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## Submissions

In future issues, **academyfocus** may feature work submitted by Fellows, for example, conference or seminar reports, book reviews, or photographs. If you would like to share your work in **academyfocus**, please contact the Editorial Board at [focus@hkam.org.hk](mailto:focus@hkam.org.hk).

All submissions are subject to editorial review and approval. Information supplied, whether or not included in **academyfocus**, may be posted on the Academy website.

## Deadline

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## PROF. GILBERTO KA-KIT LEUNG PRESIDENT, HONG KONG ACADEMY OF MEDICINE

### Dear Fellows and colleagues,

The Spring season symbolises growth and a hopeful outlook which is befitting at a time when our city is resuming normalcy after 3 years of the COVID-19 pandemic. Apart from the Academy's Pearl Jubilee celebrations, a series of events are being planned for this year to promote the well-being and professional development of healthcare professionals. The Walk and Run Challenge in March, which was one of the Academy's celebratory events, garnered great success with around 250 Fellows, specialist trainees, colleagues and their families participating in some joyful and exciting sporting activities. We encourage everyone to take part in other Academy events and activities in the coming months.

The Academy has been collaborating with local and external partners to advance its mission of promoting excellence in medical education and research. Recent examples include the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the China Medical Association, as well as the renewal of MOU with the Korean Academy of Medical Sciences. Following the success of the first-ever Tripartite Medical Education Conference in January, the Academy is pursuing opportunities for collaborations with the two medical schools and the Hospital Authority to organise future events together.

A Strategic Planning Retreat on Education and Training was conducted on 4 March, providing a valuable platform for the Academy Officers, College

representatives, and other stakeholders to engage in fruitful discussion, idea exchanges, and explorations of innovative approaches to enhancing the quality of medical education and training. Readers can gain insights into this important event as shared by the Feature Article of Prof. Philip Li in this issue of **academyfocus**.

The Academy recently sent a letter to the Secretary for Justice seeking his advice and clarification on how the criminal offence of gross negligence manslaughter is being applied in healthcare settings, and subsequently received a response from the Department of Justice (DoJ). We will continue to maintain communication with DoJ to address any additional concerns that we may have.

Lastly, along with the commencement of a new CMECPD cycle this year, we urge all Fellows to register and utilise the eHKAM LMS system, which features improved accessibility and user-friendliness to help Fellows engage more effectively with online learning opportunities.



If you have any comments or suggestions, or if you would like to contribute to the **academyfocus**, please contact the Editorial Board at [focus@hkam.org.hk](mailto:focus@hkam.org.hk).

## FEATURE ARTICLE: STRATEGIC PLANNING RETREAT ON EDUCATION AND TRAINING: ADVANCING POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION



PROF. PHILIP KAM-TAO LI  
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When I took up the role as Vice President (Education and Examinations) starting December 2022, one of my immediate goals was to prioritise the engagement of stakeholders. Organising a Strategic Planning Retreat on Education and Training in the Academy can serve as a valuable platform to engage senior Fellows in the Academy and Colleges who have extensive experience in specialist education and training. Along with this, I aimed to devise a roadmap for the Academy's future growth in postgraduate medical education, training, and assessment.

After thorough planning with the President and senior Officials of the Academy, the Strategic Planning Retreat on Education and Training transpired in the sunny afternoon of 4 March 2023, at Run Run Shaw Hall of the Academy Building.

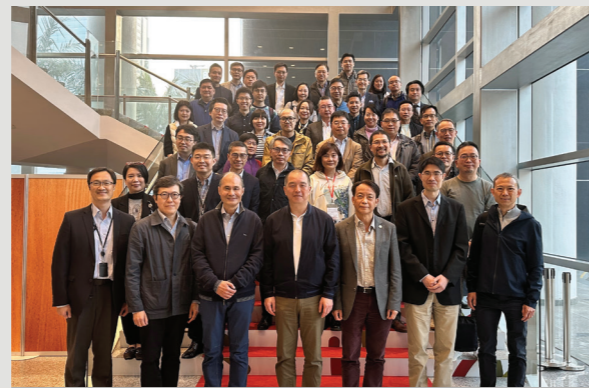
At the start of the Retreat, our President Prof. Gilberto Leung explained to the delegates from the 15 Colleges the objectives of the Retreat being augmenting the quality of medical education. He expressed gratitude for the support of Academy Officers and Dr. Hing-yu So, the Educationist, and acknowledged the Education Committee's roles in administering and regulating the Academy's training and assessment for the past 30 years. The President also highlighted the importance to review and update training methods to keep up with societal advancements. The Academy is committed to ensure Fellows are well-equipped for their roles and is eagerly anticipating the Retreat's position paper and timeline for a novel approach to medical education.

