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Optimism and determination have been the key attitudes to success in the 120 years history of the Faculty, as the Acting Dean states it in his Message. To attain these attitudes, a strong mind and body are the prerequisites. In this issue's Cover Story, we report the achievements in sports of some of our alumni and students. I have worked with Dr KL Wong and Dr WY Ip for a number of years and knew they were good in their respective sports. However, little did I know that they have in fact achieved so much. I feel proud of our students and younger colleagues, too for representing and winning precious medals for the Faculty, University, Hospital Authority Hong Kong West Cluster and indeed Hong Kong SAR in various competitions. My salute to them! I am sure we have many more multi-talented 'crouching tigers, hidden dragons' amongst us. Tell us if you know of any of them so that alumni can share their stories.

If you were not at the Gold Medal Award Ceremony to honour the six tigers and dragons last December, turn to the special Anniversary Supplement to share their joy and learn of their contributions toward the Faculty's successes. In Exciting News, you will also find reports of recent 120th Anniversary celebration activities, and dates of upcoming events. Mark your diary and make sure you do not miss out on them.

It was fifteen years ago that I joined the Faculty as a junior lecturer. Next month, I will be returning to Bonnie Scotland to continue to pursue academic rheumatology. I would like to take this opportunity here to thank the five Deans who I have worked with - Professors HK Ma, SP Chow, G Tang, SK Lam and R Liang, for their vision and dedication toward promoting medical education and research in Hong Kong. The Faculty is like a Shaolin of medical schools and I have learnt a great deal in the past 15 years. Thank you!

Of course, this Note will not be complete without me thanking members of the Editorial Board and secretarial staff for making my life as Editor of this Newsletter such an enjoyable one.

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Professor CS Lau
Chief Editor

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The resignation of the Dean and then the public saga surrounding “private practice” had been most disturbing to me and to many of you, I am sure. I thought that a retreat might be warranted once the Council investigation was completed. At the recent Faculty Board meeting, however, Professor Grace Tang suggested we should go ahead with the retreat as soon as possible. The Acting Dean Professor Raymond Liang took on the idea immediately as he thought that our Faculty should indeed re-examine our directions, emphasis, and strategies to achieve a sustainable development. The whole idea was enthusiastically supported by the Associate Deans and group Chairmen. The Vice-Chancellor and the Council Chairman wholeheartedly endorse this approach and hope that we can move ahead with even greater strength.

Let us take on the challenge and change it into an opportunity for our Faculty. Any thoughts from students, staff, alumni, and friends are most welcome. You can send your comments to me or the Acting Dean. I am confident that at the concluding event of our Faculty’s 120 years celebration later on this year, the recent turbulence will turn out to be a blessing in disguise.



Professor SP Chow
Chairman
Faculty Board



There is no straightforward and easy path to success for any academic institutions in the world. It requires a solid tradition in academic excellence and a reputable historical heritage. The history of success always comprises recurrent events of strive against challenges, and capitalisation on its own strengths and emerging opportunities to propagate its own advancement.

The Medical Faculty's 120 years of history is a typical tale of such a long strive towards becoming a leading medical school in the mist of challenges and opportunities. With the interplay of different dynamics and new thrusts of medical developments, I believe optimism and determination are the key attitudes not only for our predecessors, but also for us and our future generations in surpassing any challenges ahead.

We have good reasons to be optimistic about the Medical Faculty's future, the single most important one being our widely recognised and strong foundation as an internationally renowned medical school. For over a century, the Faculty has established three concrete pillars: medical education, medical research and clinical services, as the solid cornerstones in pursuing its missions.

With the view to nurturing high quality doctors and medical professionals to serve Hong Kong, China and the world, we never take rest in refining and revolutionising our curriculum on a timely basis according to technological advancement and social needs. Today our curriculum and mode of teaching is recognised as the role model of modern medical education in the region. As a member of the Faculty, I am always deeply touched when the Faculty receives compliments for educating generations of professional and dedicated doctors who take good care of patients.

The clinical services we provide, through Queen Mary Hospital and other teaching hospitals, are comprehensive in scope and excellent in quality. With the assembly of the best clinical staff in town, we have extensive experience and expertise in dealing with complex illnesses allowing Queen Mary Hospital as Hong Kong's premier tertiary referral centre. Our track record of achievements in many clinical areas is also well recognised among medical professionals worldwide.

With the rapid development of medical science and technology, excellence in research is essential for the future advancement of our medical school to a new level of excellence. The Faculty's strategic positioning on five research areas, including (1) cancer, (2) reproduction, development and growth, (3) public health, (4) immunology and infection, and (5) heart, brain, hormone and healthy aging provides us with strong anchor points in view of

the blossoming of medical knowledge.

Our outstanding research achievement is also reflected in the results of the 2006 Research Assessment Exercise (RAE). Of the 215 staff participating in the assessment, over 95% of us achieved or even surpassed research excellence. This figure represents a remarkable improvement over the Faculty's figure of some 70% as excellent researchers in the 1999 RAE, despite a significant raise in the benchmark set by the assessment panel.



With the three pillars firmly in place, we shall not be complacent about what we have achieved. Instead we must frequently remind ourselves of the determination to our vision and draw up a pragmatic roadmap on how to sustain and even magnify our growth momentum. To excel ourselves, the Faculty will need to pool more resources with the objective of strengthening its support to different areas of academic activities. Our overriding task is to fuel clinical research development of the Faculty on one hand, and strengthen our commitment and services to the community on the other.

