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Dear Fellows and colleagues,

With the sultry weather upon us and schools having summer breaks, I hope many of you have had a chance to relax or enjoy a summer vacation with your family. Work and pace for the Academy, however, have not slowed down. Besides participating at several local events, I also visited the University of Glasgow and attended a conference held by the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow with the Vice-President (Education & Examinations) on behalf of the Academy. The triennial conference, "Advancing Excellence in Healthcare", provided us the opportunity to meet many renowned experts including an Olympic gold medalist, and allowed us the chance for networking and strengthening ties with sister academies and colleges on the other side of the globe.

Collaboration is most important to enhance health education and training. Experts from different sectors and organisations can join force to reach a common goal. As reported in the last issue, we have been working closely with the Chinese University and University Hong Kong, with participation of the Harvard University and other institutions, to develop an operational centre of excellence in disaster preparedness, response, and management in Hong Kong. After months of hard work, I am delighted to report that the Academy has successfully obtained funding from the Hong Kong Jockey Club Charities Trust to establish a "Hong Kong Jockey Club Disaster Preparedness and Response Institute" (HKJCDPRI).

Our densely populated city, located in a region highly susceptible to natural disasters and health crisis, has also an increasing number of potential hazards resulting from mass gatherings being organised for various reasons. The five-year project aims to establish Hong Kong as a regional and international leader in disaster preparedness, response, and management as well as to promote resilience in the community. The HKJCDPRI, to be led and housed under the Academy, will provide training and become a central platform for ongoing professional education, networking, and policy conversations. The official launching ceremony is scheduled to be held on 20 August 2014; organisation work is in full force. Representatives from the World Health Organization, officials from Hong Kong and Mainland China, and world-renowned experts in disaster management will be participating to help us kick off the project. All Fellows are encouraged to attend and cast an eye on the exciting initiatives that your Academy has in the works with the ultimate goal of protecting and saving lives.

As mentioned in my previous messages, the Government believes the Academy, with statutory power to set standard, is the most appropriate body to develop a credentialling system in Hong Kong for patient safety. Our Education Committee has been working hard for some time to come up with a policy paper that would cover a general framework and set standards for credentialling via the 15 specialty Colleges.

Following the recent tragic incident of a patient who died after a four-hour liposuction treatment at a clinic, the Academy has issued a joint statement with the College of Surgeons of Hong Kong, expressing concerns about the practice of doctors and professionals performing potentially 'high-risk procedures' that require advanced training and experience. In the press statement, the Academy also reiterated its support for the Government's move to tighten measures in regulating the procedures performed at private healthcare facilities in Hong Kong.

I was subsequently invited by the Food and Health Bureau (FHB) as Academy's President to attend a meeting on 14 July 2014. FHB noted that the Academy is developing a credentialling system and requested the Academy to try her best to expedite the process, stating that the Government would show its support when this system is ready for implementation. In the meantime, FHB would let the

Legislative Council know that work on credentialling is being carried out and a framework would be introduced as soon as possible to protect the health and wellbeing of the public.

The Working Group formed under the Education Committee, with representatives from some Colleges, Hospital Authority and Hong Kong Association of Private Hospitals, will continue to discuss the roles and responsibilities of stakeholders in the credentialling process. It is proposed that the Academy's core role would be to set standards for credentialling via its specialty Colleges, by building on the existing CME/CPD system. And it is agreed that regulation and enforcement would need to be carried out by the Department of Health or the Medical and Dental Councils.

Another Working Group, also under the Education Committee, has been formed to enrich the content of the Academy's iCMECPD, a website with online service started in 2006 that allows Fellows a paperless means to do CMECPD and keep records efficiently. The Academy's official website, launched since 2000, has also been revitalised with a facelift. The design is more contemporary and the functions, hopefully, more user-friendly.

We have continued to follow-up on projects started last year for the upkeep of the 15-year-old Academy building. Some maintenance and repair works are inevitable to provide a comfortable and safe environment for the many events and activities that are held here. Our building is becoming increasingly popular as a place that could accommodate meetings of all sizes within and outside our profession. The Council and House Committee, advised by experts, will continue to look after this valuable asset for the Academy.

Dr Donald Li
President

Annual Subscriptions

Demand notes for the 2014 subscriptions have been sent to Fellows in December last year. Fellows who have not settled their subscription before 30 June should have received a demand note for subscription and surcharge. Please settle as soon as possible.

