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President's Message

Dear Fellows and colleagues,

It is with sadness that I write this message during my trip with an Academy delegation to Chengdu of Sichuan, visiting some hospitals and institutions with disaster management experiences. With just several weeks before 2015 comes to an end, the global community has been stunned by the news of a series of devastating attacks across Paris on 13 November. Over hundreds of people have been killed and dozens injured. Our deepest sympathies go out to the victims and all the families affected.

Terrorist attacks are examples of human-instigated disasters that cause loss of life, create an impact on health, and stretch emergency services beyond their usual limits. While we cannot foresee when they strike, we should be able to 'expect the unexpected' and learn beforehand how to deal with disasters. As reported in previous issues, the Academy is committed to train health care professionals, NGO workers, as well as members of the public in disaster preparedness and response through the establishment of the Hong Kong Jockey Club Disaster Preparedness and Response Institute (HKJC DPRI). By making use of technology, such as simulators of our Hong Kong Jockey Club Innovative Learning Centre for Medicine (HKJC ILCM) and virtual reality to provide disaster scenarios, we hope to train disaster response professionals as well as increase public resilience.

The tragic loss of so many lives in an instant forces many of us to confront the meaning of mortality as we cling onto the precious gifts of life, family, friends, joy and health. How does one define a life well lived? None of the victims who died in the terrorist attacks could have been prepared for the sudden loss of lives. But for those patients living with a terminal illness, how can we help them as they prepare for the inevitable? Should we doctors, committed to saving lives, provide treatment or carry out procedures that might only extend suffering till the end?

Dr Atul Gawande, a renowned surgeon and writer, author of the best-selling novel titled "Being Mortal: Medicine and What Matters in the End", visited our Academy and gave a lecture on the same topic. Dr Gawande, a practising surgeon himself, believes that for most people, wellbeing is more than mere survival. He asserts the audience that medicine can comfort and enhance life even towards the end, providing not only a good life, but also a good end. Having conversations and discussions with terminally ill patients about the progression of disease, treatment options and so on can be extremely challenging. The increasing demands that patients and families put on doctors add to the stress.

It is clear that times have changed. In the past, patients automatically looked up to doctors as wise figures of authority and power. Now, doctors have to work harder than ever before to gain and keep the trust of patients and their families. Training in communication and improving skills in expressing empathy have become pivotal. Putting patient-clinician relationship at the heart of health care helps achieve quality and safety goals.

The importance of quality and safety in health care delivery is well recognised. The *British Medical Journal* (BMJ) organised its first International Forum on Quality and Safety in Healthcare: Asia in Hong Kong jointly with the Institute for Healthcare Improvement. The Forum, titled "Improve, Innovate, Inspire", featured keynote speakers from the US, UK, and Asian countries and showcased the very best of international and regional thinking and practice in quality and safety in health care. I participated in a WHO Summit: Policy Roundtable for Quality in Health Services, which brought together representatives, experts, and senior policy makers from across the Western Pacific region. There were constructive discussions on policy trend and critical issues in promoting actions for and assuring the quality of health services in countries worldwide. Participants discussed and identified strategies to overcome challenges by working in collaboration with the ultimate goal of improving quality in health services.

I met President of China Medical Board, Dr Lincoln Chen, while attending the International Medical Education forum in Vancouver organised by the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada a few months ago. Dr Chen, who visited our Academy earlier in the year, presented at the forum in Vancouver his co-authored "2010 Lancet Commission Report - Health Professionals for a new century: transforming education to strengthen health systems in an interdependent world". He provoked discussion amongst international medical leaders on how concerted effort of health care professionals and educators could strengthen health systems with a change in the mindset acknowledging challenges whilst seeking ways to solve associated problems. Participants agreed to embrace the imperative for reform through dialogue, open exchange and discussion about recommendations. The outcome would ultimately be an enlightened new professionalism that can lead to better services and consequent improvements in the health of patients and populations.

We are a profession of strong minds. We are also one with great hearts. Let us continue to be passionate, build mutual trust and rapport with our patients to enhance the quality of medical service.

Dr Donald Li
President

COUNCIL NEWS

Annual General Meeting (18 December 2015)

Council has decided to hold this year's Annual General Meeting (AGM) on 18 December 2015 (Friday) to admit new Fellows. The AGM will be held at 5:30 pm, at the Lim Por Yen Lecture Theatre of the HKAM Jockey Club Building, 99 Wong Chuk Hang Road, Aberdeen, Hong Kong. All Fellows are welcome to attend.

