeannie Tsang of the Faculty Office.

The delegation visited Tsinghua University School of Medicine, Peking University Health Science Centre (PUHSC) and Peking University Third Hospital, Peking Union Medical College (PUMC) and Peking Union Medical College Hospital, Capital University of Medical Sciences (CUMS) and Xuan Wu Hospital of CUMS, and Chinese People's Liberation Army (PLA) General Hospital (301 Hospital).

Members of the delegation had much fruitful discussion with the senior management of all the institutions and a Memorandum of Understanding was signed with Peking University Health Science Centre (PUHSC) during the visit. On the basis of mutual understanding reached, the Faculty will expand the student exchange scheme with the Beijing partner schools, and offer staff development programmes to their academic staff through the Institute of Medical and Health Sciences Education of the Faculty.

Apart from collaborating on individual research projects, the Faculty will join force with the partner schools in organizing research conferences for medical schools in Greater China that would encompass themes in basic, clinical and educational research, and make it an annual event of importance. The partnerships will also facilitate recruitment of high quality postgraduate candidates and research expertise.

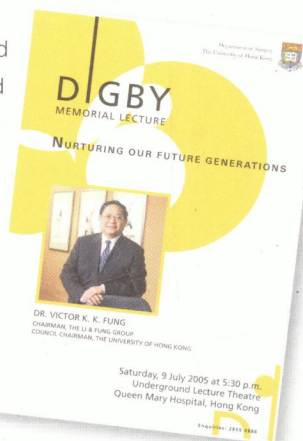
Later this year, a delegation of the Faculty will visit the cluster of medical schools in the Huadong area.



22nd Digby Memorial Lecture - Nurturing Our Future Generations

The 22nd Digby Memorial Lecture entitled "Nurturing Our Future Generations" was delivered by Dr Victor KK Fung (馮國經), Chairman of the Council, the University of Hong Kong and Chairman of Li and Fung Group, on July 9, 2005 at the Underground Lecture Theatre, Queen Mary Hospital.

Dr Fung outlined his vision and challenges that Hong Kong has to face in the new global environment. He was passionate and forthright about his philosophy of competitiveness and nurturing of excellence in every field. The packed auditorium was captivated by his oratory, and admired his critical analysis of educational



needs of our future generation. He responded candidly to questions raised by the audience. His vision won much applause.

The lecture was followed by a black-tie dinner in his honour. Formalities of the dinner were laced with an amusing introduction of the After-dinner Speech speaker by the Chairman of Hospital Governing Committee of Queen Mary Hospital, Dr Anthony Ho, followed by an informal and entertaining After-dinner Speech by Secretary for Health, Welfare and Food, Professor York YN Chow (周一嶽). The dinner was concluded with an elegant vote of thanks by Professor GWK Tang (鄧惠瓊).

Collaboration of TVB Health Channel and HKU



HKU Faculty of Medicine and School of Chinese Medicine have collaborated with the newly launched TVB Health Channel (paid TV channel) to produce two interactive programmes. The collaboration is to deliver adequate and timely health information to our community.

My Online Physician 互動醫療坊

Speakers from the Faculty and School of Chinese Medicine introduce medical condition of the different organ systems including the circulatory system, digestive system and respiratory system. Risk factors, symptoms, medical treatment and prevention of various diseases are discussed.

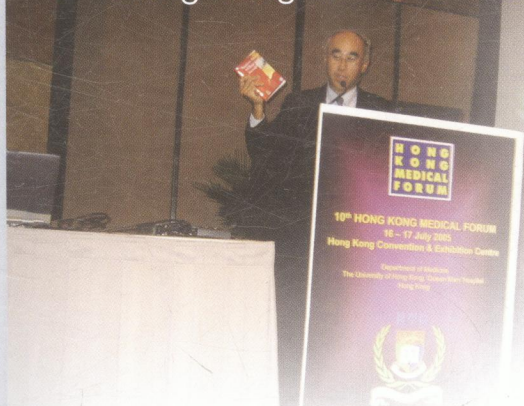
The Doorway to Chinese Medicine 大開中門

Experts from School of Chinese Medicine, HKU, introduce the basic theories in Chinese medicine and illustrate interesting and historical stories related to traditional herbal medicine.

An official launch ceremony of TVB Health Channel had been held on June 26, 2005. Professor KWT Tsang (曾華德), Assistant Dean of Faculty of Medicine and Professor Y Tong (童瑤), Director of School of Chinese Medicine congratulated the Channel's successful launch. During the ceremony, Professor Tsang presented the new therapy on bronchiectasis and Professor Tong introduced some acupuncture points to cure different kinds of disease.



10th Hong Kong Medical Forum



The Hong Kong Medical Forum (HKMF) celebrated its 10th anniversary on July 16 - 17, 2005. A number of distinguish alumni, who have made their names overseas returned to share the fruitful experience and to revivify their old friendships, namely Professor Rebecca Wang, Senior Medical Director of Clinical Drug Safety, at AstraZeneca; Professor Lawrence Chan, Professor of Medicine at Baylor College



of Medicine in Houston and Professor Todd Ing, Professor Emeritous of Medicine, Stritch School of Medicine, Loyola University Chicago.

The programme included a special talk by Professor Richard Yu (余宇康), Honorary Professor of the Department of Medicine, HKU, reflecting on and giving a new generation of students, and alumni the history and anecdotes of the Department and Medicine

in Hong Kong as well as up-to-date topics on gastro-hepatology, infections, atherosclerosis, neurodegenerative disorders. Professor Ing had the presentation on hyponatremia in Mr & Mrs Wu Chung Visiting Professor Lecture, and Professor Chan had his sharing on diabetes in the KP Stephen Chang Visiting Professor Lecture. About 1,300 registered participants joined us in our commemoration and usher the HKMF into the next decade.

Summer Broadening Programme 2005



The HKU Summer Programme 2005 was held on July 18 - 30, 2005. This programme aimed at providing local and overseas secondary sixth students with a chance to broaden their horizons on medical and health sciences, and to experience university learning. About ninety local Form 6 and Early Admission Scheme students enrolled for the programme, and 9 are from Peking University and Fudan University, China.

The main theme of medicine programme was 'Lifestyle & Health'. The programme covered various topics related to lifestyles such as smoking, alcohol and drinking, diet and obesity, sex, drugs and eating habits etc. In the two weeks,

participants joined the problem-based learning tutorials, lectures, seminars, laboratory practical sessions, clinical skills and clinical interpersonal skills sessions, group projects and presentations. Participants visited Social Hygiene Clinic of the Department of Health, Mother's Choice, Hei Ling Chau Addiction Treatment Centre and Matilda Hospital.

The courses were intellectually stimulating and vision-broadening. It provided an excellent opportunity to those who are interested in pursuing a medical or nursing career to have a deeper insight into the medical and healthcare profession.



47th Hong Kong Surgical Forum

Organized by the Department of Surgery, the Hong Kong Surgical Forum is an international postgraduate meeting, held over a weekend in January and July each year. The Forum in this summer was successfully held on July 8-9, 2005 and the subjects covered included endocrine surgery, gastrointestinal cancer, liver transplantation, surgical oncology and various topics of interest to general surgeons. Four leading authorities from the United States and two from mainland China had been

invited to take part in this Forum. Over 260 delegates attended the inspiring forum.

The meeting was followed by the 10th Joint Shanghai / Hong Kong Surgical Convention held at Rui Jin Hospital, Shanghai on July 11, 2005, where local and overseas speakers also participated.

10th Anniversary Celebration of the Department of Nursing Studies

The Department of Nursing Studies celebrated its 10th Anniversary on May 28, 2005 which was a memorial day for not only the department staff but all those who participated in the Symposium and Gala Dinner. The Nursing Alumni and the new Departmental website were also launched during the Symposium.



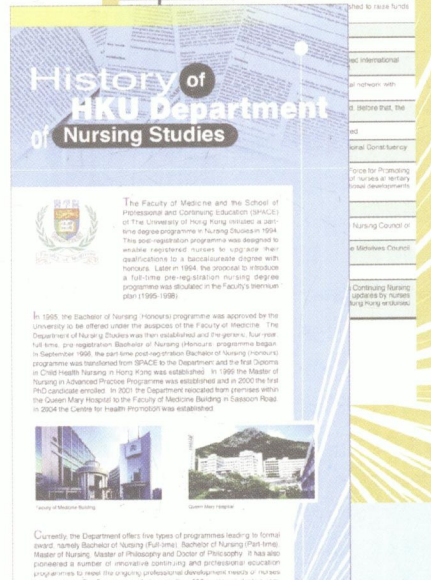
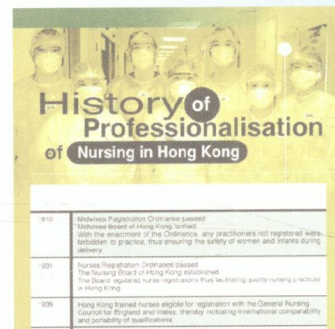
The esteem in which the Department is held by those in high places was clearly discernible in the speeches given by Vice Chancellor Professor Lap-Chee Tsui (徐立之), Dean of the Faculty of Medicine Professor SK Lam (林兆鑫) and Chief Executive of the Hospital Authority Dr William Ho (何兆輝). The

Symposium addressed the complex theme of the relationship between education, research and quality nursing practice and how these disciplines interplay out in the current context of global shortage of nurses. It brought together international and local experts to share research findings and to identify strategic directions for managing these complex issues at the level of policy, education and research. The keynote speakers inspired the more than 300 enthusiastic participants with their presentations. The liveliness of the panel discussions with active audience participation attested not only to the timeliness and relevance of the topics addressed, but also to the dynamism and vibrancy of the speakers.

Following the Symposium a Gala Dinner was held at The Hong Kong Country Club in Deep Water Bay. It provided an opportunity for long service awards to be given to Dr SSC Chan (陳肇始), Head of the Department and Ms CWH Lau, Clerical Officer of the Department. Guests were entranced with the singing of the Good Hope School and the Choir of the Department comprising staff and students. Posters setting out the history of nursing in Hong Kong and at the University of Hong Kong were on display and a lively game was held in which the audience was invited to answer questions about the content of the history posters. The history posters are now displayed at the Yu Chun Keung Medical Library.

Establishment of the Nursing Alumni Association

A group of enthusiastic graduates who came from various programmes have formed a Nursing Alumni Association in April 2005 and become the first Executive Committee members. This newly born Nursing Alumni Association aims at forming an affiliation with nursing graduates, linking the University and the Department, promoting academic advancement in nursing profession, and participating in public affairs. The Association will soon start recruiting members and interested nursing alumni please visit the website at www.hkunaa.org for more information.



Community Project in New Delhi, India

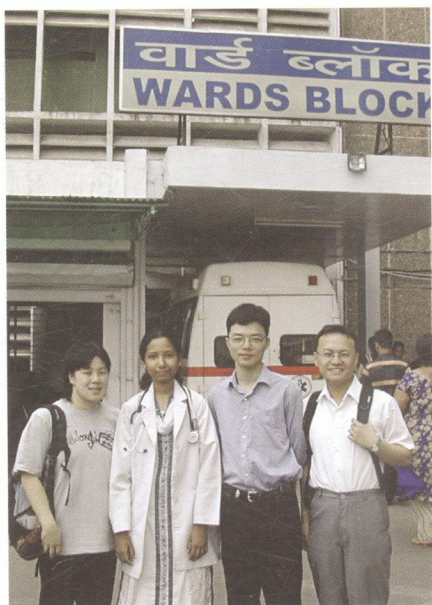
Final Year Special Study Modules

Three final year medical students, Cheung Kent-shek (張健碩), Ada Ng (吳翠蓮) and Poon Kin-ming (潘健明) joined the "Family Health Care" programme in India as the final year Special Study Modules.

New Delhi, Capital of India

India has the highest population living below the poverty in the world. The Gross National Income per capita in 2003 is US\$530, and 35% of the population lives below \$1 a day. Economic growth in India has been fast over the past decade, but this rising tide has not lifted all populations. India is a land of contrast: rich versus poor, high-tech versus primitive, obese versus malnourished, clean versus dirty.

New Delhi is a fast-growing city with busy business districts, expensive foreign hotels and lucrative shopping malls. It is a centre of international commerce and tourism, but it is also packed with poor trying to earn a better living. However, their dreams are hard to come true. Earning meager salaries of 50 Rupees (about HK\$8.50) a



day, they cannot afford a shelter. They end up living in slum areas, where infectious diseases, malnutrition and pollutions threaten every second of their lives, and of their children's lives. Although the children have access to free education, they skip school to work for their families.

Service in Slum Areas

The three medic students had a packed schedule in their trip. They worked in the FHC to organize free Medical camps, health education talks, vaccinations, medical screening, orphanages visits and personal hygiene classes. They also visited one of the most premier hospitals in India -- "All India Institute of Medical Sciences", which houses the country's best physicians and latest research.