Reminder:

1. All payments must be received by the Academy **before 30 September**. According to Bylaw 6.4:
If a member's fee or any other moneys due by a member to the Academy is not received by the Academy within 9 months after such payment falls due, despite two written reminders by the Academy to pay, the member shall automatically forfeit his membership.
2. It is Council's policy that late subscriptions received by the Academy **after 30 June** will be subject to a **surcharge of 5%** on the subscription amount.
3. For Fellows who have authorized payment via bank transfer / credit card, payments will be deducted from their bank accounts or credit card automatically.
4. **Fellows aged over 70**, or have reached 70 before the beginning of the next subscription year, **do not need to pay any subscription** and will not receive a debit note.
5. Fellows residing outside Hong Kong or have reached the age of 65 and have retired from all remunerative practice/job/business must submit written applications for reduced rates before 31 December if they wish to enjoy the reduced rates next year. For details, please visit http://www.icmecpd.hk/whatsnew/FellowDocument/Reduced_Rate.pdf

COUNCIL NEWS

Admission of Fellows (EGM)

A total of 122 new Fellows were admitted at the Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) held on 12 June 2014.

2014 Honours List

The Government has announced this year's Honours List on 1 July 2014. The Chief Executive has awarded a total of 283 persons this year, including a number of Academy Fellows, in recognition of their significant contributions to Hong Kong or dedicated public and community services:

Silver Bauhinia Star (SBS)	Prof LEUNG Nai Kong
Bronze Bauhinia Star (BBS)	Dr CHEUNG Kin Leung, Ben
Medal of Honour (MH)	Prof John Wingate SIMON
Justices of the Peace Appointments	Dr POON Tak Lun
	Dr TSE Hung Hing
	Prof YUEN Po Wing
	Dr LEE Siu Yin

Congratulations to all the recipients.

MPS-HKAM Excellence in Patient Safety Award

Nature of the Award

The MPS-HKAM Excellence in Patient Safety Award is jointly organised by the Medical Protection Society (MPS) and the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine (HKAM). The objective of the Award is to encourage medical professionals to promote the subject of patient safety, risk reduction, quality and professional standards, and medical ethics.

Who is Eligible for the Award?

Medical practitioners registered in Hong Kong, who submit papers on any of the following topics, are eligible for the Award:

- Patient safety
- Risk reduction
- Quality and professional standards
- Medical ethics

Criteria for Submission

Papers could be submitted in any of the following formats:

- a. paper for presentation in a conference (not previously presented at a conference)
- b. paper for publication in medical/scientific journals (papers submitted should be original manuscripts and not previously published)
- c. essay or a review article (not previously published)
- d. original research (original research should have been approved by an institutional ethics committee where appropriate).
The Panel of Judges reserves the right to reject any application on grounds that the research was unethical.

Presentation of the Award

The Award (a plaque and a cheque for **HK\$20,000**) will be presented to the winning author. The Winner of the Award will be notified 2 weeks prior to the presentation ceremony.

Application will close on 15 September 2014. Please obtain details from http://www.hkam.org.hk/mps_hkam_award.pdf.





Hong Kong Academy of Medicine Credentialling Workshop

Date: 21 September 2014 (Sunday)

Time: 10:00-13:00 (Morning session, open to all)

14:00-15:30 (Workshop, by invitation)

Venue: Lim Por Yen Lecture Theatre, Hong Kong Academy of Medicine
Jockey Club Building

Programme

- 09:30 Registration
- 10:00 Introduction: Why credentialling?
Prof CS Lau, Vice President (Edu. & Exams), Hong Kong Academy of Medicine
- 10:10 Credentialling: Overseas experience
Prof Ian Rewell, District Director Medical Services, South Eastern Sydney Local Health District and Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District
- 10:40 Credentialling – from perspectives of public and private organisations
Hospital Authority
Dr Derrick KS Au, Director (Quality & Safety), Hospital Authority
Hong Kong Private Hospitals Association
Dr Ares KL Leung, Representative of Hong Kong Private Hospitals Association
- 11:20 Coffee break
- 11:35 Sharing of Experience in Credentialling
Credentialling: Colposcopy
Dr Charles KM Mok, Hong Kong College of Obstetricians & Gynaecologists
Credentialling: Carotid Stenting
Dr Poon Wai Lun, Hospital Authority
Credentialling: PCI
Dr Raymond HW Chan, Hospital Authority
- 13:00 Lunch
- 14:00 Workshop*
Credentialling: How to do it?
A framework to address
How to identify procedures for credentialling?
To start with high-risk low-volume procedures?
- 15:30 End of Program