HKAM Personal Data Policy Statement

The Academy has recently reviewed the policy for personal data handling. Fellows should have received a letter about the preference on the use of personal data in direct marketing. The Personal Data Policy Statement is enclosed in this issue of FOCUS. If there is any query, please contact the Secretariat by email: <pdpo@hkam.org.hk>.

Doctors for Climate Action and the Global Consensus Statement on the Health Impacts of Climate Change

The Academy is a partner of Doctors for Climate Action, a global campaign highlighting the health impacts of climate change, and will affect individuals globally. The campaign calls on world leaders to commit to urgent and meaningful action to combat climate change at the upcoming UN Climate Change conference in Paris (COP21). The Academy is proud to be involved with this important campaign, and encourages you all to participate and safeguard our health from the impacts of climate change. Please visit the Academy website for more information on how to join the call.

A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signed with Hong Kong Police Force (HKPF), 25 September 2015

The Academy and HKPF signed a MOU on 25 September 2015. The collaboration signifies the joint force to promote training, research and learning technology development, which would offer mutual benefits. The signing ceremony was followed by an enjoyable lunch with fruitful conversations.



System for Health Seminar, 23 September 2015

The Academy and the Jockey Club School of Public Health and Primary Care, CUHK proudly co-organised a seminar, titled 'Multi-perspective Look at Private Health Insurance and Its Role in the Health System'. President; Assistant Professor, Division of Health System, Policy and Management, Prof Su Liu; and Director of Group Healthcare, AIA Group, Dr Christian Wards shared their views on the role of private health insurance in Hong Kong and discussed the prospect of Voluntary Health Insurance Scheme (VHIS) from perspectives of health care, financing, insurance industry, and service providers.

President focused his talk on the provider's perspective and spoke heavily on the responsibility of service providers and the role of primary care. Dr Wards shared his view on the VHIS saying that it should be mandatory. Prof Liu also indicated that Hong Kong citizens' source of total health expenditure from insurance is increasing over the past decade.

Honorary University Fellowship awarded to President, 15 September 2015

President was recently awarded the Honorary University Fellowship of the University of Hong Kong (HKU), in recognition of his contributions to medicine and the community. Dr Li received the honour presented by the Pro-Chancellor of the University, Dr the Honourable Sir David Li Kwok-po, who presided the presentation ceremony. A citation of Dr Li was delivered by the Dean of Li Ka Shing Faculty of Medicine, HKU, Prof Gabriel Leung, praising his continued dedication and commitment in providing quality primary health care. Please visit the website <<http://www4.hku.hk/honfellows/honorary-university-fellows/dr-donald-kwok-tung-li>> for the full text of the citation.

The Honorary University Fellowships were created in 1995 to recognise and honour those who are held in the highest regard by the University and to establish closer relationships with the community. This year, six distinguished individuals including the President were honoured.



Council Dinner with Distinguished Young Fellows, 17 September 2015

The Academy organised a Council Dinner with distinguished young Fellows to recognise their achievements in their specialty. President gave a profound introduction to the Academy's work and ended his speech with the Academy's corporate video. Academy's Honorary Fellow, Prof Rosie Young and Past President Prof Raymond Liang also attended and addressed the young Fellows. Prof Young highlighted the importance of continuing medical education in building a successful career. She also stressed that physicians need to adopt a more holistic and people-centred approach to health care. The dinner was an enjoyable one with a lot of sharing among the Council Members, College representatives, and young Fellows.



Young Fellows enjoying the dinner with some Council members



Distinguished young Fellows are inspired by Prof Rosie Young's and Prof Raymond Liang's invaluable insights

A new MOU signed with the National Health and Family Planning Commission, 31 October 2015

The National Health and Family Planning Commission (NHFPC) and the Academy signed a new Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to extend and continue the collaboration in training of general practitioners and medical specialists for the establishment of “Standardisation of General / Specialist Medical Training” in the Mainland.

Ren Minghui, Director-General of the Office of Hong Kong, Macao and Taiwan Affairs of the NHFPC and Dr Donald Li, the Academy's President signed the MOU at the Academy premises. This important and significant moment was witnessed by special guests Li Bin, Minister of the NHFPC; Dr the Hon Ko Wing-man, Secretary for Food and Health; and Yin Xiaojing, Deputy Minister of the Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region.

