

A new face for our Journal in the 25th anniversary of the Hong Kong Geriatrics Society

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The Hong Kong Geriatrics Society, born in 1981, 6 years after the establishment of the specialty of geriatric medicine in Hong Kong, has undergone a growth spurt in the past decade, and is celebrating its 25th birthday this year with 181 members, 139 of whom are specialists in geriatric medicine. A prime goal of the Society is to relieve dis-ease among elderly patients through promoting clinical research, education, clinical experience sharing, and development of relevant systems of health care for elderly people. This has been greatly facilitated by the publication of its official journal *The Journal of the Hong Kong Geriatrics Society* (JHKGS) since 1990. With the committed efforts of the editors and the international board of advisors, the JHKGS has continued to improve its content and style, and has attracted articles beyond Hong Kong. This year, the JHKGS has taken a great step forward by joining forces with the *Hong Kong Journal of Gerontology* to become the new *Asian Journal of Gerontology and Geriatrics* (AJGG). The growth of the 65+ elderly population over the next two decades is projected to be faster in Asian countries (annual growth rate, 3%) compared with the West (annual growth rate, 1.7%). Initiatives to stimulate academic and collaborative activities among geriatricians and gerontologists in Asia have been made with the formation of the Geriatric Medicine in Asia Working Group in 1998. This April, the promotion of the development of geriatric medicine in Asia was rekindled with the establishment of an Asia-Pacific Network in Geriatric Medicine. We do hope that this new AJGG will serve as an important platform and forum for the advancement of geriatric medicine and gerontology within Asia, as well as serving as a bridge between the East and the West. Just like the bilobed leave of *Ginkgo biloba* on this cover, the AJGG is One and Two.

From Hong Kong Journal of Gerontology to Asian Journal of Gerontology and Geriatrics

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The Hong Kong Association of Gerontology was founded in 1986 for the promotion of advances in aged care in Hong Kong. To actively promote the development of gerontology in Hong Kong, the association published its first issue of the *Hong Kong Journal of Gerontology* in the year 1987. Ever since its publication, the journal has received articles submitted by authors from all fields of gerontology and interest has extended beyond Hong Kong. The year 2006 will mark the celebration of the 20th anniversary of the Hong Kong Association of Gerontology and the association would like to further promote the development of gerontology in the region by encouraging research and publication of scientific papers, both in Hong Kong and the Asian region. It is with this in mind that the Hong Kong Association of Gerontology has joined hands with The Hong Kong Geriatrics Society to publish this new journal, the *Asian Journal of Gerontology and Geriatrics*, which will devote itself to promoting both geriatric medicine and gerontology in Asia. This journal will replace our previous *Hong Kong Journal of Gerontology* and *The Journal of the Hong Kong Geriatrics Society*. We are most delighted to have received widespread support from geriatrics societies and gerontology associations in the region for the *Asian Journal of Gerontology and Geriatrics* and the editorial board is representative of all parts of the region. We look forward to a journal representing the interests of geriatric medicine and gerontology in the region.