* For representatives nominated by Colleges only



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2014 International Congress of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine (ICPALM) cum 48th Malaysia-Singapore Congress of Medicine (MSCM), 26-28 August 2014

ICPALM 2014 will be held in Kuala Lumpur, in conjunction with the 48th MSCM from 26-28 August 2014 at Shangri-La Hotel, Kuala Lumpur.

The theme of this year's Congress is "Personalized Diagnostics: From Bench to Bedside", featuring several named orations as well as a series of pre-congress workshops and scientific highlights. The congress is co-organised by the Academy of Medicine of Malaysia (AMM) and College of Pathologists, AMM, with the participation of Hong Kong Academy of Medicine. For further details of the Congress, please visit the event website <www.icpalm2014.com>.

Credentialling Workshop, 21 September 2014

Following several unfortunate incidents of patient death during procedures conducted under undesirable settings, the Academy is very concerned about the practice of doctors and professionals performing potentially 'high-risk procedures' that require advanced training and experience. The Academy is working on a credentialling system which would cover a general framework and set standards for credentialling via its 15 specialty colleges. To provide a platform for discussion and experience sharing in credentialling, the Academy will hold a workshop on 21 September 2014 (Sunday). Overseas and local speakers have been invited to share their views and experience on credentialling. To register for the workshop, please complete and send back the registration form that can be downloaded from the Academy website.

HKAM Open Day "Climbing the Healthcare Ladder", 27 September 2014

Following the success of the first Open Day held last year, the Academy will organise another Open Day on 27 September 2014. The event will run all day from 10:00 am to 4:30 pm. Career Masters and teachers, university students, secondary students, and parents will be invited to participate. All 15 Colleges will also set up exhibition booths as part of the Open Day to provide information about their Colleges to the participants. The Academy will also organise group-sharing sessions for participants to learn more about the Colleges. The Academy has set up the Hong Kong Jockey Club Innovative Learning Centre for Medicine and a virtual reality tour will also be arranged on the Open Day. Should you like to obtain more information about the Open Day, please visit the website at <<https://www.hkamonline.hk/openday>> and feel free to contact us at hkam@mrogilvy.com.



Free Trial of Part-task Trainers offered to College Fellows and Trainees (16 July-15 September 2014)

The Hong Kong Jockey Club Innovative Learning Centre for Medicine (HKJC ILCM) has been offering free trial of the Part-task Trainers to College Fellows and trainees. The simulators offered in the training included LAP Mentor, GI/BRONCH Mentor and HeartWorks Dual Transesophageal echocardiography (TEE)/ Transthoracic echocardiography (TTE).

Here is the arrangement for the free trial of Part-task Trainers:

1. The 2-month free trial period is from 16 July 2014 to 15 September 2014;
2. Each trial session lasts for 2 hours;

3. Each session can accommodate a maximum of 3 Fellows / trainees;
4. It is not necessary for the trainee to be accompanied by a Fellow;
5. Fellows / trainees who wish to book a trial session must complete a booking form and submit it through their College;
6. Booking for Saturday/Sunday/evening sessions must be made at least 7 days in advance; bookings for weekday sessions should be made as early as possible;
7. Bookings will be on first-come-first-served basis;
8. Should a Fellow / trainee be unable to attend a booked trial session, he must inform HKJC ILCM as soon as possible;
9. HKJC ILCM has the right to cancel any booking when deemed necessary.

We have liaised with suppliers of the part-task trainers, and they have kindly agreed to offer technical support at certain sessions (please refer to the Appendix to the Booking Form that can be downloaded from the Academy website). Should you have any query about the arrangements, please contact Ms Sandy Ng on 2871 8718.

Interested College Fellows and trainees please complete the booking form and submit it through individual College with endorsement.