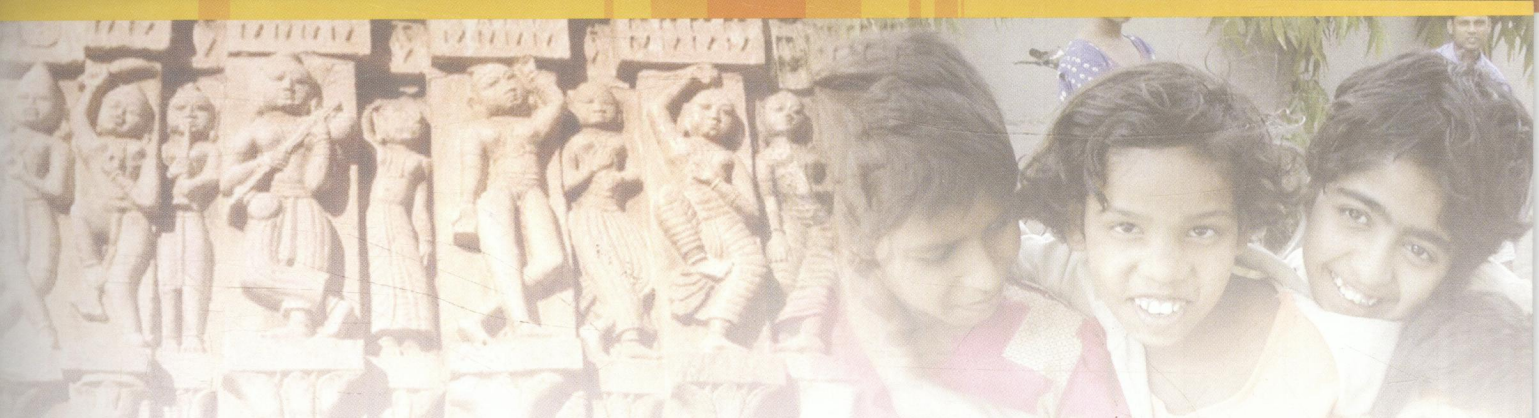
"Some people think that going to India instead of joining clinical attachments in

world-class hospitals in developed countries is a dangerous and crazy idea. Well, they are obviously wrong," said Ada, one of the medic students. "This trip was a life-changing experience."

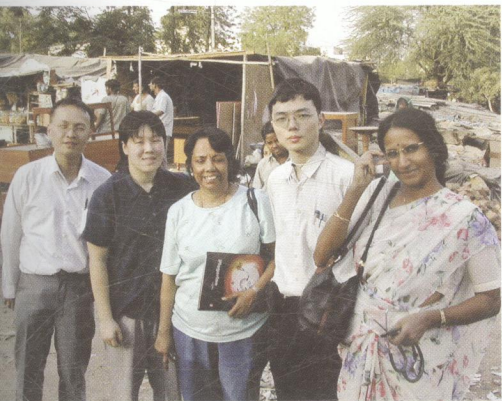
Medical Camps

In India, a medical camp means a free medical check-up provider. The students helped to provide free medical services for the slum residents.

"There are people who came to us with active complaints. We managed to see TB lymphadenitis, amoebiasis, gastroenteritis, failure to thrive, pelvic inflammatory diseases, etc. Others just came for check-ups. We took their blood pressure, weight, height, calculated their BMI," Kent-shek added. "We hope to deliver adequate health information through the 10-minute check-up."



Hepatitis B is prevalent in India, yet the Indian Government does not include it in the vaccination schedule. The medical camp therefore provided Hepatitis B vaccination to children and adults.



Children

Another task was to provide health education and entertainment to the children living in the slum areas. The volunteers taught them how to brush their teeth and how to wash their hands through a series of games, talks, drawing and colouring. The volunteers also threw a birthday party for the children.

“Many of the children had never seen a birthday cake before, let alone attending a birthday party! Those whose birthday was in April had the honour of blowing the candles and of making a birthday wish,” Kin-ming said. “We believe that laughter and caring are the best medicines.”

Orphans

The students visited a new orphanage called “Nirmala Jothy” frequently. There were a total of 11 children, and they all are girls suffering from an array of disabilities. In India, girls are less valuable than boys. Being handicapped added their misfortune. This orphanage offered them a new world with shelter and food, and an opportunity

to receive education and being protected in the sanctuary of the orphanage.

The students played with the children, cuddled them and talked to them. The children were innocent and very ready to give their love to the world. They deserve a chance and the developed world can give them, by providing medical support and education.

The Life as volunteers

The living environment in the trip was not very good. The students had to live next to cows and pigs. There was no air-conditioning, TV or telephone. But they knew it was not a vacation. They were there to serve. So they decided to persevere and spend the minimum on board and lodging as to save up as much rupees as possible to help the needy.

“No taxis, no auto-rickshaws. We walked if it were within 3 km, if not, we took a bus.” Ada said. Their effort was meaningful in return. They managed to save up Rupees to buy treats and daily essentials like toothbrushes for the kids. “The smiles on their faces are more rewarding than any money to us,” Ada added.

“This trip changed our perspectives toward life. It was a tough experience, but we learnt a lot from FHC on how to serve the needy. It forested the mission to be a good doctor,” the students concluded.

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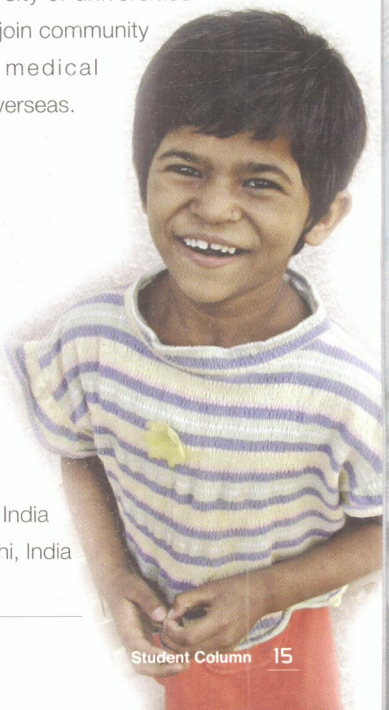
Gratitude must be paid to the following teachers and doctors who have made this project possible:
Dr US Khoo, Department of Pathology, HKU
Dr JJ Kunnacherry, Director, Family Health Clinic, New Delhi, India
Dr K Yasoda, Volunteer Doctor, Family Health Clinic, New Delhi, India

About “Family Health Care”

“Family Health Care” (FHC) is a registered non-governmental organization in India, which provides free medical services to the needy. Over the past few years, FHC has provided medical care to more than 16,500 underprivileged patients. Four to eight medical camps are held each year in the slum areas of Delhi, focusing on the prevention of infectious diseases, treatment of acute illnesses, screening for hypertension and diabetes, and providing much-needed immunization. Preventive healthcare is an important part of the programme which is achieved through the provision of health talks, production of booklets and pamphlets, and counselling.

About Special Study Modules

Special Study Modules (SSM) constitutes an integral part of the MBBS curriculum. They give students opportunities to explore specific areas of knowledge or interest in both medical and non-medical fields. Students may use several weeks to undertake a study or a research in a medical subject of their choice, opt for elective attachment in clinical departments in this University or universities overseas, or join community projects in medical institutions overseas.



Forthcoming Event Notice - Health Exhibition 2005

Lai Chun Ting Terence (MBBS I)

Health Exhibition, a student-initiated health promotion project organised by the Health Exhibition 2005 Organising Committee, Medical Society, HKUSU, HKU, has been an annual highlight throughout the year. The exhibitions gained wide acclaim from the public and this year, the exhibition will be held in October 8-9, 2005 at Tsuen Wan Town Hall, entitled "Mind Your Mind".

The main theme this year will be mental health and several of its related common diseases. We aim at arousing public awareness towards this aspect and encourage early detection and prevention. Board displays will be the main feature of our exhibition. Information booklets will also be distributed during the exhibition to provide further information of mental health. Veterans in the field of psychiatry are invited to give talks during the exhibition and answer questions raised by the audiences. There will be game booths for children. By providing comprehensive medical knowledge, we wish to clarify common misconceptions and eliminate discrimination against psychiatric patients.

Your support is essential to the success of our exhibition. We look forward to your active participation. For enquiry, please contact healthex05@yahoo.com.hk.

Students' Awards

Ms Tang Hoi-ching Eva (鄧凱澄), PhD student of Pharmacology, has been honoured the Butterfield-Croucher Studentship by the Croucher Foundation.

Ms Lee Yuk-Kwan Mary (李玉筠) and **Ms Keung Wen-yea Wendy** (姜韻兒), PhD students of Pharmacology, have been awarded Sir Edward Youde Memorial Fellowship.

Dr AL Pelling, post-doctoral fellow of Department of Biochemistry, has won Nature Publishing 1st Prize for best poster and most significant findings at HUGO's 10th Human Genome Meeting 2005 in Kyoto, Japan.

Ms Tam Yee-san Issan (譚慧珊), MPhil student of Pathology, **Dr Lam Chi-leung David** (林志良), PhD student of Pathology and **Ms Kwok Wai-kei** (郭蕙琪), PhD student of Anatomy, have been honoured the AACR/ITO EN Scholars-in-Training Award by 96th Annual American Association for Cancer Research Meeting 2005 in California, USA.

Ms Li Sze-wing Vivian (李思穎), PhD student of Pathology, has been honoured the Swire Scholarship 2005 - 2006 by Swire Group.

2005 HKSAR Government Honours

The following alumni have received HKSAR Government Honours in 2005:

Gold Bauhinia Star

Professor Yeoh Eng-kiong (楊永強), MBBS 1971

Professor Yeoh is awarded the GBS for his dedication in and outstanding contribution to safeguarding public health, particularly in preventing the resurgence of Avian Influenza and combating the SARS, as well as the prevention and treatment of HIV/AIDS and Hepatitis B; improving the health care system, and enhancing the social service system.

Bronze Bauhinia Star

Dr Tse Tak-fu (謝德富), MBBS 1968

Dr Tse is awarded the BBS for his meritorious public and community service, particularly for his valuable contribution to the Hong Kong Auxiliary Medical Service, The Dental Council of Hong Kong, the field of cardiology and the promotion of heart health in Hong Kong.

Chief Executive's Commendation for Community Service

Dr Chien Ping, Eric (錢平), MBBS 1982

Justice of Peace

Professor Lam Tai-hing (林大慶), MBBS 1975, MD 1988

Dr Lee Ka-yan David (李家仁), MBBS 1976

Dr Mak Hoi-hung Michael (麥海雄), MBBS 1970

Dr Wong Chi-ho Jimmy (王賜豪), MBBS 1986

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The 5th Annual General Meeting

The 5th Annual General Meeting (AGM) of HKUMAA was held on July 14, 2005 at the Alumni Chamber of the Faculty Building. President Professor Lee Kin-hung (李健鴻) presented the annual report in the meeting which gave an account of the events held by HKUMAA in the past year, including the first Medical Alumni Day held on 17th April. Dr Mak Hoi-hung Michael (麥海雄), Dr So Pik-han Kathleen (蘇碧嫻) and Professor Wong Ling-chui Rosamond (黃令翠) were elected as new Executive Committee members for the term 2005 - 2008. Professor Lee expressed his gratitude to retired Executive Committee member Dr Wu Wai-yung Raymond (鄔維庸) for his contributions to the HKUMAA. Participants discussed potential means to increase membership and strengthen the HKUMAA. On the issue of naming of the Faculty of Medicine, members had a candid discussion and exchanged views with the Dean and Professor Cheng Kai-ming (程介明), Senior Advisor to Vice Chancellor, HKU.

The University of Hong Kong Medical Alumni Association

President's Report for the Year 2004-2005

Professor Lee Kin-hung



General Activities

The Association has recruited 158 new members in the past year, bringing the total membership to 1,098 including 521 life members. New benefits for members that have been introduced include the Caltex Star Card and discount coupons for the Faculty of Medicine Restaurant.

Meetings have been arranged for representatives from different years of graduation to meet with members of the Executive Committee. Assistance has been provided for various medic classes to organize reunion activities at the Medical Faculty campus, with banquets at the Alumni Chamber and guided tours. These medic classes included 1957, 1964, 1966, 1968, 1979 and 1984.

Similar to last year, members of the Association participated in the 2004 HKAM and Medical Alumni Golf Tournament, and the HKU Alumni Association Challenge Cup and the "Reunion at the Races" luncheon.

Regular dissemination of information to members took the form of circulars, e-mails, announcements at the Association website, and via the Alumni News section of the Medical Faculty News.



Distinguished Alumni Honoured

The award of the 2004 Shaw Prize in Life Science and Medicine to Professor Kan Yuet-wai (簡悅威, MBBS 1958) has been a momentous event that our Association is most proud of. Professor Kan was recognized for his contributions to the knowledge on genetic polymorphism. Our Association hosted a dinner in honour of Professor Kan and he gave a delightful talk on "My Enjoyments in Life, other than Research".

Another distinguished alumnus, Professor York Chow (周一嶽, MBBS 1971) was appointed Secretary for Health, Welfare and Food by the Hong Kong Government in September 2004. The Association hosted a dinner gathering in his honour, during which he talked on "The Medical Scene as I see it in 2010".



The Medical Alumni Day

The first Medical Alumni Day, organized jointly with the Faculty of Medicine, was held on April 17, 2005 after months of planning. The Organizing Committee chaired by Professor Chow Shew-ping



(周肇平) and Professor Leung Nai-kong (梁乃江), together with the support of the Faculty staff. More than 500 alumni and their families participated in the activities which included guided tours led by medical students, clinical skills demonstration, children's corner with magic performance, wine tasting, exhibitions, talks by staff and students of the Faculty and a magnificent Talent Show. Over 300 alumni, family members and guests joined the dinner.

The occasion was a memorable one and a great opportunity for home-coming and reunion. Many members are already looking forward to the next Open Day.

Naming of the Faculty of Medicine

It was announced in early May that our University was to receive an unprecedented donation of 1 billion HK dollars for the advancement of education and biomedical sciences from Mr Li Ka Shing. The University Council subsequently decided to name the Faculty of Medicine after Mr. Li and the decision was announced on May 18, 2005. A considerable number of medical alumni were upset by this decision.

Our Association solicited views from alumni of different classes, and noted that the opinions on this issue were clearly divided. Our Association tried to reflect the different views expressed by alumni, but has taken care to remain impartial. The Executive Committee held an emergency meeting and decided that our Association should provide a platform for medical alumni to meet with the Dean and the University Administration for direct dialogues. Three such meetings were held on May 26, 27, and 30, 2005.

Forward Activities

The main functions of any alumni body must be the networking among alumni members and the provision of a linkage between alumni and their Alma Mater.

The Association in the past year has started liaison with other alumni bodies of the University and the Convocation. The University will be celebrating its Centenary in 2011 and the Convocation together with all alumni bodies have begun planning for the 95th Anniversary celebration in 2006, as a prelude to the Centenary events. At the same time the Faculty of Medicine is looking forward to celebrate our 120th Anniversary in 2007.