Dr. So and the planning team conducted a pre-Retreat survey for delegates from the 15 Colleges through a recently introduced e-learning platform (LMS) to gather opinions on prominent themes related to postgraduate medical education, which received a high response rate. Following Dr. So's presentation on the survey findings, I also shared my views of how the Academy and the Colleges could benefit from the Retreat. After being divided into four groups to discuss crucial topics including: curriculum development and ongoing review; faculty development and requirements for trainers and examiners; the effectiveness of CME/CPD provision; and maintaining standards and quality assurance of training and assessment, the participants presented their views followed by an open discussion session.

There was enthusiastic feedback during group and open discussions. The relevance of prioritising 'train the trainers' was highlighted in curriculum development and review to improve the quality of medical education. Fair balance between service load and training quality is essential. Faculty development necessitates motivating Fellows to become adept and proactive trainers. The Academy should offer guidance on fostering trainers. Individual Colleges have the flexibility in engaging stakeholders to facilitate the participation of Fellows in training and examination activities. A unified framework and standard should be established to ensure the effectiveness of CME and CPD, reflecting the core competencies and professional standards of specialists. Strategies for upholding standards and ensuring quality training and assessment need to be formulated.

The President, in concluding the Retreat, emphasised the importance of the event and the Academy's dedication to education enhancement and policy alignment. Close collaboration between the Academy and Colleges cannot be overstated. Investment of necessary resources and securing funding and other forms of support from the Government and other organisations would be very beneficial for such development. Successful implementation of these ideas could establish a robust base for the Academy to bolster its roles in the development of specialist training system in Hong Kong, China and around the world.

The afternoon was very enjoyable and fruitful for both myself and the participants, putting us one step forward in advancing the education for our Fellows and trainees.



## FEATURE ARTICLE: eHKAM LMS



With the launch of eHKAM LMS (Learning Management System) launched since October 2022, there has been a growing number of trainers utilising the system to deliver online and blended learning for their trainees.

In our pursuit of a more advanced learning platform, starting from 1 July, the LMS will become the Academy's exclusive system to deliver CMECPD quizzes. Starting from 1 July, all users will be required to submit their CMECPD quizzes solely via LMS.

Fellows are encouraged to register for eHKAM IDs to access the LMS for completing CMECPD quizzes and participating in other online learning, such as the Training Course for Expert Witness.

To learn more about the updated arrangement of CMECPD quiz, please visit <https://www.hkam.org.hk/en/news/cme-cpd-quizzes-are-now-available-ehkam-lms>.

For registration of eHKAM ID, please go to <https://www.hkam.org.hk/en/initiative/ehkam>.





FEATURE  
ARTICLE:FELLOWS'  
WELL-BEING

## PEER SUPPORT SCHEME

The Academy's Peer Support Scheme has been launched since March 2022. It is a voluntary programme for Academy Fellows and specialist trainees to offer or find support through informal communication that may be beneficial to mental well-being. Over 30 Fellows have completed the dedicated training provided by the Hong Kong College of Psychiatrists. For further details, and the list of Peer Supporters, please check out the [Academy's webpage dedicated to well-being](https://online.hkam.org.hk/form/pss).

Academy Fellows who are keen to contribute to the well-being of peers in the profession, and to help foster a caring and supportive culture within the work environment are welcome to enrol as Peer Supporters. The support, through active listening and sharing experience, may be offered to peers of the same or different specialties. The informal connection will not lead to any doctor-patient relationships and would not have any financial obligations. All conversations will be kept strictly confidential.

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CHAIR, YOUNG FELLOWS CHAPTER

## YOUNG FELLOWS CHAPTER CONFLICT RESOLUTION WORKSHOP

Young Fellows Chapter (YFC) organised its first half-day training workshop on conflict management in January 2022, which received an overwhelming response. Due to the COVID pandemic, YFC had missed organising a physical training workshop of this kind for a long time. This year, it was a great pleasure for us to organise a full-day training workshop on conflict management, which was successfully held on 18 March 2023. In the workshop, participants learned to understand the root causes behind conflicts, made effective use of tools to analyse the problems, and practised ways to tackle difficult situations. All participants displayed proactive engagement and interacted with our experienced tutors.