Practical Mediation Training Course (19, 20, 26, 28 September and 3 October 2014)

The Hong Kong Jockey Club Innovative Learning Centre for Medicine (HKJC ILCM) will organise the Practical Mediation Training Course in 2014. It is a 5-day course intended for healthcare professionals who wish to undergo training in facilitative mediation, and will also be of interest to doctors, nurses, allied health professionals, patient relations officers and other staff with responsibilities of resolving conflicts in their daily work, including handling complaints from patients and staff members. The objectives of this Stage 1 Mediation Training Course are to ensure that it is of sufficiently high standard to enable the participants to receive credit towards mediator accreditation by Hong Kong Mediation Accreditation Association Limited (HKMAAL).

The course will be conducted by experienced trainer, Dr James Shing Ping CHIU with a team of local experts of mediators, trainers and coaches in mediation. This Stage 1 Mediation Training Course (MTC) combines didactic and experiential learning with role plays. By the end of the training course, each participant will have acted as the mediator in two simulated role plays. Participants will be assessed and have to pass in at least 1 role play with written feedback from the trainer(s) and/or coaches, based on Form 1 of the HKMAAL.

Interested Fellows please complete the enrolment form (from the Academy website) and return it by email to the HKJC ILCM at HKJCILCM@hkam.org.hk to register for the course.



Simulation as a Teaching Tool: Instructor Training, 20-23 and 27-30 October 2014

The Hong Kong Jockey Club Innovative Learning Centre for Medicine (HKJC ILCM) will co-organise 4-day Instructor Training Courses with Center for Medical Simulation (CMS) in October. Two identical sessions are intended for educators who teach clinical behavioural skills using medical simulation. The IMS COURSES draw from the disciplines of aviation, health care, psychology, experiential learning, and organisational behaviour to explore a variety of simulator-based teaching methods. These methods are applicable across the health-profession educational spectrum, including undergraduate and graduate medical, nursing and allied health domains.

Led by faculty from Harvard Medical School, the workshops combine didactic and experiential learning with practice and feedback to focus on using simulation to teach critical thinking and crisis management.

Please note that the courses are meant to train-up staff who are willing and committed to use simulation for the training of healthcare professionals, to the benefits of Hospital Authority and the nominating bodies.

Interested Fellows please download and complete the enrolment form on the Academy website, and return it to HKJC ILCM to register for the course.

Obituary

William Ian Rees Davies

Ian Davies was born in Wales, UK and died in London after a decade in retirement. Following schooling locally, at which he excelled, he went to London to study Dentistry at University College Hospital (UCH) from which he graduated in the mid-1960s. He then worked in the UCH Dental Hospital. He took an interest in Periodontology, due in part to a very charismatic Australian Periodontology teacher, Robin Powell, who suggested that Ian Davies apply for a Thuron Scholarship to the University of Pennsylvania (U. Penn) in Philadelphia, which had a very famous postgraduate programme in Periodontology. While at U. Penn Ian Davies also took a Masters Degree in Physiology, as well as completing the Periodontology, postgraduate programme. As a Thuron Scholar, Ian Davies had a host family, The Saylor, who were very generous and hospitable to this young man from the Valleys of Wales. At U Penn, Ian Davies was also well schooled in Clinical Periodontology by Prof Robert Gottsegen, who would later become a very prominent Professor of Periodontology in Columbia University, New York.



William Ian Rees Davies
(1942 - 2014)

Ian Davies returned to London equipped with many newly acquired skills to take up a teaching position in United Christian Hospital. He embarked upon basic research studies on the mechanisms of tooth support with colleagues, and started forging a teaching career. It was not long before he was poached by the Royal Dental Hospital (RDH) of London School of Dental Surgery to head up its Periodontology Department, which had a very high standing among Periodontology Departments in the UK at the time. Ian Davies found himself working with many dedicated and talented colleagues at RDH, living in Bloomsbury and enjoying London life to the full.