Hello and goodbye

Hello



Dr CW Cheung (張志偉) joined the Department of Anaesthesiology as Clinical Assistant Professor in 2005. Graduated from HKU in 1997, he continued his specialty training in Anaesthesiology in Hong Kong and obtained the fellowship from the Hong Kong College of Anaesthesiologists in 2005. During his training period, he was actively involved in teaching and research. He was appointed as Honorary Clinical Assistant Professor in 2004. His areas of interest include acute and chronic pain management, sedation for dental procedure, pain relief for dental surgery and ultra-sound guided regional anaesthesia.

Hello



Professor SYK Law (羅英傑) joined the Department of Surgery as Professor in April 2005. Graduated from the University of Cambridge, England with First Class Honours and completed his medical curriculum at the same university, he joined the Department of Surgery at Queen Mary Hospital in 1989, where he received his postgraduate training. He obtained the degree of Master of Surgery from HKU in 2002. Professor Law's research interests focus on various benign and malignant esophageal diseases, in particular esophageal cancer. He has published over 250 articles in peer-reviewed journals, abstracts and book chapters.

Dr Herman Tse, Assistant Professor, Department of Microbiology

Retirement

Dr MRC Rodrigo, Associate Professor, Department of Anaesthesiology

Goodbye

Goodbye

Goodbye

Congratulations

Dr KCB Tan (陳俊明) has been promoted to Associate Professor (Senior Lecturer) of Department of Medicine.

Dr GN Thomas has been promoted to Assistant Professor of Department of Community Medicine.

Congratulations

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Achievements

Dr RCC Chang (鄭傳忠), Research Assistant Professor of Department of Anatomy, has won the Best Poster Award in the International Congress of Complementary and Alternative Medicines 2005 held in Singapore in February 2005. The poster entitled "Neuroprotective effects of anti-aging Chinese medicine Lycium barbarum against β -Amyloid peptide neurotoxicity". Group members include Yu Man-shan, Leung Ka-yan Sarana, Lai Sau-wan, Che Chi-ming, So Kwok-fai and Yuen Wai-hung.

Professor GWK Tang (鄧惠瓊), Professor of Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, has been honoured the Outstanding Women Professionals Award by the Hong Kong Women Professionals & Entrepreneurs Association.

Professor WI Wei (韋霖), Chair Professor of Otorhinolaryngology, has been honoured the Honorary Fellowship of the Hong Kong College of Otorhinolaryngologists

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Mr Chiu Yu-hoi Gordon (趙汝海先生)	HK\$12,500,000	In support of the gastric cancer research conducted Dr BCY Wong, Department of Medicine, HKU
Wong Check She Charitable Foundation / Ms Gemma C.M. Wong	HK\$1,000,000	In support of gynaecological oncology research studies in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, HKU
Ocean Side Enterprises Limited (海鴻企業有限公司)	HK\$1,000,000	In support of HKU Spinal Cord Injury Fund
Bristol-Myers Squibb Foundations, Inc.	USD\$100,000	In support of infectious disease research under direction of Professor CL Lai, Department of Medicine, HKU
Novartis Pharmaceuticals (HK) Ltd.	HK\$300,000	In support of research projects conducted by Dr AKW Lie in bone marrow transplantation, Department of Medicine, HKU
	HK\$200,000	In support of the research into functional gastrointestinal disorders undertaken by Dr WJHC Hu, Department of Medicine, HKU
	HK\$100,000	In support of the research activities in nephrology conducted by Professor DTM Chan, Department of Medicine, HKU
	HK\$100,000	In support of research activities in Haematology / Medical Oncology and Bone Marrow Transplantation, Department of Medicine, HKU
Tung Wah Group of Hospitals	HK\$300,000	In support of research study conducted by Dr RTF Cheung in neurology, Department of Medicine, HKU
	HK\$250,000	Second Installment in support of research project in dermatology conducted by Dr Henry Chan, Honorary Clinical Associate Professor, Department of Medicine, HKU
Mrs Hui Chan Ying-wah (許陳影華女士)	HK\$500,000	In support of clinical care of cardiac patients in the Department of Paediatrics and Adolescent Medicine, HKU
Cheng Yi Yuen (China-International) Hepatitis Research Foundation	HK\$238,564	In support of the unrestricted hepatology research studies undertaken by Dr GKK Lau, Department of Medicine, HKU
L&T Charitable Foundation Ltd.	HK\$200,000	In support of research in kidney disease conducted by the Division of Nephrology, Department of Medicine, HKU
Mr Edwin Leong	HK\$150,000	In support of the lab research associated with bone marrow transplantation conducted by Division of Haematology / Medical Oncology and Bone Marrow Transplantation, Department of Medicine, HKU
Dr Hector T.G. Ma and friends	HK\$150,000	In support of research and development works in the Department of Medicine, HKU



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List of Specialist Referrals to the Faculty

The Faculty has received feedback from private doctors on the difficulty of referring patients to out staff members. The information on our referral system has therefore been complied and updated to facilitate referral from private practitioners.

Department	Name of specialist	Specialty, subspecialty or special interest	Contact person/ tel.no. for appointment
Anaesthesiology	Dr MG Irwin	Anaesthesia (general and regional - all types), sedation, acute pain management (incl obstetric epidurals); Preoperative patient optimization	Ms Betty Chan 2855 3303 Wong Ngar Yan 2855 4177 (Preoperative assessment clinic)
	Dr CW Cheung	Anaesthesia (all types), acute & chronic pain management (incl obstetric epidurals)	
	Dr JKF Ng	Anaesthesia (all types), acute and chronic pain management (incl Interventional procedures)	
Clinical Oncology	Prof JST Sham	Clinical Oncology	Ms Elke Yim 2855 4352
	Dr DTT Chua	Clinical Oncology	
	Dr DLW Kwong	Clinical Oncology	
Diagnostic Radiology	Dr CGC Ooi	Thoracic Radiology, Oncologic/ Haematologic Imaging, Transcatheter Oily Chemo-embolisation (TOCE), Cardiac CT	Ms Irene Leung 2855 3307 Ms Alice Lau
	Dr PL Khong	Paediatric Imaging, mammography	
	<i>Department will not accept patient that requires any interventional procedures other than TOCE; visceral angiography CT-guided biopsies, aspiration of pleural effusion and breast interventional procedures.</i>		
Medicine	Prof SK Lam	Gastroenterology and general medicine	Ms Clare Wong 2855 3354
	Prof KN Lai	Nephrology	Ms Doreen Siu. 2855 4477
	Prof DTM Chan	Nephrology, lupus nephritis	Ms Heidi Chik 2855 4769
	Prof MSM Ip	Respiratory medicine	Ms Carlina Ng 2855 4455
	Prof YL Kwong	Haematology, leukaemia and lymphoma; thrombosis and bleeding	Ms Tervina Wong 2855 5859
	Prof AWC Kung	Endocrinology, osteoporosis, thyroid	Ms Gladys Chu 2855 4769
	Prof KSL Lam	Endocrinology, diabetes & metabolism; pituitary, thyroid & lipid disorders (on-site dietetic and ophthalmological support preferred)	
	Prof WK Lam	Respiratory medicine, pulmonology (patients on ventilators not accepted)	Ms Carlina Ng 2855 4455
	Prof CS Lau	Rheumatology	Ms Karis Larm 2855 4049
	Prof RHS Liang	Haematology, oncology, blood cancers	Ms Tervina Wong 2855 5859
	Prof KWT Tsang	Respiratory medicine, respiratory infections, lung cancer diagnosis and management, sleep disorders including obstructive sleep apnoea, asthma and COPD, lung fibrosis and respirator failure	Ms Christine So 2855 4542
	Dr WH Chen	Cardiology, interventional cardiology	Ms Anita Wan 2855 4694
	Dr BMY Cheung	Clinical pharmacology, hypertension	Ms Karis Larm 2855 4049
	Dr RTF Cheung	Neurology, stroke	Ms Joanne Hui 2855 3315
	Dr SL Ho	Neurology	
	Dr GKK Lau	Hepatology	Ms Sheby Hui 2855 3986
	Dr EYY Tse	Family medicine (consulting at the Outpatient Department, Hong Kong Sanatorium & Hospital)	The receptionist 2835 8600
	Dr HF Tse	Cardiology, pacing & electrophysiology	Ms Heidi Chik 2855 4333 Ms Christine So 2855 4542
	Dr BCY Wong	Gastroenterology, liver cancer	
Microbiology		Clinical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases	Ms Goretti Tse 2855 4892

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Obstetrics & Gynaecology	Prof PC Ho	O&G, Reproductive Medicine	Ms Carrie Lee 2855 4262 Ms Annie Chow
	Prof TTH Lao	O&G, Maternal Fetal Medicine	
	Prof HYS Ngan	O&G, Gynaecological Oncology	
	Prof GWK Tang	O&G, Human Reproduction and Endoscopic Surgery	
	Dr KKL Chan	O&G	
	Dr CT Lau	O&G, Gynaecological Urology	
	Dr CP Lee	O&G, Maternal Fetal Medicine	
	Dr KY Leung	O&G, Management of Menopause, Prenatal Diagnosis	
	Dr WC Leung	O&G, Maternal Fetal Medicine	
	Dr EHY Ng	O&G, Reproductive Medicine	
	Dr CSW Ngai	O&G, Maternal Fetal Medicine	
	Dr CYT Ong	O&G	
	Dr TC Pun	O&G, Endoscopic Surgery	
	Dr MHY Tang	O&G, Prenatal Diagnostic Counseling	
	Dr OS Tang	O&G, Reproductive Medicine	
Orthopaedics & Traumatology	Prof KDK Luk	Spine surgery	Ms Wong Shui Yin 2855 5615
	Prof SP Chow	General orthopaedics and traumatology, hand surgery	
	Dr KMC Cheung	Spine surgery and spinal disorders	
	Dr PKY Chiu	Joint replacement surgery of the hip, knee, elbow and shoulder	
	Dr W Chow	Paediatric orthopaedics	
	Dr WY Ip	Hand surgery, foot surgery, microsurgery	
	Dr FKL Leung	Orthopaedic trauma	
	Dr YH Li	Paediatric orthopaedics	
	Dr KH Ng	Foot and ankle	
	Dr WM Tang	Joint replacement surgery of the hip, knee, elbow and shoulder, severe musculoskeletal infection	
Paediatrics & Adolescent Medicine	Dr JWK Wong	Shoulder, elbow, knee and ankle pathology, sport related injuries	Ms April Cheung 2974 0282 Ms Wong Shui Yin 2855 5615
	Dr DKH Yip	Shoulder, elbow, knee and ankle pathology, sport related injuries	
	Prof YL Lau	Paediatric Immunology	
	Prof LCK Low	General Paediatrics, Paediatric Endocrinology	
	Prof VCN Wong	Paediatric Neurology	
	Dr CF Chan	Paediatric Haematology / Oncology	
	Dr KT Chau	Paediatric Cardiology	
	Dr S Chiu	Paediatric Infectious Diseases	
	Dr PT Cheung	Paediatric Endocrinology	
	Dr YF Cheung	Paediatric Cardiology	
	Dr SY Ha	Paediatric Haematology / Oncology	
	Dr BCC Lam	General Paediatrics / Neonatology	
Pathology	Dr NS Tsoi	General Paediatrics / Neonatology	Ms Juliana Kwok 2855 3160 Ms Cherry Lee 2855 4875
	Prof LC Chan	Haematology	
	Prof IOL Ng	Histopathology; cytology; hepatobiliary pathology	
	Dr PSL Beh	Forensic Pathology/ Forensic Medicine (Autopsy, review of autopsy reports and medicolegal reports for criminal and civil cases)	

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Pathology	Dr EYT Chan	Allergology, rheumatology, immunodeficiency	Dr Eric Chan	2855 4149
	Dr KW Chan	Histopathology and cytology, renal biopsy and urological lesions	Ms Cherry Lee	2855 4875
	Dr ANY Cheung	Gynaecological histopathology and cytopathology		
	Dr RJ Collins	Anatomical Pathology: Cytology, Gynaecological Pathology; Human Papillomavirus	Ms Gloria Hui	2855 4136
	Dr Philip Ip	Anatomical Pathology with special interest in gynecologic pathology		
	Dr Brian Jones	Cytokines	Dr Brian Jones	2855 4147
	Dr US Khoo	Breast pathology - both Histopathology and Cytopathology	Ms Cherry Lee	2855 4875
	Dr JSY Kwok	Allergology, rheumatology immunodeficiency, bone marrow transplantation	Dr Janette Kwok	2855 4867
	Dr CK Lam	Haematology	Ms Juliana Kwok	2855 3160
	Dr SY Leung	Neuropathology	Ms Cherry Lee	2855 4875
	Dr JM Nicholls	Head and Neck, Paediatric, General		
	Dr Maria Wong	Pulmonary Pathology		
Psychiatry	Prof SW Tang	Mood Disorder, Psychiatric Pharmacology consultation	Ms King Wong	2855 4486
	Prof Peter Lee	Psychological disorders		
	Prof ML Ng	Sexual problem, psychotherapy	Ms Rita Ho	2855 3656
	Dr Eric Chen	Early psychosis		
	Dr SE Chua	General adult psychiatric disorder		
Surgery	Dr KF Chung	Adult psychiatric disorder, sleep disorder		
	Dr JGWS Wong	General adult psychiatric disorder		
	Prof J Wong	Esophageal surgery	Ms Chow Tin Sum	2855 4616
	Prof SWK Cheng	Vascular surgery	Ms Margie Chui	2818 2298
	Prof ST Fan	Hepatobiliary surgery / Liver transplantation		
	Prof SYK Law	Esophageal surgery		
	Prof CM Lo	Hepatobiliary surgery / Liver transplantation		
	Prof PKH Tam	Paediatric surgery		
	Prof WI Wei	Otorhinolaryngology / Head & neck surgery		
	Prof PW Yuen	Otorhinolaryngology		
	Dr LWQ Chow	Breast surgery		
	Dr KM Chu	Upper gastrointestinal surgery		
	Dr YW Fan	Neurosurgery		
	Dr J Ho	Colorectal surgery		
	Dr Y Hui	Otorhinolaryngology		
	Dr KN Hung	Neurosurgery		
	Dr LK Lam	Plastic & reconstructive surgery		
	Dr WL Law	Colorectal surgery		
	Dr CL Liu	Hepatobiliary surgery / Liver transplantation		
	Dr CY Lo	Endocrine surgery		
	Dr PC Tam	Urology / Renal transplantation		
	Dr WK Yuen	Hepatobiliary surgery		