Also in attendance to witness the signing of the MOU were representatives from: Hong Kong Academy of Medicine, NHFPC, Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, Food and Health Bureau, Department of Health, Hospital Authority, Faculty of Medicine of the Chinese University of Hong Kong, and The Li Ka Shing Faculty of Medicine of the University of Hong Kong.

Minister Li Bin met with Council Members of the Academy before the Signing Ceremony to review the work of the two parties in the past and highlighted the significance of the new MOU. She emphasised that within the framework of collaboration proposed, the Academy would continue to assist the Mainland in building a standardised training system for general practitioners / medical specialists.

Minister Li Bin also visited the Academy's Hong Kong Jockey Club Innovative Learning Centre for Medicine (HKJC ILCM) after the Signing Ceremony and she was very impressed by the innovative and interactive technologies used in training medical practitioners with patient safety as the main objective.



A meeting between representatives from NHFPC and the Council Members of the Academy before the Signing Ceremony



Minister Li Bin, Dr the Hon Ko Wing-man, Yin Xiaojing, and other guests from NHFPC and the Academy witness the Signing of the MOU



Minister Li Bin visits the HKJC ILCM after the Signing Ceremony



Minister Li Bin visits the Igloo to experience the 360-degree screen, and takes keen interest in the set-up and running of the Igloo



Guests toast the signing of MOU

国家卫生和计划生育委员会 与香港医学专科学院关于开展全科/专科医师 规范化培训的合作备忘录

为促进内地与香港地区医学教育领域的交流合作，进一步完善内地毕业后医学教育体系，以全科医生为重点推动内地临床医师队伍水平整体提升，不断提高医疗卫生服务质量，经国家卫生计生委和香港医学专科学院友好协商（以下简称“双方”），就内地学习借鉴香港地区经验做法，加强双方在全科/专科医师规范化培训领域的交流与合作，达成以下共识：

一、合作机构

内地：国家卫生和计划生育委员会港澳台办、科教司、法制司、医政医管局

港方：香港医学专科学院

二、合作目的

学习借鉴香港全科/专科医师培训制度建设方面成功经验，进一步结合内地实际，不断完善与国际接轨的全科/专科医师规范化培训制度，为深化医改，建立分级诊疗制度提供有力的人才支撑。

三、合作内容

（一）国家卫生和计划生育委员会商香港医学专科学院研究制订全科/专科医师规范化培训合作方案（计划），选派师资和管理人员赴港考察交流；借鉴香港地区在全科/专科医师培养、使用与支撑保障政策的先进经验，结合实际，改革完善内地全科医师招收、培训、考核、认证等模式；制订专科医生规范化培训制度，建立完善可行的组织管理体系、培训体系和有效的政策支撑体系。

（二）香港医学专科学院负责提供香港地区全科/专科医师培训、考核、管理、师资队伍建设和质量控制、认证准入和政策保障等相关信息；参与内地建立专科医师规范化培训制度的文件制订过程，提供相应专家咨询和指导；对全科医师培训专业目录设置、基地认定条件、培训内容与标准、招收比例调控、题库建设、激励机制等相关工作予以咨询指导；负责香港地区有关工作的组织协调。

四、合作方式

双方建立定期会晤制度，召开例会共同研究制订有关工作方案和实施步骤，定期通报工作进展情况。及时研究解决合作中遇到的问题。

年度例会原则上于每年10月底前召开，会议地点由双方视具体情况协商确定。

五、审核监督

双方应确保在各自法律及法规许可的条款下开展各项活动，定期总结合作进展，并根据具体情况适时改进有关工作。

六、备忘录生效及有效期

本备忘录自签署之日起生效，有效期为五年。除在有效期届满三个月前，任何一方以书面形式通知另一方终止本备忘录外，本备忘录自动延续五年。

双方对本备忘录的解释、实施及执行产生分歧，应通过协商方式解决。本协议的终止将不影响终止前经双方同意并已开始实施的合作项目的执行。

本备忘录于2015年10月31日在香港签订，一式两份，双方各执一份。

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Lecture and Dinner in Honour of Dr Atul Gawande, 12 November 2015

The Academy hosted a lecture delivered by Dr Atul Gawande, MD, MPH, Professor of the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health. Dr Gawande is a surgeon, writer, and public health researcher; and practises at the Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston. He delivered an inspiring lecture titled 'Being Mortal: Medicine and What Matters in the End'. The lecture received rave responses from participants.