But the commencement of dental education at The University of Hong Kong (HKU) provided too great an opportunity to be passed by, and so Ian Davies left London and found himself becoming the first Professor of Periodontology and Public Health at HKU and being one of the founding fathers of Dental Studies at HKU, working from the top floor of the Patrick Manson Building within the then Faculty of Medicine on Sassoon Road. Very shortly after Dental Studies was disestablished and the Faculty of Dentistry was established, Ian Davies became Dean of the Faculty of Dentistry and Director of the Prince Philip Dental Hospital, positions he held from 1983 to 1989, during the pivotal formative years of the Faculty and the Hospital. His administrative skills led to his being appointed as a Pro-Vice-Chancellor (PVC) at HKU in 1991. In 1992 he stepped down from being the Head of the Department of Periodontology and Public Health, but maintained his clinical activities and teaching duties at the Dental Faculty, while becoming more immersed in HKU administration as a PVC, variously overseeing Staffing, Research and Administration, ending up as Registrar to boot. Ian Davies had chaired the Dentists Subcommittee of the Medical Development Advisory Committee and had been involved in the consultative process with the Working Party on Postgraduate Medical Education and Training which produced "The Halnan Report", recommending that dental surgeons should also be part of the proposed Hong Kong Academy of Medicine (HKAM). Ian Davies was the second President (1995-99) of the College of Dental Surgeons of Hong Kong (CDSHK) during a period of consolidation of the CDSHK and the structuring of education and training in the various specialties in Dentistry, and setting up conjoint examinations with the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh (RCS Edin).

Ian Davies was HKU's 13th Vice-Chancellor from 2000 to 2002 during a period of increasing globalisation and strengthening research performance.

In recognition of his services to dentistry and academia in Hong Kong he was awarded various Honorary Fellowships: FHKAM, FCDShK, and FDSRCS Edin. HKU awarded him an Honorary Doctorate, and the first Chief Executive of the HKSAR bestowed on him a Silver Bauhinia Star. May he now rest in peace, having achieved much.

Esmonde Corbet

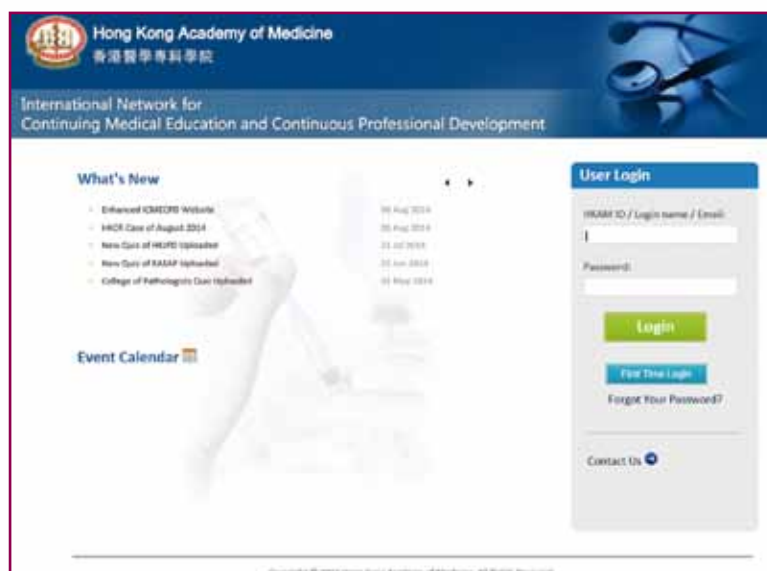
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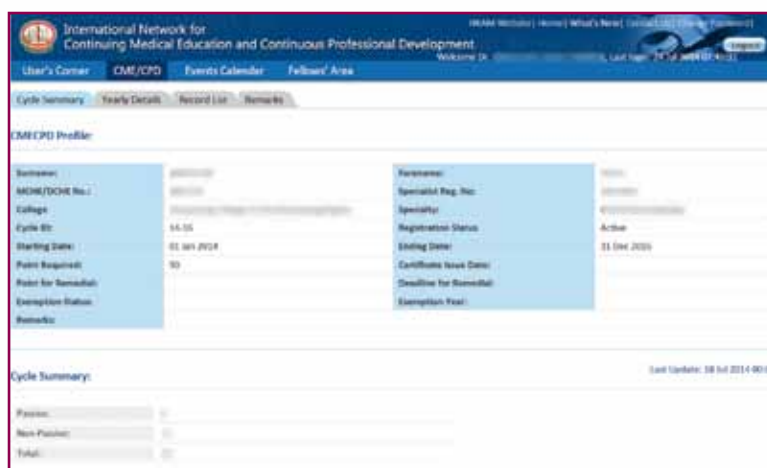
To further enhance the online services for CMECPD, the Academy will be gradually revamping the iCMECPD website and developing a mobile application for capturing attendance. To cope with the enhancement, the Academy will issue a new Fellowship Card to Fellows in late July / early August. Fellows may present this new Fellowship card when using the Academy facilities. Similar to the previous one, this card will also be used to capture attendance for certain future CMECPD activities. Details of launching the enhanced iCMECPD website and using QR code for capturing attendance will be announced in due course.