Forthcoming Events

Post-registration Certificate Course in Perioperative Nursing

Date : August 6¹ & 13, 2005
Venue : Skills Development Centre, Department of Surgery,
University of Hong Kong Medical Center, Queen Mary Hospital,
Pokfulam, Hong Kong
1 Underground Lecture Theatres, New Clinical Building,
University of Hong Kong Medical Centre, Queen Mary Hospital,
Pokfulam, Hong Kong
Information : Institute of Advanced Nursing Studies, Hospital Authority Head Office
Tel: (852) 2300 7714

MPH Summer Programme "Health and Society"

Date : August 14 - 20, 2005
Venue : Seminar Room 5, LG1 Laboratory Block, Faculty of Medicine Building, HKU
Information : Dr Janice Johnston, Department of Community Medicine, HKU
Tel: 2819 9911 Fax: 2855 9528 Email:johnsto@hkucc.hku.hk

MPH Summer Programme "Bioethics and Public Health"

Date : August 15 - 19, 2005
Venue : Seminar Room 6, LG1 Laboratory Block, Faculty of Medicine Building, HKU
Information : Dr Janice Johnston, Department of Community Medicine, HKU
Tel: 2819 9911 Fax: 2855 9528 Email:johnsto@hkucc.hku.hk

50th Anniversary Symposium on Paediatric Neurology and Neuro-Rehabilitation

Date : September 16 - 17, 2005
Venue : Cheung Kung Hai Conference Centre, Faculty of Medicine Building, HKU
Information : Mr Chan Chi-fai, Department of Paediatrics and Adolescent Medicine, HKU
Tel: 2974 0332 Fax: 2974 0330

Advanced Trauma Life Support (ATLS) Student Course

Date : September 22 - 24, 2005
Venue : Skills Development Centre, C3 Main Block, Queen Mary Hospital
Organizers : American College of Surgeons (Hong Kong Chapter)
Department of Surgery, University of Hong Kong Medical Centre,
Queen Mary Hospital
Information : Ms June Chan, Program Manager, Department of Surgery, HKU
Tel: (852) 2855 4885 / 2855 4886 Fax: (852) 2819 3416
E-mail: qmhsdc@hkucc.hku.hk Web site: <http://www.hku.hk/surgery>

The Shirley Boyde Memorial Lecture by Sir Paul Nurse

Date : September 26, 2005
Venue : Faculty of Medicine Building, HKU
Information : Ms Teresa Couto, Department of Biochemistry, HKU
Tel: (852) 2819 9241 Fax: 2855 1254 Email: biochem@hkusua.hku.hk

Advances in Deafness Management

Date : October 8 - 9, 2005
Venue : Faculty of Medicine Building, HKU
Information : Ms June Chan, Course Secretariat, Department of Surgery, HKU
Tel: (852) 2855 4885 / 2855 4886 Fax: 2819 3416
Email: qmhsdc@hkucc.hku.hk Web site: <http://www.hku.hk/surgery>

XIII World Congress on Gestational Trophoblastic Diseases

Date : October 23 - 26, 2005
Venue : Cheung Kung Hai Conference Centre, Faculty of Medicine, HKU
Information : Ms Kathy Chang or Ms Veronica Cheng, Conference Secretariat
Tel: 2734 3312 Fax: 2723 9044 Email: veronica@pctourshk.com

Harry Fang Visiting Professorship 2005 - Dr J.A. Tony Herring, Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children (Tentative)

Date : November 14-21, 2005
Information : Ms Carmen Liu, Department of Medicine, HKU
Tel: 2855-4107 Fax: 2817-4392 Email: cswliu@hku.hk

S.C. Fong Visiting Lectureship 2005 - Professor Joji Mochida, Tokai University School of Medicine

Date : November 18-23, 2005
Information : Ms Carmen Liu, Department of Medicine, HKU
Tel: 2855-4107 Fax: 2817-4392 Email: cswliu@hku.hk

Advanced Course in Microsurgery of the Temporal Bone

Date : November 19 - 22, 2005
Venue : Skills Development Centre, Department of Surgery,
University of Hong Kong Medical Centre, Queen Mary Hospital
Organisers : Department of Surgery, The University of Hong Kong
Fisch International Microsurgery Foundation, Zurich, Switzerland
Information : Course Secretariat, Department of Surgery, University of Hong Kong
Tel: 2855 4394 Fax No.: 2855 3464
Email: orl.hns@gmail.com Web site: <http://www.hku.hk/surgery>

Joint Seminar of Centre for Reproduction, Development & Growth and Hong Kong College of Paediatrics

Date : November 27, 2005
Venue : Hospital Authority Building, 147B Argyle Road, Mong Kok
Information : Dr PT Cheung
Email:ptcheung@hkucc.hku.hk

Frontiers in Biomedical Research - HKU 2005

Date : December 2, 2005, 9:00am - 6:15pm
Venue : Faculty of Medicine Building, HKU
Information : Ms Fontaine Au
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9th Annual Scientific Meeting of The Institute of Cardiovascular Science & Medicine, HKU

Date : December 3-4, 2005
Venue : Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre
Information : Mrs C Sin, Institute of Cardiovascular Science & Medicine
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8th James Gibson Lecture

Date : December 8, 2005 (Tentative)
Venue : William M.W Mong Block, Faculty of Medicine Building, HKU
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12th Hong Kong International Cancer Congress & 2nd Annual Meeting of Research Centre of Cancer

Date : December 8 - 10, 2005
Venue : Faculty of Medicine Building, HKU
Information : Ms Venus Chan, Congress Secretariat, Department of Surgery
Tel: (852) 2818 0232 / 2855 4235 Fax: (852) 2818 1186
Email: HKICC05@hku.hk Website: www.hkicc.irc.hk

Advanced Trauma Life Support Student Course

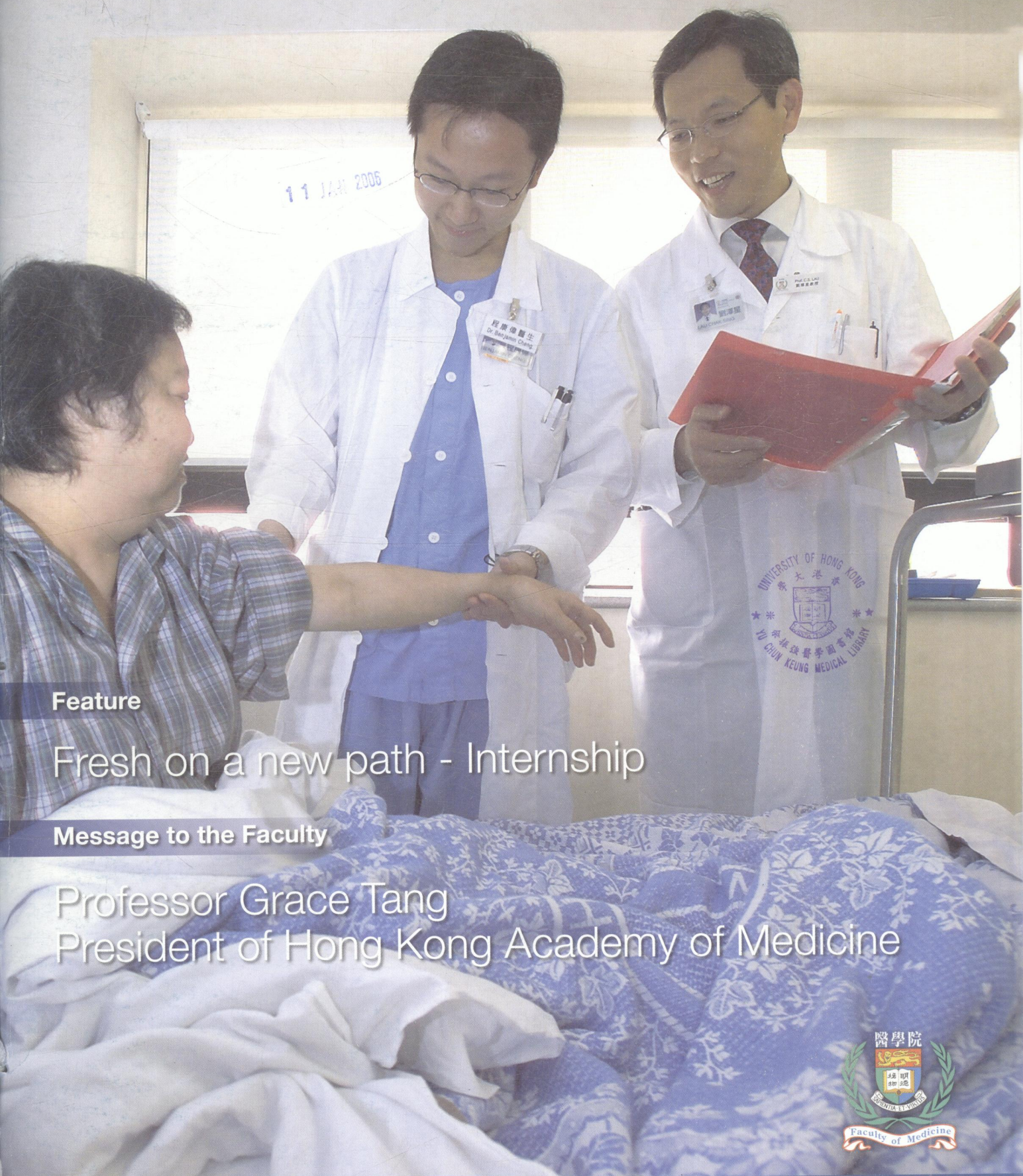
Date : December 16 - 18, 2005
Venue : Skills Development Centre, Department of Surgery,
University of Hong Kong Medical Centre, Queen Mary Hospital
Organisers : Department of Surgery, The University of Hong Kong
Hong Kong Chapter of the American College of Surgeons
Information : Course Secretariat, Department of Surgery, University of Hong Kong
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1st International Spinal Cord Injury Treatments and Trials Symposium

Date : December 17 - 20, 2005
Venue : Faculty of Medicine Building, HKU
Information : Miss Ada Wong, Clinical Trials Centre, HKU
Tel: 2855 4674 Fax: 2974 1248 Email:hkuscif@hkusua.hku.hk

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Medical Faculty News



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Message to the Faculty

Professor Grace Tang
President of Hong Kong Academy of Medicine



Over the past 4 years, the Medical Faculty News had undergone some changes. The format was changed and we adopted a new design. It is no longer a bulletin but a formal Newsletter of the Medical Faculty, documenting the different milestones of development of the Faculty. The content was enriched and we included the voices of the students and their activities, as the Faculty does not only belong to the teachers but also to the students as well. The readers will be interested to know of how the younger generation excels. The News certainly serves as a main channel of communication within the Faculty, reporting to the members of what the Faculty is doing. From time to time, the speeches of renowned speakers were also recorded for members' attention, when they were not able to attend these distinguished lectures. In addition, it is also a link between the Faculty and its alumni and friends.

Although the News is becoming more and more professional, it was not without difficulties during the process. We once faced with shortage of resources and manpower. But with the unfailing efforts of many, it is now becoming a part of the Medical Faculty. I have always enjoyed reading the News as it will give me a good sense of belonging to my Alma Mater and be proud of the achievements of its members. As this is the last issue that I will serve as the Editor, I wish to express my sincere thanks to all those who have contributed to making this News a success. I would also make use of this opportunity to wish you all a Happy New Year and many joyful returns in the year to come.

Dr Louis Chow

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Early this summer, the Faculty had a retreat on "From vision to action – towards a blueprint for our common future". A vision is a dream. We see our direction when we create a vision; establish our core values when we take ownership of it; and advance our mission when we drive it to completion. It is this process of pursuing a common goal that keeps an organization vibrant, and through which it fulfils its social responsibilities.

Therefore we aim high: we set the target to become one of the world's top ten medical schools in ten years, as a means to achieve our ultimate goal of making human progress through education, research and professional development.

Home to one-quarter of the world's population, China deserves to have medical schools that could lead the world in the discovery, preservation and sharing of knowledge for alleviating human sufferings caused by diseases. Being the country's most internationalized medical institution, and the one with the longest history in developing western medicine in the East, this Faculty has immense potential to rise up to that position. We shall not size our dream based on what we have, but what our imagination can lead us. With imagination, we explore ways to manage the present from the future, where we shall play our role with the world as our stage, and mankind as our audience.

On the educational front, the *Institute of Medical and Health Sciences Education (IMHSE)*, established in 2004, will be a visible mechanism with strong infrastructure to foster excellence in medical and health sciences education within the Faculty and beyond, thereby advancing its eminent position in this realm of education in the region and international arena. Through IMHSE, the Faculty aims to establish itself as a benchmark in nurturing doctors, nurses and scientists of knowledge, skills, humanity and leadership. We see evidence-based medicine as a basis to converge western and Chinese medicine to become a one-nation medicine for China and a one-world medicine for mankind.

On the research front, the Human Research Institute, Institute of Public Health and Institute of Biomedical Engineering will be established as university wide initiatives. We envision that with the advent of genome technology, biology will be to this century what physics was to the previous century, and that significant human progress will result from the meeting point of the two. We also believe that where east meets west, and where clinical science meets basic science are two other meeting points where our scientific niche will be developed. These institutes will house existing and future interdisciplinary research centres, and the core research laboratories and facilities, and will be the base for thematic research programmes, such as Drug Discovery, Emerging Infections, Cancer, Healthy Ageing, Reproduction-Development-Growth, and key projects, such as the HapMap Project, and the Personalized Medicine Project, as well as the many other projects of our teams of researchers.