Before we march on to tackle the challenges we face and hit a new level of excellence for the Faculty, I believe that a clear vision, and every Faculty member's unfailing dedication to this vision, is the very basic pre-requisite. To have a thorough review of our existing work, the Faculty will organise a retreat in May this year. During the retreat, Faculty members will also brainstorm and articulate on how to reposition the Faculty on a more solid foundation for continuous development.

The history of our Medical Faculty is one about turning challenges into opportunities with optimism and determination. Regardless of what kind of adverse situations we are now experiencing, I wholeheartedly hope that with the unity and altruistic devotion of all Faculty members, we will together go through a remarkable journey along our Faculty's road of success.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read 'Raymond Liang'. The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a faint background image of a city skyline.

Professor Raymond HS Liang
Acting Dean

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The All-Rounders

Dr Kee-lam Wong (MBBS 1978)
Specialist in Rheumatology

Dr Stella Chim (MBBS 1992)
Honorary Clinical Assistant Professor
Department of Paediatrics and
Adolescent Medicine



Most people devote the majority of their time studying or working in order to excel, few do well in both work and sports. Dr KL Wong (黃基林) and Dr Stella Chim (詹愷怡), successful doctors and sportsmen, are among these few people.

To embrace work and sports

"A well-rounded life is one that embraces work and sports", said Dr KL Wong.

As an active sportsman, Dr Wong involves himself in many kinds of sports - softball, squash, badminton, soccer, swimming, dragon boat sculling, trailwalking, race walking, distance running, triathlon, etc. He believes that sports provide a channel for body-building as well as developing a positive attitude. Holding strongly to such belief, Dr Wong took up sports since he was a teenager, and is still actively engaged in a variety of sports to date.

Dr Wong has played in many competitions of various scales, with exceptional results achieved in badminton tournaments (16 championships since 1991), and dragon boat (9 championships since 1996) and trailwalking (6 championships since 2002) races. Dr Wong has participated in the Hong Kong Medical Association (HKMA) badminton tournament for a number of years and played doubles matches with various partners, including Dr Lawrence Lai (賴福明), the Hospital Authority Hong Kong West Cluster Chief Executive, Dr Philip Cheong (鍾兆年) and Dr Stella Chim.

Dr Stella Chim is another all-rounded sportsperson, as well as a badminton enthusiast.

She and Dr Wong have been great mixed doubles partners since 2000 and have won five championships in this category over the past few years. But her passion does not stop there; Dr Chim also plays sports like dragon boat sculling, indoor rowing, table tennis, trailwalking and sprinting. She has won numerous awards at the HKMA competitions.

Be not just a player but a team player

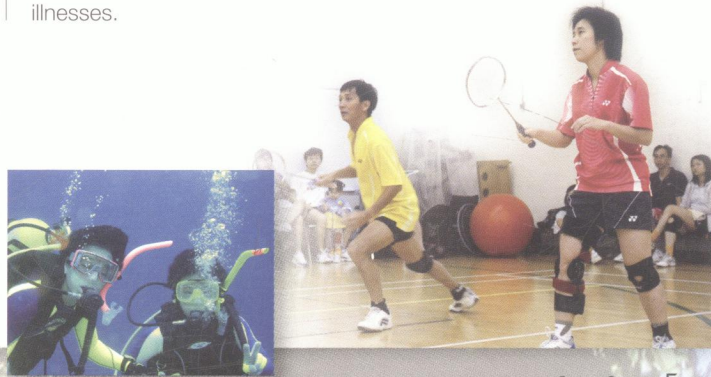
Having played sports for decades, Dr Wong also took up the role of coaching. He once led a team of HKMA trailwalkers to practice trailwalking. He did not only teach them how to build up their physical strengths, but also taught them the importance of working in a team in the process, because Dr Wong believes that cooperation is the key to success when it comes to playing sports in a team. This also applies to our life in general.

Apart from playing sports themselves, both Dr Wong and Dr Chim are keen team supporters as they believe it is as important being a supporter as a player in any team sports. In addition, Dr Chim's passion for sports has also driven her to devote her time to organising and coordinating sports events, particularly for the HKMA and the Hong Kong West Cluster Sports Association.

Striking a balanced lifestyle

Dr Wong opposes the idea of devoting all one's time to working. He believes that the key to being a successful individual is not only to dwell oneself in work, but also to take up a variety of sports activities. "That is the only way to a healthy life", said Dr Wong. Dr Chim also pointed out that playing sports is a way to build up one's emotional quotient (EQ) which can help people to cope with stress at work.

Through their engagement in sports, Dr Wong and Dr Chim are able to stay happy and healthy despite their heavy workload. The message that both doctors want to convey is simple and straightforward - that is, everyone should have a job, as well as a sport, which they believe is the best way to keep away most illnesses.



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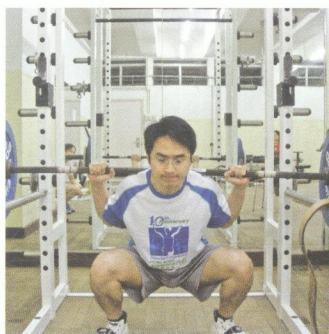
The “Powerful” Doctors

Dr Wing-yuk Ip (MBBS 1986)
Associate Professor
Department of Orthopaedics & Traumatology

Dr Andrew Yip (MBBS 2006)

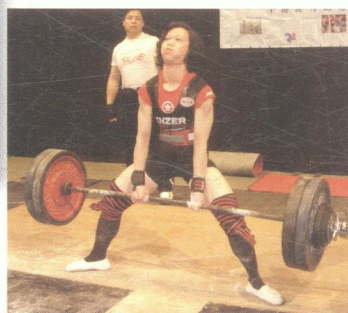


Being an individual sport and one that involves repetitive stressful training, powerlifting is not a common sport in Hong Kong. However, two of our alumni, Dr Wing-yuk Ip (葉永玉) and Dr Andrew Yip (葉紹亮) are devoted to pursue excellence in this sport activity. Both are members of the Hong Kong Team and winners of many powerlifting competitions locally and regionally.