Dr Gawande's lecture began by illustrating how he devised a simple 'checklist' that is used before the start of a surgery. His collaboration with the World Health Organization in 2009 yielded a set of guidelines for safe surgery titled 'Safe Surgery Save Lives'. The goal was to improve the safety of surgical care around the world by defining a core set of safety standards that can be applied in all settings. Data were presented showing a significant reduction in complications and deaths following the use of the checklist.

Dr Gawande moved on to talk about his growing curiosity for how patients receiving end-of-life care. This was further illustrated by his own father receiving end-of-life care because of a terminal illness. This prompted him to share his experience personally and as a surgeon to write the book 'Being Mortal'. He also stated that pregnancy was equally important, and his main interests revolve around early child birth and end-of-life care. Dr Gawande also highlighted that we can do better to help with end-of-life care at a population level during the Q and A session chaired by Dr HT Luk.

During a dinner hosted in honour of Dr Gawande, Under Secretary for Food and Health, Prof Sophia Chan commended Dr Gawande's passion for public health and acknowledged the need to improve palliative care in Hong Kong. She opined that we would need more resources for better health care delivery. She also emphasised the importance of data that illustrates how and where we can do better, and strived for better conversation and work together. It was an enjoyable and fruitful dinner providing the opportunity for medical professionals to network and share experiences.

Prior to the lecture, there was a meeting between Dr Gawande, Harvard delegates, representatives from the Academy, College of Surgeons of Hong Kong, and Hospital Authority in view of future collaborations.



Dr Gawande and Dr HT Luk at the Q&A session



Dr Gawande accepting a souvenir from Dr Donald Li



Group photo of all the guests after the lecture



President and Dr Gawande at the dinner after the lecture



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Annual Conference on Disaster Preparedness and Response 2015: From Community to Emergency Room, 30 October – 1 November 2015

The Academy hosted the First Annual Conference on Disaster Preparedness and Response (ACDPR) 2015 co-organised by the HKJC DPRI and Hong Kong College of Emergency Medicine (HKCEM). The conference entitled 'From Community to Emergency Room' was well-attended by numerous participants locally as well as overseas. The Opening Ceremony was held at the Run Run Shaw Hall and was officiated by the Secretary for Security of the HKSAR, the Honourable Lai Tung-
kwok; Secretary for Food and Health of the HKSAR, Dr the Honourable Ko Wing-man; Deputy Chairman of the Hong Kong Jockey Club, Mr Anthony WK Chow; and Dr Donald Li, President of the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine. The officiating guests collectively called for better preparedness measures during disasters, and specially used examples of the Hajj Incident in Mecca this year and Lan Kwai Fong incident in 1993 in Hong Kong.

The conference lasted three days with a plenary lecture during the start of each day. Prof Jennifer Leaning of the Harvard School of Public Health introduced disasters in general and specifically spoke about a Scoping Study which Harvard and HKJC DPRI had been working on. A policy brief was handed out to all participants at the conference. The Study recognised Hong Kong's well-developed disaster response machinery and called for an expanded emphasis on less-familiar but high-stakes disasters, broadening its current disaster training activities, highlighting the importance of addressing psychosocial needs during and after disasters, and strengthening community engagement in disaster preparedness and response. The conference was split into two specialised tracks: disaster management and emergency medicine. The carefully designed scientific programme gave participants full exposure to a wide range of topics presented. Scientific sessions ranged from disaster training, mental health, simulation training, and emergency nursing to the impacts of climate change, community engagement on disaster preparedness, infectious disease crisis, and innovation and technology in disaster management. The speakers shared eloquently on different experiences on and off the field, as they come from different backgrounds and have valuable experience in disaster situations.



Group photo of all guests and participants at the opening ceremony of the ACDPR

On 30 October, there was a joint conference and HKCEM conferment banquet. Dr Donald Li and Officers joined the dinner along with guests from the conference. Dr Li took this opportunity to thank the members of the DPRI governing board for their invaluable input and support to the running of the Institute. Dr Kevin Hung, Director of HKJC DPRI, delivered a vote of thanks to the guests and participants in making the first day smooth and successful.