The mission is to help develop Hong Kong to become the Biomedical Capital of Asia.

On the professional development front, our mission is to turn Hong Kong into Asia's Healthcare City. We believe this can be achieved through a strong partnership with the Hospital Authority and Department of Health on one hand, and with the private medical service on the other, and by making use of HKU and CUHK as the brand names for anchoring. A market study by the HKU Business School in 2004 showed that by 2015, there will be a potential of one million international health seekers in Hong Kong, generating \$10 billion GDP and creating 15,000 jobs. In the process, quantum medical advancement will be made through research and development, and the highest possible quality of medical care will be achieved through peer networking, leadership and competition.

In the end, human progress will be made for this and the next generations.

A stylized, handwritten signature of Professor SK Lam in black ink.

Professor SK Lam
Dean

Fresh on a new path - Internship

By Dr NG Patil, Assistant Dean (Education & Students Affairs)



Internship (Pre-registration House Officership) is defined as 'a training between the award of primary medical qualifications and grant of the full registration' (GMC, U.K. 1944).

The main objective of one-year internship is for the medical graduates to acquire on-the-job experience, to undertake progressive clinical responsibility; and to participate in educational programmes and practice tip workshops.

Internship in Hong Kong consists of four rotations of three months each. Rotation to general surgery and general medicine

is mandatory. Rotations to surgical specialties (Orthopaedics, Obstetrics & Gynaecology) and medical related specialties (Paediatrics, Psychiatry, Obstetrics & Gynaecology) are also offered to fulfill the requirement of six months of surgery and six months of medicine attachment.

Allocation of internship rotation is primarily based on interns' preference and their ranking in respective subjects at the final MBBS examination. In preparation for internship, Faculty holds a pre-internship block of 3 weeks consisting of practice tip workshops and hospital attachment.



Communication skills workshop for Interns, January 2005

There is no formal summative examination at the end of the internship prior to full registration. The assessment of the intern's performance, in practice, is therefore mainly conducted by nominated supervisors of the respective specialty units. At the end of rotation, the supervisors evaluate the intern's performance in the areas of professional knowledge, clinical skills, attitude to patients, attitude to staff, willingness to learn, organizational ability, clinical judgment, attendance at educational activities, use of medical language, communication skills and sense of responsibility. Supervisors advise the respective medical faculties (through the chief of service) the outcome of assessment countersigned by interns to make the process open, fair and educational. The record of intern's practical experience and training is also documented in a logbook which is submitted to the Faculty for further assessment. On satisfactory completion of all rotations, the Dean of the medical faculty issues a certificate to the intern for submission to the medical council for full registration.

reviews the internship programme regularly and organizes visitation to training hospitals at appropriate interval. In general, continuous assessment of intern performance during successive rotations and interns' evaluation of training does provide a fair picture of the intern's achievements towards obtaining the full registration.

In order to help interns to prepare for their post-registration job search and residency training, the medical faculty organizes a communication and career guidance workshop during their third rotation of internship.



Happy Hours for Interns

Interns also, in confidence, submit their evaluation of respective supervisors, units and hospitals to the Central Internship Committee (CIC) of the Hospital Authority (HA). CIC consists of representatives from medical faculties of HKU & CUHK and HA. CIC through a working group on 'Intern Allocation & Training' supervises and

Gains in my internship

By Dr Stephanie Cheung (MBBS 2005)

Internship is a journey to remember, with a mix of all tastes in life, and it comes in a package.

The first day I walked into the ward on my shaky legs, within 15 minutes I was flooded with new admissions, an endless list of ward complains. In the first week I was trying hard to remember which coloured bottles to use for different blood tests and writing comprehensive discharge summaries. These are all real practical skills we have not had lectures on.

Having to endure long working hours, friendships start to grow among us doctors, nurses and patients. On one day I am happy to see them sitting out, even just for breakfast, another day I may come back to the ward with an empty bed, without the usual familiar face, who greets me every morning.

I find home is so much sweeter when I return after a hard day's work, without the pager going off over and over again. I learn to make good use of quality time with my family and friends. Patients are my other source of happiness because they remind me of why I wanted to be a doctor 5 years ago. Patience is all we need.

After 5 years of study, we start off a fresh on a new path. This year is passing by in a blink. And I reckon it is up to us to decide how many colours we wish to add into this chapter of our life.



Lighter side of Internship by a New Intern

By Dr Chan Ho Yan (MBBS 2005)

1. Basic function of a house officer: A walking toolbox

As a house officer, when you accompany your seniors on a ward rounds, you need to be fully equipped. Do not underestimate how much time you (and the whole team) can save if you always have a pen, a torch, a tongue depressor, a stethoscope in your white coat. Female house officers have something more to lend – their eyes (even if they are only half-opened) as a chaperon; and be prepared to do per-rectal examination if a female patient refuses a PR by your male MO.

2. Housemen x 1 Vs. Nurses x n

A ward may have only one houseman but more nurses –which means the desk is flooded with those “homework” – Bed 13: set drip, Bed 2: consult medical, Bed 20: book urgent CT brain etc. etc. There is a single golden hour throughout the day that all these nagging and niggling suddenly disappears – the nurses’ lunch time! (No offence intended to nurses – just a light hearted observation).

3. Intern ≠ Sixth-year medical student

Do not stand in front of the medical students during Grand Rounds; you will be waved to the back by the consultant because “You are a houseman. You have already passed your exams.” Never expect to be taught like medical students. Interns are also PAID, and so they are supposed to WORK. You will find substantial improvement in your basic survival skills (I mean setting drips and taking blood), but to keep up your medical knowledge, only self-help method to prevent presenile dementia is to ASK. This is always the best way to start a conversation with your senior, and many a time, an inspiring lecture.

4. Extra patients, Extra patience

It is sometimes really difficult to hold your temper when a “menorrhagia” comes in at 3 in the morning. It is even harder to not be furious when you found out she had been bleeding for the past 4 months, but chose to attend A&E while you were asleep for no special reasons.

I have learnt to be patient, cool, conscious and Glasgow Coma Scale of 15/15.





My Reflections as a house officer

Dr Edmond Wong (MBBS 2004), Resident in Surgery

As I entered ward 4G in the morning of 1st July, my welcoming present was, to deal with all kinds of instructions, paper and ward work. The rest of the day, to be more precise, the next 36 hours, I was preoccupied with getting through them as much possible. At some stage, I started to feel hungry. The sun was already setting for the second time and the patient in bed number eleven was requesting for another nocte dose of hypnotics. After the last drip had been safely set and secured to the arm, my brain was as empty as my stomach.

In the beginning of the internship, every intern does experience a certain degree of helplessness as they begin. But time has again proven itself to be the best remedy. Very soon you will find yourself being the "Drip Son" of your unit, patients' complain seems to be more reasonable, and you are still able to enjoy the midnight movie after another night shift. Above all, you find yourself able to appreciate life as a doctor and the satisfactions that you once longed for.

As I entered ward 4G in the morning of 1st July a year later, my welcoming present was a few stacks of patients folders, together with my new house officer. "Please complete them within half an hour and join me in the OT". I said as a supervisor to the houseman. What a difference!

Message from Professor Grace Tang

President of the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine



Professor Grace Tang has taken up the presidency of the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine since December 2004. After one year in office, Professor Tang kindly shares with us her experience and future plan at the Academy.

Established by statute, the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine is now 11 years old. Within this short period of time, the Academy and her 15 Colleges have provided for the training and accreditation of specialists in Hong Kong, and assist the Hong Kong Medical Council in the maintenance of the Specialist Register through provision and monitoring of continuing medical education.

As one of the objects of the Academy is to foster the development of postgraduate medical education (PME) and continuing medical education (CME), the Academy has close relationship with undergraduate medical education (UME) as well as playing a significant role in the up-keeping of the standard of medical practice through CME, and recently, the promulgation of continuous professional development (CPD). As UME today is one that will produce generic doctors who are suitable for PME in various specialties, the transition must be smooth in terms of opportunities for training, the training curricula and the assessment methods. In the past, opportunities for training lie only within the Hospital Authority (HA). As contract employment is the current trend, the Academy has sourced training opportunities in private hospitals, particularly for those who have finished their training in HA waiting to take their exit examinations.



HKAM delegates meeting Prof Huang Jiefu, Vice Minister of Health, in Beijing April 2005

The Academy also feels that it will be conducive to their training for trainees to have wider exposure, particularly in China where the culture and disease patterns are similar, and learning opportunity is abundant. The Academy will be establishing Training Scholarships and exchanges with Mainland, particularly the Key Universities.



HKAM delegates meeting
Mr Han Qide, Vice Chairman,
Standing Committee of
National People's Congress,
in Beijing April 2005

This year, the Academy has been invited by the Ministry of Health (MOH) to assist in the Mainland's Specialists accreditation, training and registration. The MOH is of the view that since our culture is similar, so the Academy is in a better position than any other foreign academic organizations to understand and assist the Mainland systems. A number of Colleges have made presentations to their counterparts in a MOH delegation that visited the Academy in August 2005. All were immensely impressed.

All these are the beginning of a deeper collaboration with China in academic exchange – training, accreditation, CME and CPD. With widened opportunities in training, young doctors are likely to have widened scope of practice in future. With widened scope of practice, experience gained can only be beneficial to patient-care in the Hong Kong Community, as well as maintenance of the standard of medical practice in a wider context. Globalization in medicine is an unavoidable trend and it is important to nurture young doctors who are capable of rising to the challenge of competition. The license to practice varies in different places. For Hong Kong, a licensing examination is required for non-Hong Kong graduates in order to be registered fully to practice, as well as to become Fellows of the Academy of Medicine.



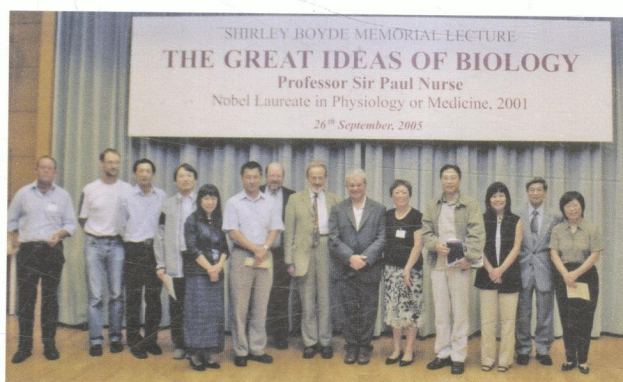
HKAM Council representatives meeting
Mr Gao Qiang, Minister of Health, in Hong Kong
June 2005

Life-long learning is not a topic of dispute. Hippocrates said "Life is short, science is so long to learn, opportunity is elusive, experience is dangerous, judgment is difficult". The concept is inculcated in the undergraduate curriculum. The Academy perpetuates this concept through CME and recently, promulgated CPD. CPD is the development of competencies relevant to the practice profile of a practitioner that may change with time, and such professional development endeavors are directed at enhancing the quality of care and delivery of safe standard of practice. CME is a component of CPD. The Academy is given the statutory responsibility to see to it that life-long learning takes place, for it is a moral and an ethical obligation of doctors to the Community they serve. The CME/CPD compliance rate of the Academy is over 98%. It is now opportune time to perform CME/CPD research so as to guide our Fellows with evidence on the best ways to involve in life-long learning.

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The Hong Kong Academy of Medicine is committed to high quality medical education through which quality health-care will be delivered to the Hong Kong Community, and beyond.

Shirley Boyde Memorial Lecture

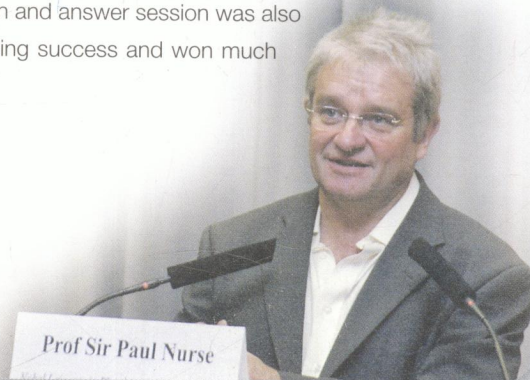


The 2nd Shirley Boyde Memorial Lecture entitled "The Great Ideas of Biology" was delivered by Professor Sir Paul Nurse on September 26, 2005 at the Cheung Kung Hai Conference Centre. Sir Paul Nurse was awarded the Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine in 2001 and is presently the President of the Rockefeller University in New York.

Introductions were provided by Professor Paul Tam (譚廣亨), Pro-Vice Chancellor of HKU, Professor Kathryn Cheah (謝賞恩), Head and Chair of the Department of Biochemistry,

and Professor Tom Boyde, the Chairman of the Shirley Boyde Memorial Trust Fund. Sir Paul outlined three ideas of biology including gene theory, evolutionary theories and the proposal that the cell is the fundamental unit of all life. He also suggested that understanding spatial and informational organization within the cell will be key to research in biology and medicine in the future.

Over 600 university students, faculty members and secondary school students attended the lecture in the fully packed lecture hall, with an additional 300 participants packed in the seminar rooms and the telemedicine centre watching a live broadcast. The question and answer session was also an outstanding success and won much applause.