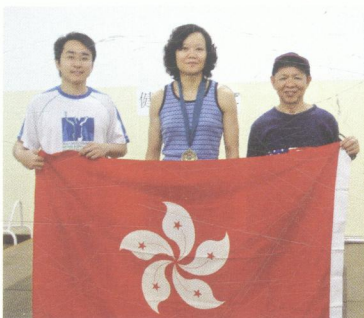
Followed the Footsteps

Dr Ip’s success has not only enriched her own life but also inspired Dr Andrew Yip. With a desire to improve his fitness, Dr Yip exercised in the gymnasium regularly in his early youth. He became a fitness trainer at the age of 18. Yet, he had not done powerlifting until he met Dr Ip during his medical study years. “I know Dr Ip from the media before we met. I admired her extraordinary performance for she was doing excellent in powerlifting despite her gender,” Dr Yip recalled.



Unexpected Victory

Contrast to what readers may presume, Dr WY Ip had no intention to be a sportswoman. “I didn’t start to play sports until my late thirties when I started to realise that I was physically unfit. It was then that I had a strong desire to strengthen my body,” Dr Ip recollected. She started to exercise in the gymnasium and was pleased with the significant improvement in her fitness and health. As suggested by her personal fitness trainer, she took up powerlifting. Soon, Dr Ip started participating at the local and regional competitions, and won medals in every competition that she has taken part in. In 2004, she won a silver and three bronze medals at the Asian Powerlifting Championships and broke the Hong Kong powerlifting record. In order to achieve the best results, Dr Ip not only worked hard in training but also obliged herself on a strict diet. “I have to be on a special diet to keep my body weight at certain kilograms. Otherwise I will be disqualified from joining the competitions,” explained Dr Ip. That was why she once lost 9 lbs within only two and a half days!



After participating in a weight control programme organised by Dr Ip in the university, Dr Yip followed her footsteps to play the sport. Since then, the two doctors did powerlifting together and became good friends. Joining the Hong Kong Powerlifting Team in his final studies year, Dr Yip got the opportunity to join the Asian Powerlifting Championships last year and won one silver and three bronze medals.

Promoting Powerlifting in Hong Kong

The two doctors are eager to promote powerlifting to the public. Being the current Chairperson of the Hong Kong Weightlifting and Powerlifting Association, Dr Ip has organised training programmes to attract more people to get involved in this sport. “I target to attract more female players by conducting those courses. I wish I could be a role model for them,” said Dr Ip. Similarly, Dr Yip tries to promote the sport among his peers. He invites his classmates and friends to play the sport together in the belief that everyone needs exercising.

What is powerlifting?

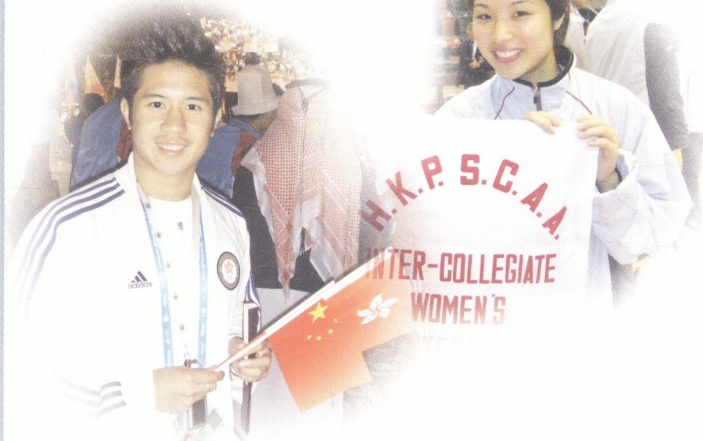
Powerlifting is a sport which is similar but different from weightlifting. It focuses more on the amount of weight that can be lifted rather than precision or technique. Players need to lift large amounts of weight in three different activities, i.e. squat, bench press and deadlift. This sport is very popular in America and Europe where the world contest is organised every year.



Winning and Losing

Albert Chan (MBBS IV)

Christine Lo (MBBS IV)



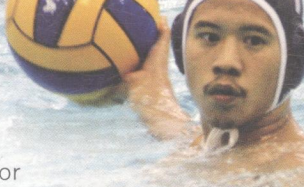
Other than alumni and staff, the Faculty has some very outstanding student athletes too. More than academic high-achievers, Albert Chan (陳錦明) (MBBS IV) and Christine Lo (羅承恩) (MBBS IV) have contributed to victories in many Inter-faculty Sports Competitions through the years. Having played sports since childhood, our future doctors shared with us their fruitful and healthy lives.

Leading the University Teams

Albert Chan, who has been engaging in formal swimming training for 15 years, is the founder of the HKU Water Polo Team. He started playing water polo during his high school studies in the States.

In 2000, Albert joined the Hong Kong Water Polo Team and started representing Hong Kong in various regional and international competitions, most prominently, the 10th All-China Games in 2005 and the 15th Doha Asian Games in 2006. In 2003, Albert started his medical study at the Faculty and joined the University's Swimming Team. It was in the same year that he founded the HKU Water Polo Team. Since then, he has led the team in the Intersarsity Competition as team captain. His continuous effort was well-rewarded by the chance to contest in the Doha Games last year.