A New Look of iCMECPD

The Academy will gradually revamp the iCMECPD website starting with a new look in August. Before using the online services, Fellows need to reset their password and provide an email address in the system by completing the first time login procedure. The email address must be private and personal since new password will be sent by the system to this email address automatically when Fellows request for password recovery.



The core functions will remain unchanged. Fellows of Colleges who have joined the iCMECPD can log into the system to view their CMECPD profiles with a new layout, including a concise summary page and methodical details. More online services will be provided in the system later on.



If Fellows have any queries or comments on the enhanced iCMECPD, please feel free to submit your message to the Academy via the iCMECPD website.

Events attended by the President

American College of Physicians Annual Meeting and International Forum, 10-12 April 2014

The President, Dr Donald Li, was invited by the American College of Physicians to attend their annual meeting in Florida, USA, from 10-12 April 2014. He also participated in the ACP International Forum which provides an opportunity for ACP leaders and Presidents and Representatives from international medical organisations to discuss issues of mutual concern. This year's topic was: "The Role of Continuing Medical Education and Certification/Recertification in Your Country". Dr Li reported that HKAM has been discussing for years the issue of "credentialling" — a process to verify the qualifications, experience, and professional standing of medical/dental practitioners for the purpose of forming a view about their competence, performance and professional suitability within specific organisational environments. Other participants also shared their knowledge and experience in recertification and revalidation, which have increasingly become the trend in providing safe and high quality healthcare services around the world.



With Dr David Fleming (left), President-Elect of ACP



With Prof John Crowe President of Royal College of Physicians of Ireland

2014 Hospital Authority (HA) Convention, 7-8 May 2014

The President, Dr Donald Li, was invited to attend the 2014 HA Convention held at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre from 7-8 May 2014. This year, the scientific programme focused on HA's core values, viz "People-centred Care", "Professional Service", "Committed Staff", "Teamwork". The Convention featured some 90 distinguished overseas and local speakers to share their knowledge and insights and interact with delegates at over 45 plenary sessions.

On 8 May 2014, Dr Li participated in one of the featured symposiums as a speaker and shared his insights on the topic "Modern Primary Care Models — Integration or Collaboration". The President also attended the Great Partnership in Healthcare Networking Reception hosted by British Consul-General and Healthcare UK on the same occasion.



Visit of a delegation from the National Health and Family Planning Commission (NHFPC) of the People's Republic of China 國家衛生和計劃生育委員會, 8 May 2014

On 8 May 2014, a delegation led by the Vice Minister of the NHFPC, Mr Sun Zhigang 孫志剛副主任, visited the President's Primary Care Clinic in Central to learn more about the private practice of family physician in Hong Kong. Dr Li hosted a lunch to welcome the delegation. The lunch was attended by the Academy's Officers and Council Members, as well as representatives from the Hospital Authority (HA) and Department of Health (DH). During lunch, participants discussed on how General Practice is conducted in private practice, HA and DH in Hong Kong and what continuous efforts have been made to enhance primary care through Family Medicine training.



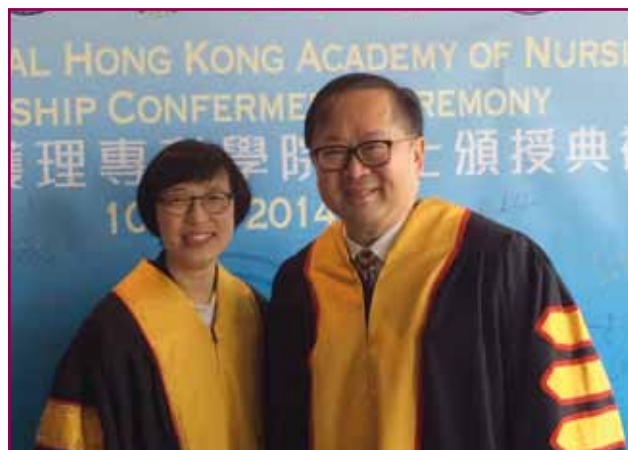
An official of NHFPC had his blood pressure checked



Souvenirs presented to Vice Minister Mr Sun Zhigang and other delegates of NHFPC

Annual Fellowship Conferment Ceremony of the Provisional Hong Kong Academy of Nursing Ltd (PHKAN), 10 May 2014

The President, Dr Donald Li, was invited to attend the Annual Fellowship Conferment Ceremony held at the HKAM Building on 10 May 2014. On behalf of HKAM, Dr Li congratulated all the newly admitted Fellows on their achievements and wished them great success in the years ahead.