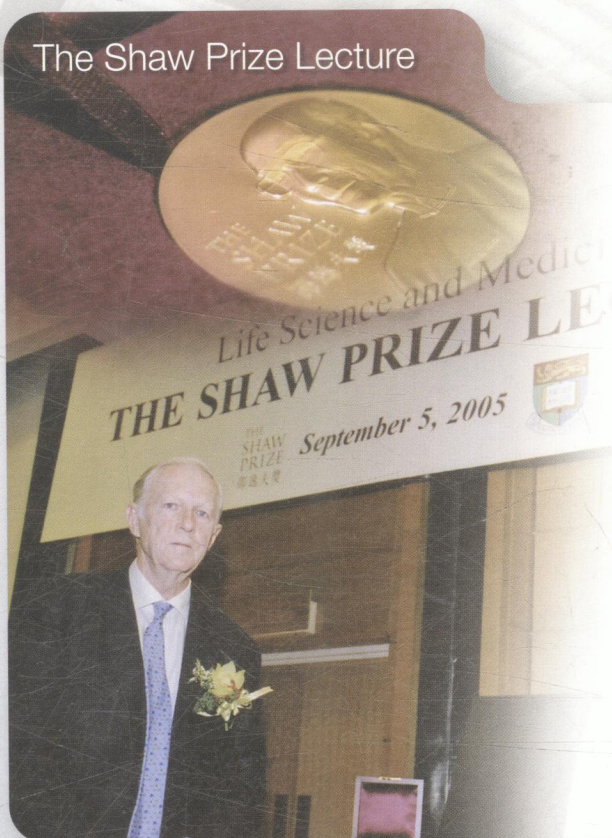
Opening of Two State Key Laboratories

The Ministry of Science and Technology of the Central Government has approved the application from the University of Hong Kong to establish a State Key Laboratory of Emerging Infectious Diseases (新發傳染性疾病國家重點實驗室) and a State Key Laboratory of Brain and Cognitive Sciences (腦與認知科學國家重點實驗室) at HKU. On October 4, 2005, HKU announced their formal operation and hosted an opening ceremony at the Faculty Building with Mr Xu Guanhua (徐冠華), Minister of Science and Technology of the People's Republic of China, as the officiating guest.

The national recognition fully demonstrates HKU's continuing excellence in research on infectious diseases as well as human cognition and neuroscience. HKU's State Key Laboratories are the first and only in their respective fields that are located outside the Mainland. The Central Government accords great importance to these state key laboratories, regarding them as key components of China's science and technology research system. They serve as the base for top-level basic research and applied research development, assembling and nurturing outstanding researchers, as well as scholarly exchanges for the country.



The Shaw Prize Lecture



The winner of the Shaw Prize in Life Science and Medicine 2005, Professor Sir Michael Berridge, gave the Shaw Prize lecture entitled "Calcium Signalling in Health and Disease" on September 5, 2005 at Cheung Kung Hai Conference Centre.

Sir Michael has been awarded for his discoveries on calcium signalling in the regulation of cellular activity. His discoveries on how various factors increase calcium mobilization and how calcium controls cellular activity have widely expanded the areas of cell and molecular biology, and led to the development of novel therapeutic strategies ranging from the treatment of heart disease to the improvement of learning and memory. These discoveries represent some of the most important cell signalling pathways in biology and have changed forever the way we think about prevent and treatment of disease.

The auditorium was packed by over 400 audience and the insightful lecture was very well received.

Orientation for Research Postgraduate Students 2005

New research postgraduate students may find themselves in a very different learning environment from their undergraduate years. Instead of having whole-class lectures and group tutorials, postgraduate students spend most of their time in a laboratory working on their own research project, sometimes enjoying the excitement as a result of the successful experiments but more often puzzling over unsuccessful attempts.

To welcome our new research postgraduate students and to help them adapt to the new learning environment, the Faculty organized an orientation programme for them on September 15, 2005. This programme is meant to supplement the induction programmes organized at the Graduate School level and departmental level. It included a tour of the Yu Chun Keung Medical Library, a visit to the Genome Research Centre and a Faculty orientation session.

During the orientation session, Professor YL Lau (劉宇隆), Associate Dean (Research) and Chairman of the Faculty Higher Degrees Committee, shared with the students the wisdom of Nobel Laureate Rolf Zinkernagel (who visited the Faculty in July 2005 for the 2nd Pasteur Asia Virology Course) about the importance of thinking out of the box. Moreover, as a scientific



researcher, students were encouraged to accept and think through the criticism on their research, be it from supervisors, collaborators or fellow students.

Dr MH Sham (岑美霞), Assistant Dean (Research), shared with the students the expectations of the University on research postgraduate students, the hardware and software in support of their research, working relationship with supervisors and Departmental Research Postgraduate Committees, and research ethics and safety issues, etc.

There are now 426 research postgraduate students in the Faculty, with 43% being MPhil and 57% PhD students.

Faculty Graduation and Prize Presentation Ceremony 2005

Annual Faculty Graduation and Prize Presentation Ceremony was held on November 30, 2005 at the Hong Kong Cultural Centre. This year, we were very honoured to have Mr Anthony Ting-yuk Wu, Chairman of the Hospital Authority, to be our guest-in-honour. A total of 20 degrees and diplomas were conferred this year. We had our first Master of Public Health graduate class to join the Faculty Graduation. Four teaching medals were presented to staff with excellent performance in teaching, they included Dr SCC Chan (陳肇始), Head of the Department of Nursing Studies, Dr HP Chung (鍾漢平), Honorary Clinical Assistant Professor of the Department of Surgery, and Dr JGWS Wong (王穎珊), from Department of Psychiatry.



Reception for Dr Cheng Yu Tung Fellows 2005-06

On October 27, 2005, a reception was held for the 8th batch of Dr Cheng Yu Tung Fellows for 2005-06 to meet the donor Dr Cheng Yu Tung (鄭裕彤). Following the welcoming address by Professor SK Lam (林兆鑫), Dean of the Faculty of Medicine, Professor YS Chan (陳應城), Chairman of the Committee of Management highlighted the recent developments of the Fellowships programme. Mr Wang Guoli (王國力), Deputy Director General, Education, Science and Technology Department, Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in the HKSAR, was also invited to give an address at the reception.



Sun, donor's representative on the Committee of Management, for their unfailing support to the Fellowships programme, whereas Dr Li Jing (李靜), 2001/02 Fellow, shared the experience of her PhD studies at the Department of Paediatrics and Adolescent Medicine with the new Fellows.

Since the launch of the Fellowship programme in 1998, a total of 125 Fellows had been supported to undertake research training, clinical attachment or management in the Faculty, and 22 of them had also proceeded to higher degree studies at the University. Details of the Fellowships programme can be found at <http://www.hku.hk/facmed/research/drcheng/drcheng.htm>.

In his inspiring speech, Dr Cheng not only shared with the new Fellows the objectives of the Fellowships programme but also encouraged them to make contributions to their home institutions and to the advancement of medical science and technology in the Mainland.

Dr Liu Huafeng (劉華鋒), 2005/06 Fellow, expressed heartfelt gratitude, on behalf of all the current Fellows, to Dr Cheng and Dr YK



Open Day 2005

The University of Hong Kong held its Open Day on October 22, 2005 (Saturday) with the aim of introducing the University's activities, programmes and facilities to the public, particularly secondary school students and teachers, careers master and parents. Teaching departments and halls of residence were opened to provide an opportunity for the public to learn more about HKU.

The Faculty of Medicine welcomed 4,000 visitors to the medical campus to join our comprehensive programmes including admission talks of the four undergraduate curriculums, clinical skill demonstrations, poster exhibition and video show. Over 200

undergraduate students served as student ambassadors who shared their learning experience with the visitors, or guided the visitors to the various laboratories and departments, anatomy museum and medical library.



If you miss the chance to join this Open Day, remember to come next year!

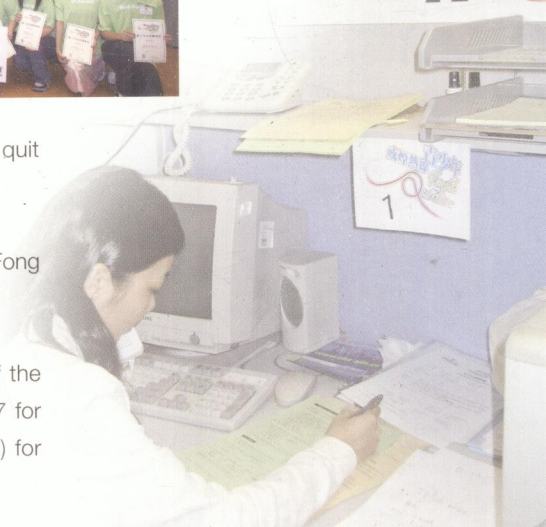
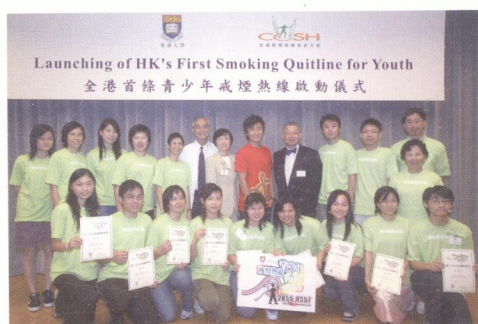


Launching of Hong Kong's First Smoking Quitline for Youth

A team of researchers of the Departments of Nursing Studies, Community Medicine and Social Work & Social Administration, the University of Hong Kong (HKU), in collaboration with the Hong Kong Council on Smoking and Health (COSH), have launched a local new hotline service entitled "Youth Quitline". The quitline targets young smokers aged from 12 to 25, and is specially designed to meet their needs. It aims to publicize quitting among young smokers to quit smoking and provide advice and counseling through telephone.

The kickoff ceremony was held on August 30, 2005. Youth pop star Mr Alex Fong was invited to be our "Ambassador of Youth Smoking Cessation".

School headmasters, teachers, social workers, parents and the members of the public are welcome to refer young smokers to the "Youth Quitline" 2855-9557 for smoking cessation advice. Please visit the website (<http://www.hku.hk/yquit>) for more details.



Avian Flu Education Seminars



To better equip teaching and administrative staff of schools with knowledge on avian flu and facilitate them in introducing necessary measures to prevent the pandemic, the Faculty had organized two Avian Flu Education Seminars for all local primary and secondary schools on November 15 and 16, 2005. The seminars were one of the public education initiatives of the Faculty in response to the avian flu outbreak.

Video recording and handout of the seminars can be found at the Faculty of Medicine's homepage at <http://www.hku.hk/facmed/>.



New Publication: Problem-Based Medical Case Management

Edited by Chu-Pak Lau, in association with Ming-Zhe Chen, Cyrus R Kumana, Ching-Lung Lai, Kar-Neng Lai, Siu-Ling Karen Lam, Wah-Kit Lam

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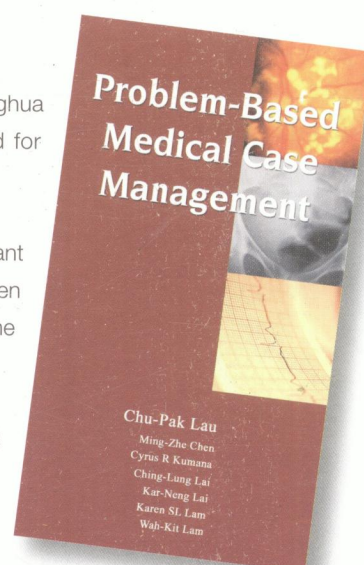
'Problem-based Medical Case Management', written by Professors of the HKU and Tsinghua University, is a 448-page pocket volume in internal medicine which specially designed for medical students and junior physicians.

The work consists of illustrative long and short cases preceded by an overview of the relevant subspecialty, as well as a total of 50 images covering fundi, ECGs, X-rays and scans. Written in a concise and easy-to-read style, the format of the book is problem-based, in line with the problem-based approach adopted by many major medical schools worldwide.

Many of the physicians involved have over 20-year teaching experience in medical schools and have been examiners in numerous degrees and licensing examinations.

It serves as a quick update on contemporary clinical practice and a useful reference for both candidates and examiners.

Enquiry: Email: hkupress@hku.hk



Programme Sub-Committee of the Medical Alumni Association

By Professor NK Leung, MBBS 1966

The HKUMAA aims to enhance the bonding between the medical alumni. One of the means is to provide more opportunities for alumni to meet on social occasions. The Executive Committee therefore invited graduates from various classes to form a Programme Sub-Committee to initiate activities for members as well as all medic alumni, staff and students. The following alumni were welcomed to the Sub-Committee:

Chairman

Prof Nai-kong Leung (梁乃江), MBBS 1966

Honorary Secretary

Dr Lai-yin Chong (莊禮賢), MBBS 1979

Members

Prof Kin-hung Lee (李健鴻), MBBS 1958 and President of HKUMAA

Dr Kathleen Pik-han So (蘇碧嫻), MBBS 1971

Dr Chi-lim Law (羅致廉), MBBS 1973

Prof Raymond Hin-suen Liang (梁憲孫), MBBS 1979

Dr George Cho-ying Chan (陳楚英), MBBS 1985

Prof Tak-mao Chan (陳德茂), MBBS 1985, Honorary Secretary of HKUMAA

Dr Alvin Kwan-ho Kwok (郭坤豪), MBBS 1988

Dr Sam-fung Tsang (曾三峰), MBBS 1994

Dr Raymond Hang-wun Li (李幸奧), MBBS 1997

Dr Kingsley Hau-ngai Chan (陳厚毅), MBBS 2000

Medic Alumni won 2nd Runner Up in the All Professionals Super Cup

By Dr Kingsley Chan, MBBS 2000

Many of our medic alumni are keen soccer players. On August 28, 2005 (Sunday), the Hong Kong Medical Association Football Team which consists of over 30 HKU medic alumni participated in the All Professionals Super Cup at Stanley Ho Sports Centre, the University of Hong Kong. Ten professional bodies including Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants, Hong Kong Institute of Architects, Hong Kong Bar Association, Hong Kong Dental Association, and Hong Kong Medical Association etc, participated in this Super Cup football competition. The medic team won the second runner up. Team members enjoyed a celebration dinner in the Alumni Chamber at



the Faculty of Medicine Building after the match. The HKUMAA plans to organize a soccer match between the alumni, staff and students in the coming year.