Albert's classmate, Christine Lo is also keen on sports. Picked up tennis at the age of four, Christine has grown with her beloved sport for almost two decades. She continues to play the sport



despite heavy study load after entering the Medical Faculty. Christine has been the representative of both the Faculty's and University's Tennis Team for four years. She was awarded "Player of the Year" in 2004-2005 by the Sports Association, HKUSU and "HKU Outstanding Student Athlete Award" subsequently in 2005-2006 by the HKU Institute of Human Performance. Under her leadership as team captain, the HKU Tennis Ladies' Team celebrated their 11th consecutive championship in the Intersarsity Tennis Competition this year.

Losing Study Time

Studying and being a successful sportsman at the same time is certainly not an easy task. There is a sacrifice of personal and family life behind the victories. According to Albert, the last four months of training prior to the Asian Games was very hectic and exhausting. From Monday to Saturday, he had a one hour training session before lessons and another two hours training after school. "Feeling drained at the end of the day, I still needed to revise and prepare for examinations at night till 2 am," Albert recalled.

Winning Friendship and Health

No gain without pain. The sportsmen's sacrifices won them fruitful rewards. Both have made lots of friends in the teams and the competitions they participated in. "The Asian Games was especially rewarding as it gave me a wonderful and rare opportunity to meet people of different cultures and backgrounds," Albert recollected. Christine also said, "Through sports, you can meet people from other faculties and all walks of life basically." Indeed, support from her friends is Christine's major source of strength to combat in competitions. "The match against The Chinese University of Hong Kong in my first year remained unforgettable to me," Christine recalled, "I was losing by 2:4 to a very strong opponent. My teammates cheered loudly and I played harder and harder. Finally, I won by 6:4 and our team won the championship!"



Like Dr Wong and Dr Chim previously mentioned, Christine echoed, "Playing sports is a good way to release the stress from studies and keep my life healthy and well-balanced. I feel happy and recharged, no matter win or lose."

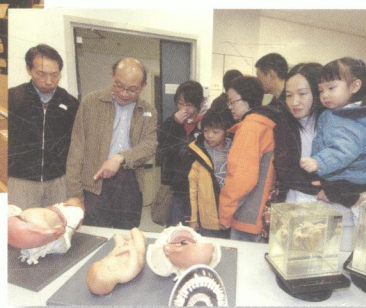
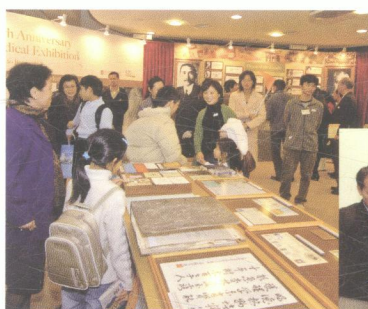
Celebrating 120 Years of Medical Education

The Medical Faculty is celebrating her 120th Anniversary this year. In celebration of this special occasion, the Faculty has planned various commemorative events. Over the past few months, the Faculty has organised the Opening Ceremony cum Gold Medal Presentation, Medical Alumni Day, Sports & Family Fiesta, Nature Forum and Medical Exhibition. To keep up the momentum and to outreach to the community, more public health lectures and scientific meetings, plus a charity walkathon and a gala dinner will be held later this year.

Medical Alumni Day

In celebration of the Faculty's 120th Anniversary, the second Medical Alumni Day, co-organised by the Faculty and The University of Hong Kong Medical Alumni Association (HKUMAA), was successfully held on January 21, 2007. About 300 alumni and their family members gathered at the Faculty of Medicine Building and the Main Building to share remembrances and renew ties among themselves.

Officiated by Professor Lap-Chee Tsui (徐立之), Vice-Chancellor of the University, Professor SK Lam (林兆鑫), then Dean of Medicine, Professor Kin-hung Lee (李健鴻), President of HKUMAA, Professor Rosie Young (楊紫芝), Immediate Past President of HKUMAA and Professor Nai-kong Leung (梁乃江), Chairman of Programme Subcommittee of HKUMAA, the Opening Ceremony took place at Fan Pui Garden to kick start a variety of programmes, including an education talk by Professor Mary Ip (葉秀文), Associate Dean (Education & Student Affairs), a travel talk by alumnus, Dr Chi-lim Law (羅致廉), guided tours led by our MBBS students, with highlight visit to the glamorous 120th Anniversary Medical Exhibition held at the Alumni Chamber and a wine-tasting contest. The Day was concluded with a homecoming dinner held at the Loke Yew Hall, with pre-war graduates and the University's representatives joined us as distinguished guests.

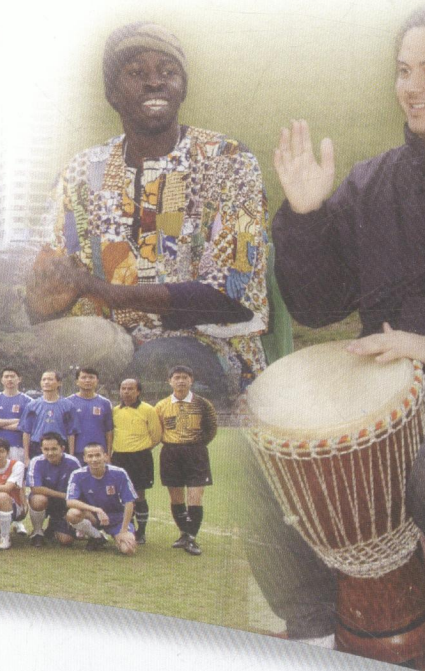
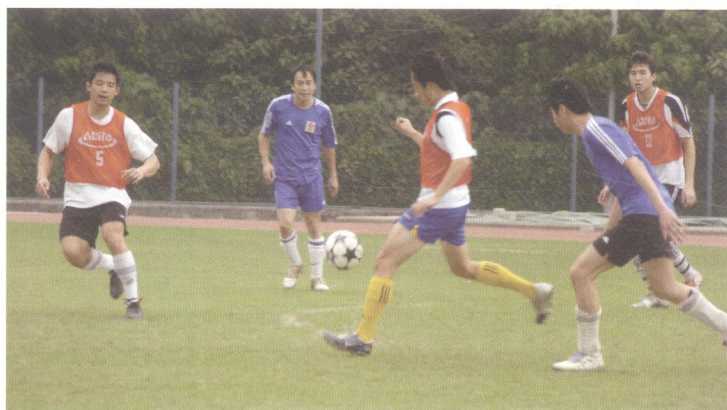