Prof Sophia Chan, Under Secretary for Food and Health, at the PHKAN Annual Conferment Ceremony

Pre-internship Block, 4 June 2014



The President, Dr Donald Li, was invited by the University of Hong Kong Li Ka Shing Faculty of Medicine to deliver a talk on "Hong Kong Academy of Medicine" and to inspire the new interns.

Hong Kong Primary Care Conference (HKPCC) 2014 and 4-Party General Practice/Family Medicine Conference 2014, 6-9 June 2014

On 7 June 2014, the President attended the Opening Ceremony for the Conference which focused on the theme “With the Patients, For the Patients: Achieving Health Equity in Primary Care”. The Conference hosted by the Hong Kong College of Family Physicians was supported by the General Practice/Family Medicine of Hong Kong, Macau, Mainland China and Taiwan. It was well attended by policymakers, clinicians, and healthcare professionals in addressing the health equity issue. On the same occasion, Dr Li hosted a lunch to welcome the key cross-strait leaders from Mainland China, Macau, and Taiwan.



Conferences attended by renowned cross-strait leaders and guests

27th Fellowship Conferment Ceremony & 25th Dr Sun Yat Sen Oration, 8 June 2014

The President, Dr Donald Li, participated in the Conferment Ceremony of the Hong Kong College of Family Physicians held at the HKAM Building. On behalf of HKAM, Dr Li congratulated all the newly admitted Fellows on their achievements and wished them great success in the years ahead. Chairman of Hospital Authority, Prof John Leong, delivered a featured speech at the Dr Sun Yat Sen Oration.



Members of Platform Party at the 27th Conferment Ceremony

International Conference on Emergency Medicine 2014, 11-14 June 2014

On 11 June 2014, the President Dr Donald Li attended the Opening Ceremony for the International Conference on Emergency Medicine (ICEM) 2014 held at the Hong Kong Convention & Exhibition Centre (HKCEC). Hong Kong College of Emergency Medicine (HKCEM) was appointed by the International Federation for Emergency Medicine (IFEM) to organise the event.

The event aimed to explore how traditional and modern methods of emergency treatment could be united to form ground-breaking approaches. This year's theme is "New Era of Emergency Medicine: Old World New Practice". On 12 June 2014, the President chaired the plenary sessions with Dr C James Hollman at HKCEC, and later joined the Leadership Dinner held at the HKAM Building.



Opening Ceremony at the HKCEC



With the President of HKCEM, Dr HF Ho, President of IFEM, Professor Peter Cameron, and other overseas healthcare leaders



Plenary sessions chaired by the President

Commemoration Day of University of Glasgow, 18 June 2014

The President, Dr Donald Li, was invited by the University of Glasgow to attend its Commemoration Day, which celebrates the foundation of the University in 1451. The President also participated in the Graduation Ceremony for the conferment of Honorary Degrees.



With Prof Anna Dominiczak, Head of Medical, Veterinary and Life Science of University of Glasgow



With Prof Anna Dominiczak, Chancellor Prof Sir Kenneth Calman and Vice Chancellor Prof Anton Muscatelli of University of Glasgow

Advancing Excellence in Healthcare 2014 — Third Triennial Conference, 19-20 June 2014

The President, Dr Donald Li, and Vice-President Prof CS Lau were invited to attend the Conference held by Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow (RCPSG), Scotland, as well as its Conferment Ceremony.

The Conference was well attended by hundreds of doctors, surgeons and dentists. The Olympic champion rower Katherine Grainger delivered a speech to inspire healthy living.



The President attending Conferment Ceremony of the RCPSG with Vice-President, Prof CS Lau; President of The Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh, Mr Ian Ritchie; and President of RCPSG, Dr Francis Dunn CBE



With Olympic champion rower Katherine Grainger



Souvenir presented to the RCPSG

24th Joint Annual Dinner of Hong Kong Public Doctors' Association (HKPDA) and Government Doctors' Association (GDA), 24 June 2014

The President attended the 24th Annual Dinner of HKPDA and GDA with Dr CC Lau at Eaten Hotel, Hong Kong. Opening speeches were delivered by the Secretary for Food and Health, Dr Ko Wing-Man, and the Chairman of Hospital Authority, Prof John Leong.