Guests arriving at the opening ceremony

Strategic Planning Retreat, 25 July 2015

HKJC ILCM organised a Strategic Planning Retreat on 25 July 2015 at Hong Kong Academy of Medicine. The aims of this event were to present the proposed curriculum for HKJC ILCM Comprehensive Simulation Educator Course and to review strategies to further the success and sustain the missions of HKJC ILCM.

Twenty-two health care professionals participated in the event and shared their ideas and experience with Academy's President Dr Donald Li, Vice-President (Edu & Exams) Prof Lau Chak-sing, and Honorary Secretary Dr Lau Chor-chiu in the discussion session. A closing remark was given by the President at the end of the discussion, followed by an enjoyable barbecue lunch. The Retreat provided the participants with a platform to interact and share their experiences in the simulation-based medical education.



Participants share their ideas with President and other Officers of the Academy

Visits

World Health Organization (WHO), 11-12 August 2015

Two experts from WHO, Dr Rick Brennan, Director of the Department of Emergency Risk Management and Humanitarian Response and his team member Dr Ian Norton, technical adviser and project leader of Foreign Medical Teams, recently paid a visit to the Academy. A number of meetings were organised to discuss the strategic planning and capacity building of the Academy's venture, Hong Kong Jockey Club Disaster Preparedness and Response Institute (HKJC DPRI). The main purpose of the meetings was to share the important works of HKJC DPRI and our working partners in emergency response training. The WHO experts shared their vast experiences and perspectives on risk management in humanitarian relief operations. During the meetings, some potential areas of collaboration on training and accreditation were identified. More deliberations on these issues are required to determine the optimal way forward.

The Academy hosted a dinner in honour of the special guests of WHO. Many colleagues and partners were invited to join this occasion, including government officials from Food and Health Bureau and Department of Health, Dean of local medical schools, representatives of Hospital Authority and Members of Governing Board of HKJC DPRI. President gave heartfelt thanks to Dr Margaret Chan, Director-General of WHO and two of her fellow experts, Dr Brennan and Dr Norton who travelled a long way from Geneva. It is anticipated that HKJC DPRI would build and promote a well-structured platform for accrediting trained professionals in disaster management, with the assistance of WHO. Dr Margaret Chan complimented the Academy on its job well done in disaster preparedness and response training. She mentioned that Hong Kong has built a strong system, and the Sendai Framework is just the beginning. She also encouraged the Academy to participate in the World Humanitarian Summit held next year to network with global experts of the field. The dinner was an enjoyable one with fruitful conversations.



Xijing Hospital, 27 August 2015

Three disaster response experts from Xijing Hospital, Xi'an, visited the Academy on 27 August 2015. President and Officers hosted a luncheon for the experts. They were given a tour of Hong Kong Jockey Club Innovation Learning Centre for Medicine (HKJC ILCM) and Hong Kong Jockey Club Disaster Preparedness and Response Institute (HKJC DPRI). The experts were impressed by the HKJC ICLM's advanced medical equipment and activities organised by both the Academy's funded ventures.



Medical Protection Society (MPS), 28 August 2015

Head of Medical Services – Asia of MPS, Dr Ming Teoh, visited Hong Kong lately. President and Officers hosted a lunch at the Academy to receive Dr Teoh. There were some fruitful discussions on various medico-legal and insurance related issues, as well as the MPS-HKAM Award. President of the Hong Kong College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, Dr Ares Leung was also invited to join and discuss the recent introduction of claims made indemnity for obstetricians and gynaecologists by MPS.



West China Hospital, 28 August 2015

A group of delegates from West China Hospital of Sichuan University visited the Academy on 28 August 2015. They are experts of health care management. The delegates were briefed on our local specialist training system at the meeting and exchanged their experiences with Dr Donald Li, Prof TF Fok, and Dr Kevin Hung. After the meeting, Dr Kevin Hung gave them a tour around Hong Kong Jockey Club Innovation Learning Centre for Medicine and Hong Kong Jockey Club Disaster Preparedness and Response Institute.



Media Briefing, 12 October 2015

The Academy organised a media briefing on 12 October on the disaster preparedness work being undertaken in Hong Kong, citing the MERS outbreak in South Korea as an example and to promote the Annual Conference on Disaster Preparedness and Response. Speakers at the media briefing included President; Assistant Director of the Hong Kong Jockey Club Disaster Preparedness and Response Institute, Ms Eva Lam; representative of the Hong Kong College of Physicians, Dr Owen Tsang; and Vice-President of the Hong Kong College of Community Medicine, Dr Thomas Tsang. The event was well-attended by 32 reporters from 22 media organisations and subsequently received a wide range of media coverage.