Sports and Family Fiesta

Following the success of the Medical Alumni Day, the Faculty and HKUMAA jointly presented the “Sports and Family Fiesta” on March 11, 2007.

Over 200 medical alumni, staff, students and their family members joined this festive event. Four soccer teams formed by medical alumni, teachers and students competed for the “HKUMAA President’s Cup”. Professor Kin-hung Lee (李健鴻), Professor Nai-kong Leung (梁乃江) and Professor Ricky Man (文英強), Acting Dean of Medicine, officiated the kick-off ceremony for the soccer match. After rounds of matches, the team led by Dr Ying-kei Chan (陳英琪) won the HKUMAA President’s Cup, which was presented by Professor Lap-Chee Tsui (徐立之).

The event also featured many other activities including African drum performance, mini-goal shooting, rainbow-sand making, face-painting, balloon-twisting, octopus spring bed and wooden keychain crafting, which were very much enjoyed by all the participants.



Celebrating 120 Years of Medical Education: Explore the World of Medicine Public Lecture Series

In commemoration of the Faculty's pioneering role in medical education in Hong Kong for the past 120 years, the Faculty is co-organising a public lecture series with the Hong Kong Public Libraries this year. This community service initiative has 12 lectures running throughout the year, with one lecture being featured each month.

Nearly 1,000 members of the general public joined us in the first four lectures held from January to April. Topics covered include liver transplantation in Hong Kong, anti-tobacco campaign in Hong Kong, infertility treatments, nanomedicine, preservation of health from the Traditional Chinese Medicine perspective, and the human immune system.

Through the inspiring education lectures, the general public grasped a general picture of the development of Hong Kong's scientific research in medicine, and particularly on how The University of Hong Kong's medical education and research achievements help to promote health and well-being for the community. The audience showed keen interest in the extensive topics covered by the lecture series and were mostly excited by the opportunity to share with the academics their fruits of research. Information on the lectures can be found on the 120th Anniversary website.



Public Health Education Booklet

With the mission of serving the community as our top priority, the Faculty and the Metro Publishing HK Ltd jointly published a public health education booklet entitled "都市健康小百科" as another key community project. The release of the booklet aims at raising public awareness on various health issues and updating them on the latest biomedical developments of the Faculty.

Topics ranging from common diseases, gynaecological health issues, infectious diseases, Traditional Chinese Medicine to common health knowledge were showcased in the booklet. The rich collection of health articles authored by various academics of the Faculty offered an excellent channel to convey health messages to the public. The feedback from the community was so overwhelming that seven editions have been issued since its first publication.



MGH-HKU-Nature China Forum

On March 5 & 6, 2007, the MGH-HKU-Nature China Forum on *Molecular Medicine and Biopharma Opportunities in Hong Kong* was held at the Medical Faculty. This event, co-hosted by HKU, Massachusetts General Hospital (MGH) and Nature Publishing Group (NPG), was one of the major scientific events held in celebration of the 120th Anniversary of the Faculty.

The Forum built on the success of the two previous ones held in San Diego in 2004 and Peking University in 2005, and pooled together leading figures from the academia, industrial sector and government around the world to discuss recent advances in molecular medicine and biotechnology. It was a major attraction to scientists and business leaders who were interested in exploring the growing potential for biotechnology and pharmaceutical research in China. More importantly, it provided a platform for them to develop collaborative links and identify important market opportunities.



The opportunities and challenges of the biotechnology and pharmaceutical development in China were highlighted at the Forum. Senior executives from biopharmaceutical companies shared with us how China is playing a key role in biotechnology and pharmaceutical R & D, provided their first-hand experiences of navigating the unique and complex scientific, regulatory and intellectual property issues, and discussed the current and future environment for partnering strategies.



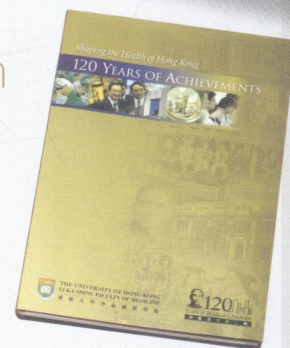
Forthcoming Anniversary Events

U21 Health Sciences Group Deans & Heads Annual Conference & Workshop	Sep 26-29, 2007
Charity Walkathon	Oct 14, 2007
Open Days	Oct 27-28, 2007
International Medical Education Conference (to commemorate the 10 th Anniversary of Curriculum Reform of the Faculty)	Dec 12, 2007
Frontiers in Biomedical Research HKU 2007	Dec 13, 2007
Gala Dinner	Dec 14, 2007

For further information, please visit
www.hku.hk/facmed/120years

Anniversary Publication

Shaping the Health of Hong Kong 120 Years of Achievements



This book covers the establishment, development and achievements of the Faculty since 1887, including its history and milestones, departmental information, current research and education developments, as well as graduates' contributions to the community. It is also a book of collective memories for our teachers, students, alumni and friends.