2014 Oriental Family Doctor Forum in Shanghai, 5-6 July 2014

The President was invited by Shanghai Medical Association to attend the 2014 Oriental Family Doctor Forum held at Shanghai International Convention Centre from 5-6 July 2014. Dr Li was one of the platform guests at the Opening Ceremony. The occasion also marked a historical moment whereby WHO Director General witnessed the successful International accreditation of the Shanghai General Practice training program by the World Organization of Family Doctors (WONCA). The President hosted a panel discussion on "Reviewing the Progress of General Practice in the past year, Blueprinting the Development of Asian Family Doctors for the near future". The Forum was well attended by around 1000 healthcare professional and leaders, especially family doctors.



Panel discussion hosted by the President at the Forum



With Dr Margaret Chan, Director General of WHO and other platform guests at the Opening Ceremony

Breakfast Meeting held by WHO Western Pacific Region, 8 July 2014

The President Dr Donald Li was invited by World Health Organization Western Pacific Region to speak at a Breakfast Meeting on “Deepening Health Reform in China Value-Based Health Care Delivery” in Beijing. He spoke on “Strengthening Primary Care in China”. It was attended by Dr Jim Kim, President of World Bank, Dr Margaret Chan, Director General of WHO and Dr Shin Youn-soo, WHO Regional Director, along with senior officials from both World Bank and WHO, international Finance Corporation as well as vice ministers of the Health and Finance Ministries of People’s Republic of China.



Donald Li (right) with (from left) Michael Porter, Harvard Business School; Margaret Chan, WHO; Jim Yong Kim, President of World Bank

The following summary of Dr Li’s talk was posted on WONCA website (reprinted with permission from WONCA) : <http://www.globalfamilydoctor.com/News/DonaldLitalksonChinashealthreform.aspx>

Dr Donald Li, WONCA Executive member-at-large, was invited by World Health Organization and World Bank to participate in a meeting to discuss about China’s Healthcare reform. He was amongst two speakers who were invited to present and was asked to speak on strengthening primary care in China sharing his experience in promoting family medicine over the last 20 years. The meeting was attended by vice Ministers of Finance and Health of China and the President of World Bank, Jim Yong Kim, his Vice Presidents and directors, Vice President of the International finance Corporation as well as Director General of World Health Organization Dr Margaret Chan, the Regional Director of Western Pacific Shin Young-soo, country representatives and assistants.

Dr Li commented on challenges faced in strengthening primary care in China which included:

1. manpower issues, capacity building, training to meet the needs of the population,
2. the need to train family doctors in leadership and administration to enable them to be true managers of a multidisciplinary primary healthcare team,
3. the need for other specialists to understand the concept of family medicine through training,
4. the need to recognize that family doctors are specialists equal to hospital based specialists, and the financial incentives and reward for family doctors , and how to attract students and graduates to go into family medicine,
5. the need for primary care research to generate evidence that supports the cost effectiveness and improved health come through the practice of family medicine and
6. the need for proper community perception, appreciation of family medical practice and increased health literacy.
7. resource allocation to support the education and training of family doctors and
8. to continue to upgrade the rural practitioners which accounted for a big percentage of the primary healthcare workforce.
9. Setting up of well resourced community centers which were linked with Grade A hospitals for branding as well as providing confidence to the patients. Appropriate I.T. Support such as establishing electronic health records should be a priority.

Dr Li made recommendations to enhance the training program of family doctors to include community orientated primary care, leadership and suggested setting up structured quality assurance programs, as well as regulatory bodies such as a medical council to improve accountability and responsibilities. He also made recommendations to enhance health literacy of the public and alter their health seeking behavior, influence their value and expectations. He urged government to support patient empowerment and mutual support groups.

His recommendation to the administration was to have policies that supported primary care in particular reimbursement policies that promote the gate keeping role of family doctors. Innovation in medical insurance allowing co payment would also promote quality through reward. Registering patients with a family doctor to establish continuity could be achieved through medical insurance maneuvers.

Lastly Dr Li reported on the successful accreditation of the Family Doctor training program in Shanghai, introduced WONCA and encouraged other provinces in china to obtain accreditation. The successful accreditation witnessed by WHO DG was a great encouragement to GPs .



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