Residency Training Symposium, 2 November 2015

The Academy, University of Chicago Medicine, and University of Chicago Center in Hong Kong co-hosted a residency training symposium titled, 'Innovations in Residency Training in the U.S. and Hong Kong'. President Dr Donald Li, and Director of Global Health Education University of Chicago Dr Renslow Sherer gave welcome remarks to all participants. The participants were split into three groups with three specialty Colleges as facilitators: Family Physicians, Surgeons, and Physicians.

The breakout sessions yielded numerous discussions on the commonalities and differences between residency programmes and the path to becoming a registered specialist. The sessions ended with all participants gathering together to provide a summary on what they have learned. Vice-President Prof CS Lau led all the speakers and participants for a dinner celebration. It was an enjoyable occasion with fruitful discussions.



Dr HT Luk speaking on behalf of the Surgeons group



Speakers and guests from the University of Chicago gather for a group photo

Events Attended by the HKAM President

CUHK Primary Care Symposium cum HKIMM Annual Scientific Meeting and Workshop 2015, 4 July 2015

President attended the Symposium, entitled 'Common Musculoskeletal Problems in Primary Care: from Clinical Practice to Research' organised by the Faculty of Medicine, the Chinese University of Hong Kong. It was attended by international faculties from the United States.



50th Anniversary Scientific Meeting of the FMSHK, 5 July 2015

President attended the 50th Anniversary Scientific Meeting of the Federation of Medical Societies of Hong Kong as an officiating guest. The theme was 'Care for Advanced Diseases', which provided the medical professionals with the opportunity to share new perspectives and valuable insights on treatment and palliation of advanced diseases.



Cook Medical Thought Leadership Forum, 7 July 2015

President was invited by Cook Medical to participate in a panel discussion about the topic of 'Sustainable Healthcare in Hong Kong: Challenges Ahead', seeking to address the question: 'Is Hong Kong's current model of healthcare delivery sustainable and, if not, what needs to change?'. Other discussants included Prof Jean Woo, Dr Alexander Ng, etc.



Grand Opening of Hong Kong Integrated Oncology Centre and Hong Kong Integrated Imaging and Endoscopy Diagnostic Centre, 11 July 2015

President was invited to officiate the grand opening of the Centre. Other officiating guests included Secretary for Food and Health Dr the Hon Ko Wing-man, Deputy Secretary for Food and Health Prof Sophia Chan, Dr CH Leong, Prof Gabriel Leung, etc. After the ceremony, the officiating guests were given a tour of the facilities.



2015 Annual Academic Conference of General Practice Society of Shanghai Medical Association, 17 July 2015

President attended the Annual Academic Conference organised by the Shanghai Medical Association in Shanghai. He delivered a presentation on medical ethics, which inspired most of the participants.



Annual Conference of Hong Kong College of Health Service Executives, 25 July 2015

President attended the Annual Conference and delivered a presentation on 'Sustainability of Health Care Services through Innovation'. He also participated in panel discussions with other discussants including Prof Peter Yuen, Dean of College of Professional and Continuing Education, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University and Prof John Rasa, President of Australasian College of Health Service Management.



49th Singapore-Malaysia Congress of Medicine, 31 July-2 August 2015

President, Officers, and College Presidents or representatives participated in the 49th Singapore-Malaysia Congress of Medicine held at The Academia, Singapore. The theme of the Congress was 'Greater Integration for Better Patient Care'. President delivered a welcome address at the Induction Comitia and was a member of the stage party at the Fellowship Conferment Ceremony, which was also attended by the HKAM delegation. In addition, President presented on the topic of 'Medico-legal Challenge in Hong Kong' at the Medico-legal Symposium.



At the Fellowship Conferment Ceremony

A Joint Council Meeting was also held during the Congress. President updated the Academy of Medicine, Singapore and the Academy of Medicine of Malaysia on some Academy's important works, various strategic plans, and activities. Issues of mutual concern such as continuous professional development were also discussed.