## CHICKEN SOUP FOR THE DOCTOR'S SOUL (心靈雞湯)

YFC's Chicken Soup for The Doctors' Soul has been one of the most popular series for our Fellows. Following the release of the 8th episode YFC Chicken Soup (part 1) in December 2022, which marked the YFC's first podcast series of its kind, **the 8th episode (part 2)** was released in January 2023. This episode features heart-warming stories of how the Auxiliary Medical Service collaborated with

doctors and nurses in saving lives during the COVID pandemic. We aspire to instil the spirit of cross-specialty collaboration in our young Fellows, to improve the health and wellbeing of our citizens.

Check out the Academy website to access all episodes of Chicken Soup for The Doctors' Soul:

1st episode:  
病人的禮物Special edition:  
打疫苗2nd episode:  
若有所思3rd episode:  
茁壯成長4th episode:  
最後的道別5th episode:  
燭光6th episode:  
生命之旅7th episode:  
天使的禮物8th episode (Part 1):  
迅速行動 竭盡所能8th episode (Part 2):  
迅速行動 竭盡所能



### HONG KONG ACADEMY OF MEDICINE ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION: 'WALK AND RUN' CHALLENGE

As the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine celebrates its 30th Anniversary this year, a series of celebration activities have been organised, including the "Health For All, Move Forward Together" 5-km Run and 1-km Walk Challenge. YFC members were thrilled to participate in the event as both runners, as well as the

MC and speaker on the opening speech. YFC would like to congratulate the Academy on the success of the event and the excellent performance of the runners. We hope that the tradition of continued excellence in education and training will be carried forward to our future generations.



### YOUNG FELLOWS CHAPTER FACEBOOK PAGE

Stay connected with young Fellows and stay informed about the YFC's latest news and activities by visiting

our [YFC Facebook page](#), which showcases highlights from recent activities and video clips from past events.



## HKJC ILCM



### Renewed Partnership in Simulation-Based Training between the Academy and the Hospital Authority

The Hong Kong Academy of Medicine (HKAM) and the Hospital Authority (HA) have recently renewed their Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for 2 more years, starting from 10 December 2022 until 9 December 2024. This development strengthens their partnership and facilitates the sharing of valuable knowledge and expertise within the healthcare sector. A key feature of the MOU is the agreement on CMS Virtual Visiting Scholars (CVVS) arrangements, where both parties will jointly support placements. This initiative underscores the commitment of HKAM and HA to promote education and

professional development. In addition, HKAM has agreed to continue offering discounted rates for HA employees participating in HKJC ILCM programmes that complement the simulation training provided by HA. This move aims to motivate HA staff to seek further education and training opportunities, fostering their growth and development. The renewal of the MOU between HKAM and HA highlights their dedication to enhancing cooperation, knowledge-sharing, and professional development in the healthcare community, laying a solid foundation for a more prosperous future.







Nurturing Specialists for 30 Years; Guarding the Health of the Community  
育才三十載 杏林澤香江

**JAN 14**  
Grand Launch of HKAM's 30th Anniversary and Opening Ceremony of Tripartite Medical Education Conference



**MAR 19**  
Run and Walk Challenge



**MAR 25**  
Joining Earth Hour 2023



**SEP 10**  
Fun Day



**OCT 11**  
Hong Kong Academy of Medicine and Medical Alumni Golf Tournament



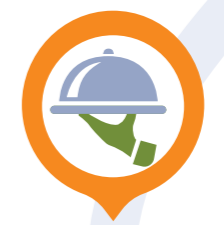
**APR 15**  
Walking into the Sunset



**OCT - DEC**  
Museum Exhibition



**DEC 8**  
• Annual Fellowship Conferment Ceremony and David Todd Oration  
• Pearl Jubilee Gala Dinner



**JAN 14-15**  
Tripartite Medical Education Conference



**FEB 3**  
Media Spring Tea Reception



More details of the above events will be announced in due course. Stay tuned to our 30th Anniversary website!



# ACADEMY SOUVENIR ORDER

## Academy Souvenirs

Order our souvenirs while stock lasts

Straight Umbrella  
AS-12



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AS-01



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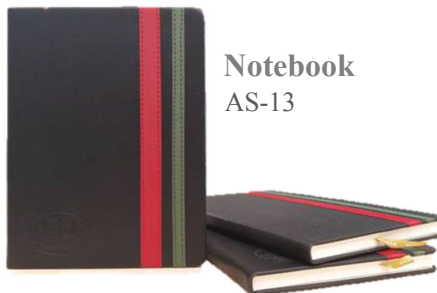
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