Price: HK\$200 per copy
 For more information, please call 2819-9994
 or visit www.hku.hk/facmed/120years/anniversarybook.html

11th Research Postgraduate Symposium



The Research Postgraduate Symposium (RPS) has been an annual event of the Medical Faculty since 1996 which aims to broaden the horizon of our research postgraduate students and serves as an interactive platform for them to share with fellow students and teachers their research findings and experience. The 11th RPS was held on December 7, 2006. With an ever-expanding population of research postgraduate students in the Faculty, the number of presenters in this year's Symposium reached a record high of 241. A poster presentation session was introduced for the first time for over a hundred of MPhil/Master of Research in Medicine (MRes[Med]) students, while oral presentations in parallel sessions were arranged for 140 PhD students.

The Symposium was organised along four areas broadly based

on the strategic research themes of the Faculty, viz. Cancer, Healthy Aging, Infection & Immunology, Public Health and Reproduction & Development. It was the Faculty's privilege to have the following seven renowned academics from all over the world to be the adjudicators at the Plenary Session of the Symposium: Dr James Briscoe, MRC National Institute for Medical Research, UK; Professor Don W Cleveland, University of California, USA; Professor Richard L Gallo, University of California, USA; Professor Shibo Jiang, New York Blood Center, USA; Professor Dr Stefan Mundlos, Max Planck Institute for Molecular Genetics, Germany; Professor David Ron, NYU School of Medicine, USA; and Professor Dr Manfred R Schwab, German Cancer Research Center, Germany.

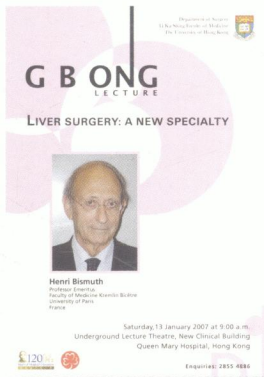
Miss Queenie Lai-kwan Lam (林麗君), a PhD candidate from the Department of Pathology, won the Best Presentation Award and an economy class return air ticket sponsored by the United Airlines for carrying out research-related activities. Other students who were awarded Certificates of Merit included Miss Mary Yuk-kwan Lee (李玉筠), PhD, Department of Pharmacology; Miss Chak-lui Wong (黃澤蕾), PhD, Department of Pathology; Miss Oi-ling Wong (黃愛玲), PhD, Department of Community Medicine; Mr Michael Heong-fai Liu (呂向暉), MPhil, Department of Pathology; Mr Chin-tung Lau (劉展彤), MRes[Med], Department of Pharmacology; Mr Ming-shun Yip (葉名琛), MPhil, Department of Paediatrics and Adolescent Medicine and Miss Ngan-shuen Chan (陳雁璇), MPhil, Department of Biochemistry.

Chinese New Year Reunion

The 4th "HKU Reunion at the Races" was held in conjunction with the HKU Alumni Association Challenge Cup at the Sha Tin Racecourse on January 20, 2007. Some 300 alumni, friends and staff of the University joined this special event to enjoy the delightful atmosphere over luncheon and the excitement of horse racing. Four tables were hosted by the Medical Faculty, the Department of Nursing Studies, and Professor KH Lee (李健鴻). With generous donations from our medical alumni, one of the races was entitled "HKU Medical Alumni" to commemorate the Faculty's 120th Anniversary. The trophy was presented by Professor SK Lam (林兆鑫), then Dean of Medicine, and Professor KH Lee, President of The HKU Medical Alumni Association, to the winner.



Hong Kong Surgical Forum, Winter 2007



Organised by the Department of Surgery in association with the Hong Kong Chapter of American College of Surgeons, the Hong Kong Surgical Forum is an international postgraduate meeting, held over a weekend in January and July each year. The Forum this winter was held on January 12-13, 2007 and was a huge success. The subjects covered included breast surgery, colorectal surgery, gastric surgery, hepatobiliary and pancreatic surgery, liver transplantation and various topics of interest to general surgeons. Leading authorities from France, Germany, Japan, Spain, Switzerland and the United States delivered presentations at this Forum. Over 250 delegates attended the Forum. A special highlight of the Forum was the G.B. Ong Lecture delivered by Professor Henri Bismuth, Director, Centre Hépatobiliaire, Hospital Paul Brousse, University of Paris, France on "Liver surgery - a new specialty".

The meeting was followed by the 1st Joint Hangzhou / Hong Kong Surgical Convention at Zhejiang Hotel, Hangzhou on January 15, 2007, where local and overseas speakers also participated.



8-day Advanced Workshop:

"Genome Informatics: from Gene Finding to Systems Biology"

A Croucher Foundation Advanced Study Institute (ASI) on "Genome Bioinformatics: from Gene Finding to Systems Biology" was held at the Faculty of Medicine Building on January 11-26, 2007. This advanced workshop, a sequel to the one on "Statistical Genetics: From Haplotype Maps to Susceptibility Genes" held in February 2006, consisted of a series of eight open lectures, and eight tutorials for 27 registered participants. The lecturer was Professor Michael Zhang from the Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory, a world renowned authority on computational genomics and bioinformatics and Chang Jiang Chair Professor at Tsinghua University. The workshop was officiated by Professor YL Lau (劉宇隆), Associate Dean (Research). The well-attended open lectures covered a wide range of topics including the prediction of protein-coding



sequences, transcriptional regulation, promoter prediction, identification of regulatory motifs and modules, expression microarray and transcriptome analysis, chip-chip and protein localisation analysis, genomic arrays and CNP analysis, and gene expression networks. Each lecture lasted for about two hours and was followed by many questions and comments. The registered participants presented their own research and obtained feedback from each other and from Professor Zhang. The ASI was hosted by the Genome Research Centre and organised by a committee chaired by Professor PC Sham (沈伯松), Department of Psychiatry and Genome Research Centre.