Hong Kong International Dental Expo and Symposium, 7-8 August 2015



With Guest of Honour, Dr the Hon Ko Wing-man and other officiating guests on stage

President was invited to attend the Hong Kong International Dental Expo and Symposium (HKIDEAS) 2015 organised by the Hong Kong Dental Association as an officiating guest. HKIDEAS 2015 attracted the participation of about 4000 delegates from 31 countries. Secretary for Food and Health, Dr the Hon Ko Wing-man also graced the HKIDEAS with his presence as the Guest of Honour.



Meetings in Beijing, 4-5 September 2015

President recently attended the 2015 Annual General Meeting of the Society of General Practice of the Chinese Medical Association (CMA) in Beijing. He was invited to officiate the meeting together with President of CMA, Prof Chen Zhu, Director-General of World Health Organization (WHO), Dr Margaret Chan and Minister of the National Health and Family Planning Commission (NHFPC), Li Bin and addressed participants at the Opening Ceremony to update on the work of World Organization of Family Doctors (WONCA). Dr Li also spoke at a plenary session on the topic of 'Family Medicine in Hong Kong'. A group of academicians from the Chinese Academy of Engineering presented 'A Written Proposal of Specialists to Strongly Support China's Effort to Establish a General Practice System' (the full text can be read on the Academy website) during the opening ceremony. This signifies the recognition and growing appreciation of the importance of the role of General Practitioners in China's health care system.



During the stay in Beijing, President also met with Minister Li of the NHFPC. Minister Li indicated her support in the Academy's potential collaboration with WHO in emergency response. She suggested sharing the experience of China and helping set standards for accreditation of less-experienced foreign medical teams (FMT) from other countries through the WHO. Minister Li commended the work of the Hong Kong Jockey Club Disaster Preparedness and Response Institute

(HKJC DPRI) under the Academy, and suggested that HKJC DPRI can liaise further with WHO and help bring China into the international emergency response scene. The Emergency Response Office and Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) of the NHFPC will further discuss collaboration with HKJC DPRI. The Academy will appoint the Deputy Director-General of the Department of International Cooperation (Office of Hong Kong, Macao & Taiwan Affairs) Mr Wang Liji as a National Advisor to the HKJC DPRI to offer more guidance and facilitate the communication between the NHFPC and HKJC DPRI on the emergency response work.



There were discussions of enhanced collaboration between the NHFPC and the Academy in postgraduate training of specialists in China. Minister Li informed President at the meeting that the NHFPC will set up a committee on postgraduate training and standards to formalise the initiative to standardise postgraduate specialist training in mainland China. NHFPC will invite the Academy as its consultant. After the meeting, the Department of Health Science, Technology and Education of the NHFPC suggested signing a new MOU with the Academy.



HKU Year 1 Professionalism in Practice Programme Briefing Session, 7 September 2015

President was invited by the Department of Family Medicine and Primary Care, the University of Hong Kong to share with Year 1 medical students on the topic of 'Professionalism in Clinical Practice: Family Doctors in Private Practice'. The main purpose of this briefing session was to nurture the development of the attributes of professionalism.

Cocktail Reception for World Class Dentistry Ranking No. 2, HKU Faculty of Dentistry, 7 September 2015

President attended the cocktail reception of the Faculty of Dentistry, the University of Hong Kong, with other prominent medical leaders.



香港醫生國情班同學會66周年晚宴, 8 September 2015

President attended the function as an Officiating Guest to show his support to the younger generation in the medical industry.



Inauguration dinner of Hong Kong Society for Healthcare Mediation, 18 September 2015

President attended the reception of the Hong Kong Society for Healthcare Mediation and he was happy to meet other medical leaders at the occasion.



30th Anniversary Dinner of Hong Kong Society for Emergency Medicine and Surgery (HKSEMS), 25 September 2015

President joined Under Secretary for Food and Secretary Prof Sophia Chan and other medical leaders in celebrating the 30th Anniversary of HKSEMS. Dr Li applauded the key role of emergency medical care physicians in safeguarding people's lives and promoting quality acute care.



Policy Roundtable on Quality in Health Services, 28 September 2015

President participated in the policy roundtable, which was organised by World Health Organization (WHO), on the topic of 'Clinical guidelines, professional standards, quality committees – what works?'. Dr Li shared with global health leaders on some clinical guidelines produced by a working group of Food and Health Bureau on primary care on hypertension, diabetes, elderly care and paediatric care, as well as his insights on how active the local medical professionals refer to or use the relevant guidelines.