Awards

Professor Lee Kin-hung (李健鴻), President of the HKUMAA, was granted the Honorary University Fellowship by The Open University of Hong Kong (OUHK) on November 6, 2005. The OUHK has described Prof Lee as "an ardent supporter of education, who believes that education has a vital role to play in the advancement of society".

Dr Donald Li Kwok-tung (李國棟, MBBS 1980) has been granted the Honorary Fellowship by the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners (RACGP) for his distinguished contributions in strengthening relationships between RACGP and the Hong Kong College of Family Physicians (HKCFP).

Dr Emily Chan Ying-yang (陳英凝, MBBS 2000) has been named as one of the 2005 Ten Outstanding Young Persons of the World by Junior Chamber International (JCI), under the category of humanitarian and/or voluntary leadership. Dr Chan received the Ten Outstanding Young Persons Award by the JCI Hong Kong in 2004.

Reunion

Class 1970



Class 1965



Class 1980 - Silver Jubilee Reunion Dinner



The dinner was held on October 22, 2005 and half of the classmates attended. Many brought with them their children and some of them are already students of HKU. We had the pleasure of having four teachers with us: Professor Rosie Young (楊紫芝), Professor CH Leong (梁智鴻), Professor F Lieh-Mak (麥列菲菲) and Professor SK Lam (林兆鑫). Their kind attendance and words of wisdom made the occasion all the more meaningful. Classmates both from overseas and locally shared their recent experiences and there were performances and lucky draws. The programme was planned by four masters of ceremony who did a superb job at maintaining a lively atmosphere throughout the event.

In Memorial of Dr T.C. Pang (彭定祥), MBBS 1941

By members of MBBS 1970

Founder of the police laboratory dedicated to the detection of crime in 1949 and of Forensic Medicine in HKU, passed away peacefully on October 30, 2005 in Toronto.

A celebrated trainee of the late Professor Sir Sydney Smith, Dr Pang had been pivotal in formalizing the education programme of forensic medicine at HKU. Teaching had continued to be a passion of his for over 25 years. His animated lectures had been legendary.

He played a significant role in the shaping of the forensic medical practice in Hong Kong and in the moulding of forensic concepts in the local medical community. However his academic achievements pale in face of his charisma, integrity and wisdom.

Dr Pang lived a full life, and will be remembered fondly by all, among whom are the medical graduates of 1970.

A Tribute to Dr Li Shu Pui (李樹培), MBBS 1928

By Professor CH Leong, MBBS 1962

Dr Li Shu Pui passed away peacefully in the hospital he founded on August 31, 2005. He was 103. Yet Dr Li was not no ordinary centurion.

In bidding farewell to him, we also pay tribute to this great man – the grand old man of Hong Kong – a loving husband, a devoted father, a caring doctor, a concern employer, a determined health care builder, an uncompromising philanthropist, a visionary educator and an unreserved supporter of society at large.

Graduated as a medical practitioner, trained as a surgeon, and excelled in the domain of the Ear, Nose and Throat, Dr Li's work and contributions span many areas and sees no boundaries – most, far beyond the call of the duty of a medical personnel. Together with his beloved brother, Dr Li Shu Fan, they built the Hong Kong Sanatorium and Hospital, initially a convalescent home with some 20 beds in the swamps of Happy Valley, to now under Dr Li, a 430 bed comprehensive state-of-the-art hospital standing proudly as one of the best, if not the best private hospital in Hong Kong.

Dr Li believed that the future of medical practice hinges on enhancing education to medical students and postgraduate doctors alike.

The Medical Faculty had found a way to Dr Li's heart. He contributed extensively to the Faculty. Today, many of the facilities in the Faculty bear his name as a fond witness of his philanthropy.

It is my greatest honour to have a chance to recall the contributions of this grand old giant of the medical fraternity, a man who possess all the core values of the time honoured Chinese culture: integrity; frugality; modesty; comity; honesty and trustworthy.

Dr Li is undoubtedly a man for all seasons. He will always be a model for all, young and old, an icon we will all aspire, a man who stands for courage and commitment, of challenges and successes.



In Memorial of Professor Ho Hung Chiu, John (何鴻超), MBBS 1940

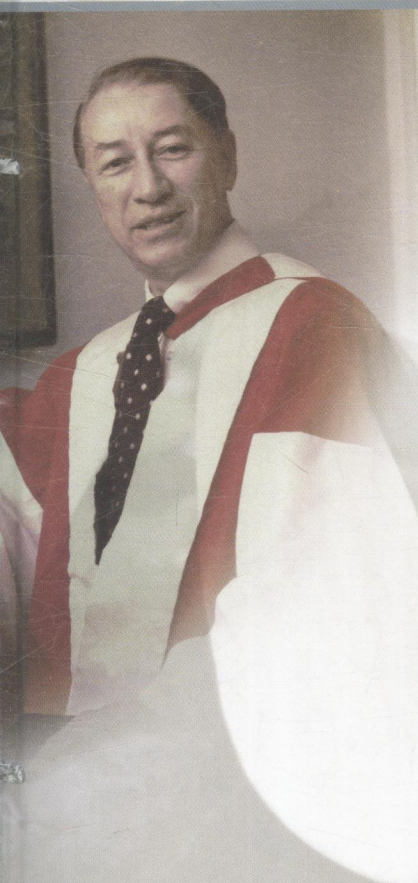
By Professor JST Sham, MBBS 1980

Professor Ho Hung Chiu, John, fondly known as Father of Radiology and Oncology in Hong Kong, passed away in peace on August 10, 2005.

Professor Ho has served as honorary teacher in radiology and oncology at the University since 1950's, and he was appointed Honorary Clinical Professor in 1983. Professor Ho was an internationally recognized expert on nasopharyngeal cancer (NPC). His research on NPC contributed greatly to the understanding and treatment of this previously deadly cancer. In our Faculty, colleagues in the Departments of Microbiology, Surgery, Pathology, and Clinical Oncology have followed his footsteps, and continued to maintain Hong Kong's name in the international arena of NPC treatment and research.

Professor Ho was a legendary figure in local medical field. He steered and nurtured the development of radiology, and oncology in the public sector for more than 3 decades when he retired from public service in 1985. In close collaboration with the Royal College of Radiologists of United Kingdom, Professor Ho spearheaded the development of the discipline of Clinical Oncology: from the use of single modality of radiotherapy to a multi-disciplinary approach using chemotherapy, radiotherapy, biological therapy, and palliative care for comprehensive non-surgical management of cancer. The Hong Kong College of Radiologists picked up this long time relationship with the Royal College of Radiologists, and continues the training of Clinical Oncologists in Hong Kong for the decades to come.

Professor Ho has left a legacy of combining basic research with clinical research, combining science with humanity in clinical practice, in addition to the fields of Clinical Oncology and Radiology. Generations of patients will benefit from the legacy of Professor Ho for many years to come.



Medic Orientation Programme 2005

By Jonathan Ngai, MBBS II



Chinese Medicine students' orientation camp



Medic's orientation camp

The Medic Orientation Programme 2005 for all BChinMed, BNurs and MBBS freshmen was successfully held in August and October.

The Committee started off with a huge obstacle. Being unable to reserve a campsite large enough to hold 400 people, the option of holding a joint orientation camp for students of the three curricula was deemed impossible. We were, for the first time, forced to break into three campsites. Nevertheless, we tried hard to keep other parts of the Orientation Programme like the Tea Gathering and Orientation Day together. We could not deny that despite all the compensatory measures we have taken, the opportunity for students from different curricula to deepen relationships was sacrificed.

Yet, we discovered several advantages of holding a small-group orientation. Tutees in small groups got to know each other sooner than in large groups, and tutors could perform their role better in small groups triggering enthusiasm and involving everyone. And smaller groups meant higher flexibility and larger room for creativity.

MBBS orientation camp sets as an example. A game based on a simulated society was a highlight of our camp. Participants started with basic set indices indicating different qualities, and they strived through obstacles and obtained increases in indices as rewards. A stimulating drama prepared by freshmen concluded the game and everyone participated joyfully and were emotionally prepared for the subsequent

Water Fight and Fashion Show. We also designed a theme (繫萃角) to link up every elements in our camp.

Trying out these new ideas was actually very risk-taking as we have not had any experience in organizing camps of that large scale. Through there were many obstacles, we did our best to make the camp enjoyable, and we succeeded. We saw joyful faces and the initial establishment of friendship. Both freshmen and second year tutors gave us very positive feedback.

We, the cabinet Nexus, as the organizing committee, did enjoy the camp as well. Witnessing students enthusiastically taking part and enjoying was no doubt the best reward for us.



Nursing students' orientation camp

Schedule of Medic Orientation Programme 2005

Information Day – August 10, 2005

To provide freshmen with basic information about student activities under the Faculty of Medicine

Tea Gathering – August 13, 2005

To break ice and to prepare freshmen for the subsequent activities

Orientation Day – August 16, 2005

To develop relationships among freshmen from the three curricula and to familiarize them with the campus

Orientation Camps – August 19 – 21 for BNurs, August 23 – 25 for MBBS, August 23 – 25 for BChinMed

To strengthen relationships, to initiate team building and most importantly, to let freshmen have fun

Medic Forum on Hong Kong Health Care System

By Jonathan Ngai, MBBS II

A forum concerning the reform on Hong Kong Health Care System was successfully held on November 28, 2005. The Medical Society, HKUSU invited guest speakers including out Dean, Prof SK Lam (林兆鑫), and representatives from the Health, Welfare and Food Bureau, the Hospital Authority, Hong Kong Medical Association, Hong Kong Doctors' Union, and the Medical Representative in Legislative Council Prof CL Lai (黎青龍) and Dr MF Fung (袁孟峰).

The guests had shared the views on the current situation, and discussed the concern of maintenance of quality of the medical profession. While on the other hand, they had expressed their views on Family Medicine as a discipline of satisfaction. About 80 medical students from different were present, and they agreed that this kind of sharing benefit them.

Awards

Dr Cai Jing (蔡莖), PhD candidate of Microbiology, has been awarded the Endeavour Australia Cheung Kong Awards 2005 organized by the Australian Government. This award is presented to a candidate with a research proposal which will benefit the further development of the social and economic environments of Asia and Australia.

Dr Cheng Chi-on Andy (鄭智安), Master of Medical Science graduand in 2005, has won the "Best Poster Award" in the 23rd Meeting of the European Society of Ophthalmic Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery held in Crete, Greece in September 2005. The title of the poster is "Clinical Anatomy of the Chinese Orbitae" and the authors include Professor KF So, Professor PW Lucas, Dr ACO Cheng, Dr DSC Lam and Dr HKL Yuen.

Dr Guo XiaoXi Cathy (郭曉怡), MPhil candidate, has been awarded the Webster Jee Young Investigator Award at the Second International Conference on Osteoporosis and Bone Research, held at Cheng Du, China in October 2005. She also obtained the Moe Basic Science Poster Award at 2005 Scoliosis Research Society Annual Meeting in Florida, USA in October 2005.

Mr Kan Wai-man Raymond (簡煒文), MBBS II student has been awarded the Most Outstanding Young Leader in "Young Leaders Development Programme" organized by AIA Foundation in September 2005.

Mr Kwok Tsz-yeung Dominic (郭子揚), MBBS II, has outstanding performance in the 13th Hong Kong (Asia) Piano Open Competition organized by Hong Kong Piano Music Association and Tom Lee Music. He won both the 1st place in Schubert Class and Brahms Klavierstücke Class. Dominic has also been awarded the 1st place in the Schumann International Youth Piano Competition (Asia-Pacific Finals): Chopin Class in October 2005. This competition was organized by Deutsch-Chinesischer Kulturverein e.V (德中經濟文化交流協會) and Tsang Fook Music.

Dr Lam Chi-leung David (林志良), has been awarded the Young Investigator Award 2005 in the Japanese Respiratory Society 46th Annual Scientific Meeting in Chiba, Japan. Dr Lam was previously the PhD candidate of Pathology.

Dr Ling Ming-tat Patrick (凌明達), Postdoctoral Fellow of Anatomy and **Mr Ho Wing-yuen** (何永源), MPhil graduate of Surgery, have been honoured 2003-2004 Outstanding Research Postgraduate Student by HKU.

Mr Ma Chun-ho Oliver (馬俊豪), BCM III, has been awarded the Best Team Work & Honorable Mention of 2004/05 in the Hong Kong Public Policy Innovation Award: Strategies for Sustainable Development in Hong Kong (Young Adults Section). This competition was co-organized by the Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups, the Hong Kong Policy Research Institute and Sustainable Development Council for his innovative, possible and effective policy for sustainable development in Hong Kong. Mr Ma also won the 1st runner-up of proposal and presentation award, entitled "文化尋根之旅-中文計劃書撰寫及演示比賽", organized by the HKU China Affairs Office, HKU Department of Chinese's Enhancement Programme and PRC Yantian International Container Terminals.

Mr Yeung Hip-wo Victor (楊協和), MBBS V, has won the 2nd Runner-up in Division B Singles in the Hong Kong Medical Association Table-Tennis Tournament 2005 organized by the Hong Kong Medical Association (HKMA). **Ms Tang Yuen-ye Dorothy** (鄧宛兒), MBBS IV, and **Ms Siu Man-wah** (蕭曼樺), MBBS II, were also awarded the 1st and 2nd Runner-up in this Tournament in Ladies' Singles entries.

Dr Yeung Wai-kwok Kelvin (楊偉國), Post-doctoral Research Fellow of the Department of Orthopaedics and Traumatology, has been awarded the Young Scientist Award with his PhD thesis entitled "Development Of A Novel Spinal Implant For Progress Scoliosis Correction" by the Hong Kong Institution of Science. Dr Yeung was previously the PhD candidate of the Department.

Hello



Dr QY Huang (黃青陽) joined the Department of Medicine as a Research Assistant Professor in September 2005. Dr Huang received his PhD degree in Genetics from Wuhan University in 1999. He received his postdoctoral training was in the Institute of Evolution, Haifa University, Israel and then in the Creighton University, USA. Over the last few years, he has been involved in the genetic epidemiology study of osteoporosis. His research interests include genetics and genomics of complex diseases, especially osteoporosis and type 2 diabetes.