3rd Shirley Boyle Memorial Lecture entitled "Curing Cancer"

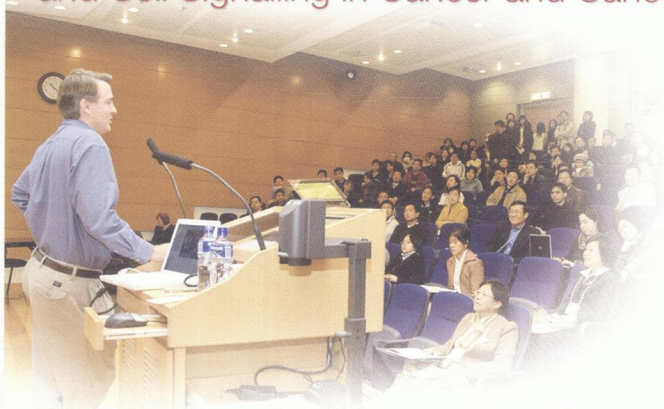


The 3rd Shirley Boyle Memorial Lecture entitled "Curing Cancer" was presented by Sir David Lane on January 29, 2007. Sir David Lane is one of the world's most important cancer research scientists following his discovery of a critical tumour suppressor gene named p53. p53 was found to be implicated in over half of all human cancers, described as a guardian of the human genome, and named molecule of the year by Science magazine in 1993. In this public lecture at HKU, Sir David Lane encapsulated the challenges and opportunities for curing cancer to a broad audience including secondary students from several local schools. Sir David gave a brilliant overview of the



complexity of cancer, recent improvements in early detection and general public health measures to reduce the impact of the disease. In the spirit of the event, he also discussed the need for a stronger partnership between scientists and the community to reduce the burden of cancer in the 21st century.

Croucher Advanced Study Institute on "Molecular Genetics and Cell Signalling in Cancer and Cancer Metastasis"



The Department of Pathology organised a Croucher Advanced Study Institute on "Molecular Genetics & Cell Signalling in Cancer and Cancer Metastasis" (January 29 – February 2, 2007), with funding support from the Croucher Foundation. This 5-day workshop highlighted the latest developments in cancer research.

Cancer is the number one killer in Hong Kong. Researchers and clinicians in the cancer research field are looking for novel therapies and are working particularly on new targeted cancer therapy based on a detailed understanding of the molecular changes in cancer. Five international experts from USA, Professor Sara A Courtneidge, Professor Scott W Lowe,

Professor Randall T Moon, Professor Charles J Sherr, and Professor Frank J Slack came to share with us their expertise, covering genes, cell signalling and novel cancer therapeutics. Altogether ten open lectures were given in the mornings, intellectual exchanges were achieved at the Question & Answer sessions and during tea break. A round-table discussion among the five guest speakers and local researchers from The University of Hong Kong, The Chinese University of Hong Kong, The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, Hong Kong Baptist University, and Mainland China concluded as a remarkably fruitful exchange in research.



12th Medical Research Conference

In keeping with the tradition of promoting research, the Department of Medicine held the 12th Medical Research Conference (MRC) on February 3, 2007. This year, distinguished researchers were invited to give plenary lectures and many high standard oral and poster paper presentations were delivered by junior members. Professor Hongkui Deng (鄧宏魁), Professor of Cell Biology, Peking University, delivered The A.J.S. McFadzean Lecture on "Human Embryonic Stem Cells: Self Renewal and Directed Differentiation" and Dr Randy YC Poon (潘逸才), Associate Professor, Department of Biochemistry, The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, spoke on "Cell Cycle Checkpoints in the Maintenance of Genome Stability".

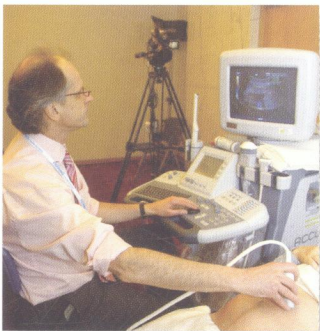
The MRC provided researchers and students a valuable venue for exchange and stimulation of ideas, and an opportunity especially for junior members to present their work thus further stimulate collaborations within the University and with other



institutions. Young Investigators Awards were given to those with outstanding performances in their presentations. This annual event has established itself as a worthwhile forum for the promotion of research culture and collaboration and the nurturing of future generations of eminent researchers.



3rd International Scientific Meeting of the International Society of Ultrasound Obstetrics & Gynaecology (ISUOG)



The 3rd International Scientific Meeting of the International Society of Ultrasound Obstetrics & Gynaecology (ISUOG), jointly organised by the Department of Obstetrics & Gynaecology, The University of Hong Kong and ISUOG, was held successfully at the

Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre from February 25 to 28, 2007. It was also part of the celebration activities of the 120th Anniversary of our Faculty.

Nine ISUOG Board members including Professor Hecher (President of ISUOG), Professor Dario Paladini (Chair of scientific committee), Professor Ann Tabor (Chair of planning committee), Professor Larry Platt (Ex-President of ISUOG), Professor Y Villes (Editor in Chief of the journal *Ultrasound in Obstetrics and Gynecology*), Professor Valentin, Professor SY Yagel,

Dr A Ngu, and Dr B Tutschek were invited. Also, overseas speakers and speakers from China were also invited. The conference was well attended by over 400 delegates. In the main scientific programme, there were two parallel sessions including plenary lectures, invited talks, live scan sessions, oral and poster abstract presentations. In addition, a total of 140 delegates joined the pre-conference courses which were held concurrently at the Faculty of Medicine Building.