BMJ Conference Welcome Reception, 28 September 2015

Invited by UK Trade & Investment, President joined a reception at the British Consul-General's residence to meet some key UK speakers who attended the BMJ's first International Forum on Quality and Safety in Healthcare: Asia. A dinner that followed the reception was attended by the Medical Director of the National Health Service in England, Sir Bruce Edward Keogh and the Clinical Vice President of Royal College of Physicians, Dr Anita Donley. President shared his insights on some challenges being encountered by the medical professionals and the current situations in Mainland China.



International Forum on Quality and Safety in Healthcare: Asia, 30 September 2015

President attended the Opening Ceremony officiated by the Chief Executive of the HKSAR Government of the BMJ's first International Forum for Asia organised in Hong Kong. He delivered a presentation, titled 'Improving Quality Primary Care in Hong Kong and Beyond', covering primary care assessment tools, united voice for global primary care reform, several approaches for achieving quality primary care, etc.



Festschrift for Professor John Wong: The Champion of Excellence, 9 October 2015

Invited by the Department of Surgery of Li Ka Shing Faculty of Medicine, President attended the Festschrift: The Champion of Excellence in recognition of invaluable contributions of Professor John Wong who led the Department for 26 years. To mark the occasion and honour Professor Wong, the first John Wong Young Surgeon Award has been established to commend young surgeons of the Department with best performance throughout the year. The first award was presented by Professor John Wong during the dinner.



7th Annual International Medical Education Leaders Forum, 21-23 October 2015

President attended the Forum organised by the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada (RCPSC) in Vancouver. He participated in a whole-day meeting which featured a plenary lecture delivered by the President of China Medical Board, Dr Lincoln Chen on the 2010 Lancet Commission Report, as well as some roundtable discussions about competency-based medical education, shaping health education to fit global health issues, etc. President also joined the Convocation of RCPSC and a Past President's dinner hosted by President of RCPSC, Dr Kevin Imrie.



Celebration Dinner of 65th Anniversary of the Hong Kong Dental Association (HKDA), 27 October 2015

President attended the celebration dinner officiated by the Chief Executive and the Chief Secretary for Administration of the HKSAR Government. He was also invited to record a special video message congratulating the HKDA on its 65th Anniversary.



Conferment Ceremonies of Colleges

College of Surgeons of Hong Kong, 12 September 2015



Hong Kong College of Physicians, 17 October 2015



Hong Kong College of Emergency Medicine, 30 October 2015



College of Dental Surgeons of Hong Kong, 1 November 2015



Enjoy a New Yum Cha Experience at the Academy!

Academy has been serving dim sum lunch once a month on selected Sundays (from 12:00 noon). Come and enjoy good dim sum, traditional Chinese tea and a relaxing time with your family, friends at the Academy. There are ample parking spaces available that are free of charge.

Interested Fellows please mark the following dates and reserve your table in advance:

2015

20 December

2016

24 January, 21 February, 13 March, 17 April, 8 May, 19 June

For reservation and enquiries, please call 2871 8896.

Early Closure of the Secretariat, Dining Room, and Lounge

The Academy wishes all Fellows a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Early closure of the Academy Secretariat, Dining Room, and Lounge is as follows:

22 December 2015 (Winter Solstice)

Academy Secretariat	1 pm
Dining Room	3 pm
Academy Lounge	3 pm

24 December 2015 (Christmas Eve)

Academy Secretariat	3 pm
Dining Room	3 pm
Academy Lounge	3 pm

New College Council Members

The following Academy College has held annual general meetings and has submitted a new Council list to the newsletter Editorial Board. Congratulations to all new College Office Bearers and Council members. (For lists of other College Councils, please refer to the Colleges section on the Academy website.)



The Hong Kong College of Anaesthesiologists

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Missing Fellow

The Academy and the College have lost contact with the following Fellow and need your assistance in locating him. If you happen to know his whereabouts, please contact the Academy Secretariat by telephone (852) 2871 8888, fax (852) 2505 5577 or email hkam@hkam.org.hk, or ask the Fellow concerned to contact us directly. Thank you.

Name	College
Wilson WEI	Surgeons

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New Academy Souvenirs have Arrived!

The Academy has launched a new range of souvenirs. You may order these custom-made souvenirs and/or our existing stock of unique corporate gifts by completing the order form on the Academy website.

Tie & Bow Tie



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Car Badge, Letter Opener, Umbrella, and 3G Wifi Router