Dr Eileen Lee (李綺年) joined the Department of Anaesthesiology as Assistant Professor in August 2005. Dr Lee came from Malaysia and studied medicine in Melbourne Australia and FANZCA in New Zealand. During her post fellowship training, she has worked in Wellington New Zealand, Melbourne Australia, Singapore General Hospital and most recently Aberdeen Royal Infirmary, United Kingdom. Living with her husband who works in British Petroleum, Dr Lee has been moving with her family for the last 11 years. She thanks Dr Michael Irwin and his Department for taking her under their wing and hopes for guidance and help from all of you.



Dr GKK Leung (梁嘉傑) joined the Department of Surgery as Assistant Professor in July 2005. Graduated from the St. Bartholomew's Hospital of the University of London in 1992, he underwent surgical training in London and obtained the Hallett Gold Medal in the F.R.C.S. Examination. He joined the Department of Surgery as a Hospital Authority staff in 1995. He completed his training in Neurosurgery in 2001 for which he was awarded the J. Douglas Miller Medal. His clinical and research interests included pituitary surgery, glioma and skull base surgery, CNS infection and neuro-transplantation for cerebral ischaemia.



Dr YW Mak (麥艷華) joined the Department of Nursing Studies as an Assistant Professor in this semester year. In 1992, she obtained her Bachelor Degree in Australia. Prior to her Master Degree studies, she worked as a registered nurse in extensive clinical areas for more than eight years, including surgical, medical and midwifery experiences. She completed her PhD studies in the Hong Kong Polytechnic University last year. She has participated in various kinds of teaching activities in undergraduate and post-graduate levels in the past 5 years. Her major research interests are youth smoking prevention, smoking cessation and minimizing secondhand smoke. Health counseling, health education and promotion are also her areas of research interests.



Dr GTC Wong (黃田鎮) joined the Department of Anaesthesiology as Assistant Professor in August 2005. Born in Hong Kong, Dr Wong completed his undergraduate medical training and anaesthetic fellowship in Sydney, Australia. Subsequently he has worked in St. Mary's Hospital London, United Kingdom, and completed fellowships in cardiac and paediatric anaesthesia in the Department of Anaesthesia, University of Toronto, Canada. He has an interest in transoesophageal echocardiography, paediatric anaesthesia and teaching.



Dr KKY Wong (黃格元) joined the Department of Surgery as Assistant Professor in October 2005. Graduated from the University of Edinburgh, he received his clinical training in UK. With his lab-based research, he obtained his PhD from Imperial College, UK. Dr. Wong's research interests include genetic basis of paediatric surgical diseases, wound healing and tumour immunobiology.

Goodbye

Dr LWC Chow (周永昌), Associate Professor, Department of Surgery

Dr WWT Lam (藍詠德), Assistant Professor, Department of Nursing Studies

Dr SCL Lin (林成龍), Associate Professor, Department of Surgery

Dr CL Liu (廖子良), Associate Professor, Department of Surgery

Dr CSW Ngai (倪淑慧), Associate Professor, Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology

Dr CGC Ooi (黃玉清), Associate Professor, Department of Diagnostic Radiology

Dr SL Pang (彭少良), Assistant Professor, Family Medicine Unit, Department of Medicine

Dr HL Yung (翁海玲), Assistant Professor, Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology

Donations

Aspreva Pharmaceuticals	US\$184,000	In support of academic and research activities of Professor DTM Chan, Department of Medicine
Mr Lam Luk Sung	HK\$1,000,000	In support of the research if IgA nephrology and other kidney diseases conducted by Division of Nephrology, Department of Medicine
Hong Kong Charitable Eye Foundation Ltd. (香港護眼工程基金會)	HK\$600,000	In support of the neuroprotection research conducted by Professor KF So, Department of Anatomy
Dr the Hon Woo Pak Chuen	HK\$500,000	In support of cardiology research projects undertaken by Dr HF Tse, Department of Medicine
Wai Hung Charitable Foundation Ltd.	HK\$500,000	In support of academic and research activities of Professor DTM Chan, Department of Medicine
Tung Wah Group of Hospitals	HK\$290,000	Second donation in support of research study conducted by Dr RTF Cheung, Department of Medicine
GlaxoSmithKline	HK\$221,929	Second donation to the Department of Medicine in support of research "Effect of TGF B1 on the functional regulation of B2-adrenoceptors in primary human airway smooth muscle cells" in 2005
Hong Kong Lung Foundation	HK\$220,000	In support of the research project "Risk Factors for Chronic Obstructive Lung Disease in Hong Kong, its Early Detection and Prevention" undertaken by Professor MMW Chan, Department of Medicine
Hong Kong Thoracic Society	HK\$200,000	In support of the project "Lung Function Reference Values in Hong Kong" undertaken by Professor MSM Ip, Department of Medicine
L & T Charitable Foundation Ltd.	HK\$200,000	In support of the research in kidney disease by the Division of Nephrology, Department of Medicine
Mr Hung Fan Lau (孔繁鏗先生)	HK\$200,000	In support of research and development works in the Department of Orthopaedics and Traumatology
The Society for the Relief of Disabled Children	HK\$100,000	In support of the project of "Web-based Outcome Questionnaire Assessment" of the Department of Orthopaedics and Traumatology

Congratulations

Dr K Man (萬鈞) has been promoted to Assistant Professor, Department of Surgery

Dr HHX Xia (夏華向) has been promoted to Assistant Professor, Department of Medicine

Dr DSY Ho (何世賢) has been promoted to Assistant Professor, Department of Community Medicine

Congratulations

The University of Hong Kong Excellence in Teaching and Research 2005

University Teaching Fellowships

Dr ANY Cheung (張雅賢), Associate Professor, Department of Pathology

Dr GM Leung (梁卓偉), Associate Professor, Department of Community Medicine

Outstanding Research Student Supervisor Award

Professor KN Lai (黎嘉能), Head and Chair Professor, Department of Medicine

Outstanding Young Researcher Award

Dr MF Yuen (袁孟峰), Associate Professor, Department of Medicine

Outstanding Researcher Awards

Professor CM Lo (盧寵茂), Chair Professor, Department of Surgery

Professor IOL Ng (吳呂愛蓮), Professor, Department of Pathology

Dr SSC Chan (陳肇始), Head of Department of Nursing Studies, **Dr HP Chung** (鍾漢平), Honorary Clinical Assistant Professor of Department of Surgery, and **Dr JGWS Wong** (王穎珊), Assistant Professor of Department of Psychiatry, have been awarded the Faculty Teaching Medals 2005.

Dr KMC Cheung (張文智), Associate Professor of Department of Orthopaedics and Traumatology, has won the Third Prize in Oral Presentation Award in SICOT/SIROT 2005 23rd World Triennial Congress. His study was entitled 'Pinelectomy in Young Non-human Primates does not result in Scoliosis Development: A long term follow-up study'.

Dr Y Guan (管軼), Associate Professor of Department of Microbiology, has been elected as one of the "18 Heroes" by Time Magazine. This honour was given to individuals doing their part for world health.

Dr WW Lu (呂維加), Associate Professor of Department of Orthopaedics and Traumatology, has been honoured the Visiting Professorship by the Peking Medical College Hospital of the Chinese Academy of Medical Sciences.

Professor KDK Luk (陸颺驥), Head and Chair Professor of Department of Orthopaedics and Traumatology, has been re-elected as Vice President (Asia Pacific) of the SICOT for three years from 2006-2008.

Professor PMG Vanhoutte, Distinguished Visiting Professor of the Department of Pharmacology has been honoured the Fellowship of the British Pharmacological Society by the British Pharmacological Society.

The Faculty of Medicine PR Team has received the runner-up of the Gold Public Sector Department of the Year in the Asia Pacific PR Award 2005.

Forthcoming Events

Frontiers in Biomedical Research – HKU 2005

Date : December 2, 2005, 9:00am – 6:15pm
Venue : Faculty of Medicine Building
Information : Ms Fontaine Au
Tel: 2819 2859 Fax: 2819 4913 E-mail: fontaine@hkucc.hku.hk

9th Annual Scientific Meeting of The Institute of Cardiovascular Science & Medicine, HKU

Date : December 3 - 4, 2005
Venue : Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre
Information : Mrs Christine Sin, Institute of Cardiovascular Science & Medicine
Tel: 2819 9260 Fax: 2855 9730 E-mail: pssin@hkucc.hku.hk

12th Hong Kong International Cancer Congress & 2nd Annual Meeting of Research Centre of Cancer

Date : December 8 - 10, 2005
Venue : Cheung Kung Hai Conference Centre, Faculty of Medicine Building
Information : Ms Venus Chan, Congress Secretariat, Department of Surgery
Tel: 2818 0232 / 2855 4235 Fax: 2818 1186
E-mail: HKICC05@hku.hk Website: www.hkicc.org

1st International Spinal Cord Injury Treatments and Trials Symposium (ISCITT)

Date : December 17 - 20, 2005
Venue : Cheung Kung Hai Conference Centre, Faculty of Medicine Building
Organisers : Clinical Trials Centre, Department of Anatomy, Department of Orthopaedics and Traumatology, Department of Surgery
Information : Miss Ada Wong
Tel: 2855 4674 Fax: 2974 1248 E-mail: hkuscif@hkusua.hku.hk

Advanced Trauma Life Support Student Course

Date : December 21 - 23, 2005
February 16 - 18, 2006
April 20 - 22, 2006
Venue : Skills Development Centre, Department of Surgery, University of Hong Kong Medical Centre, Queen Mary Hospital
Organisers : Department of Surgery, The University of Hong Kong Hong Kong Chapter of the American College of Surgeons
Information : Course Secretariat, Department of Surgery, University of Hong Kong
Tel: 2855 4885 Fax: 2819 3416
E-mail: hnsrg@hkucc.hku.hk Website: http://www.hku.hk/surgery

Hong Kong Surgical Forum, Winter 2006

Date : January 13 - 14, 2006
Venue : Underground Lecture Theatre, New Clinical Building, University of Hong Kong Medical Centre, Queen Mary Hospital
Organisers : Department of Surgery, University of Hong Kong Medical Centre, QMH Hong Kong Chapter of the American College of Surgeons
Information : Forum Secretary, Department of Surgery, University of Hong Kong Medical Centre, Queen Mary Hospital, Pokfulam, Hong Kong
Tel: 2855 4885 Fax: 2819 3416
E-mail: hksf@hkucc.hku.hk Website: http://www.hku.hk/surgery

G.B. Ong Lecture – Surgical Advances Science and Engineering

Date : January 14, 2006
Venue : Underground Lecture Theatre, New Clinical Building, University of Hong Kong Medical Centre, Queen Mary Hospital, Pokfulam, Hong Kong
Organisers : Department of Surgery, University of Hong Kong Medical Centre, QMH
Information : Forum Secretary, Department of Surgery, University of Hong Kong Medical Centre, Queen Mary Hospital, Pokfulam, Hong Kong
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Croucher Advanced Study Institute “Epstein-Barr Virus and nasopharyngeal carcinoma”

Date : January 23 - 27, 2006
Venue : Lecture Theatre 4, Cheung Kung Hai Conference Centre, Faculty of Medicine Building
Information : Professor George Tsao, Department of Anatomy
Tel: 2819 9227 or 2819 9259 Fax: 2817 0857
E-mail: gswtsao@hkucc.hku.hk

Advanced Medical Life Support (AMLS) Provider Course

Date : February 25 - 26, 2006 and March 2-3, 2006
Venue : Skills Development Centre, Department of Surgery, University of Hong Kong Medical Centre, Queen Mary Hospital
Organisers : Department of Surgery, the University of Hong Kong Medical Centre Hong Kong Chapter of the American College of Surgeons
Information : Course Secretariat, Department of Surgery, University of Hong Kong
Tel: 2855 4885 Fax: 2819 3416
E-mail: hnsrg@hkucc.hku.hk Website: http://www.hku.hk/surgery

Pre-Hospital Trauma Life Support (PHTLS) Provider Course

Date : February 11 & 19, 2006
April 30 & May 7, 2006
June 10 & 18, 2006
Venue : Hong Kong St. John Ambulance Association, St. John Tower, MacDonnell Road, Mid-Levels, Hong Kong
Organisers : Department of Surgery, University of Hong Kong Medical Centre, Queen Mary Hospital
Hong Kong Chapter of the American College of Surgeons
Hong Kong St. John Ambulance Association
Information : Course Secretariat
Tel: 2855 4885 Fax: 2819 3416
E-mail: hnsrg@hkucc.hku.hk Web site: http://www.hku.hk/surgery

10th Congress of the Asian Association of Endocrine Surgeons

Date : March 12 - 15, 2006
Venue : Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre
Information : Congress Secretariat
Department of Surgery, University of Hong Kong Medical Centre, Queen Mary Hospital
Tel: 2818 0232 / 2855 4235 Fax: 2818 1186
E-mail: AsAES06@hku.hk

3rd Hong Kong International Orthopaedic Forum

Date : April 22-23, 2006
Venue : Cheung Kung Hai Conference Centre, Faculty of Medicine Building
Information : Ms Carmen Liu, Department of Orthopaedics and Traumatology
Tel: 2855 4107 Fax: 2817 4392 E-mail: cswliu@hku.hk

Head and Neck Course 2006: Reconstruction and Rehabilitation in Head and Neck Surgery – Microvascular Free Flaps

Date : June 1 - 2, 2006
Venue : Underground Lecture Theatre, New Clinical Building, University of Hong Kong Medical Centre, Queen Mary Hospital
Organizers : Department of Surgery, University of Hong Kong Medical Centre, Queen Mary Hospital
Information : Course Secretariat
Department of Surgery, University of Hong Kong Medical Centre, Queen Mary Hospital
Tel: 2855 4885 Fax: 2819 3416
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