United We Run! HKU Marathon Team Won the Top Prize



About 1,800 alumni, students and staff of HKU teamed up to join the Standard Chartered Hong Kong Marathon on March 4, 2007. Both Vice-Chancellor Professor Lap-Chee Tsui (徐立之) and Pro-Vice-Chancellor Professor CF Lee (李焯芬) led the HKU Marathon Team and ran 10km race.

The team spirit of the HKU Family was fully demonstrated at the race by the runners as well as their supporters. Third-

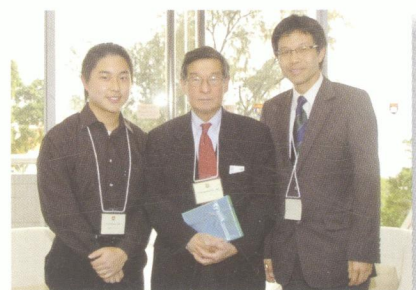
of them had finished the Marathon in 3.5 hours! Really, we do have some fast runners!"

With more than 100 students, alumni and staff members generously volunteered to form the Support Team, the HKU Marathon Team took home the Top Prize of the Most Supportive Group Award, an award bestowed upon HKU Team in two consecutive years.



Meeting Great Minds – Sharing Session with Professor Yuet-wai Kan

A world-famous haematologist and HKU graduate, Professor Yuet-wai Kan (簡悦威), was invited to speak for a sharing session of the Leadership Lecture Series, jointly presented by the Centre of Development and Resources for Students and the Programme for Effective Transition and Student Support (PETSS) of the Faculty on March 29, 2007.



During the one-hour sharing session, Professor Kan discussed with these next generations of medical and health professionals on his personal experience about leadership, with specific focus regarding research interest, time management, career planning as well as community and public services. The sharing session received very positive response with participation of over 120 students.

2nd Symposium on Healthy Aging: “Meeting the Challenges of an Aging Population”

The Research Centre of Heart, Brain, Hormone and Healthy Aging (“the Centre”), held its annual flagship event entitled the 2nd International Symposium on Healthy Aging: “Meeting the Challenges of an Aging Population” on March 3-4, 2007 at the Ballroom of the Sheraton Hong Kong Hotel and Towers. Following the success of the Inaugural Symposium in 2006, this year’s programme attracted over 300 registrants. The Centre was honoured to have invited Professor Paul Tam (譚廣亨), Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Research) of the University, to be the officiating guest at the Opening Ceremony.

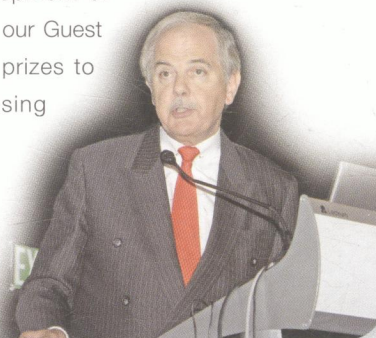
Lectures in the areas of basic research, prevention, treatment, management, and rehabilitation related to disorders of aging were given by 20 renowned speakers from institutions in Hong Kong (HKU, PolyU, CUHK and the Hospital Authority),



Chieh Yeh Heart Foundation, and the Outstanding Abstract Prizes. Dr Vivian Wong (黃譚智媛), Director of Professional Services & Medical Development of the Hospital Authority, was our Guest of Honour to present the prizes to the awardees at the Closing Ceremony.

The Centre is planning for its next Symposium in early March 2008.

USA (Yale University, Loyola University and UC Davis) and France (University of Paris). In addition, free paper presentations were arranged for young investigators and postgraduate students to compete for the Young Investigators Awards under the sponsorship of the Sun

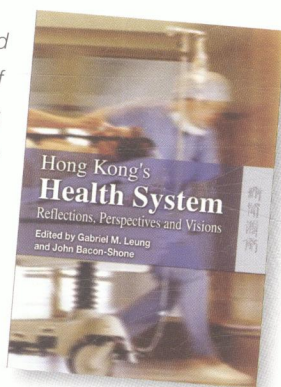


New Publication – Hong Kong’s Health System: Reflections, Perspectives and Visions

This book is a project of the Medical and Health Research Network, The University of Hong Kong, edited by Professor Gabriel M Leung (梁卓偉) and Professor John Bacon-Shone (白景崇).

Having experienced benign neglect and inertia since the last major set of reforms when all public and subvented hospitals were corporatised in the early 1990s, Hong Kong’s health system now faces another round of consultation about reform. This book provides a significant contribution to the discussions about the future of the system.

The evidence-driven content draws from the deep expertise and experience of a wide spectrum of contributors, who represent virtually all relevant areas of the health system. Their multidisciplinary input, based on moral philosophy, political economy, macro-financing, health services research, business strategy and patients’ experience, reveals areas that require urgent attention and focuses on the issues that matter most if



Hong Kong is to achieve better population health through the health system.

This book meets the critical need of students, academics, healthcare professionals, government officials, politicians, and the general public who have been struggling with how best to approach and understand the context and need for change.

‘This book succeeds in providing a careful analysis of the strengths and weaknesses of Hong Kong’s present healthcare system ... I hope that it will lead to an open and impartial debate, which may point the way forward.’ **Professor Rosie Tse-tse Young** (楊紫芝), Emeritus Professor, Department of Medicine, The University of Hong Kong

‘...Driven by data and supported by sound evidence, this book offers a tailor made vision for health reform in Hong Kong. It is a recommended compendium for all stakeholders in the health system.’ **Professor Che-hung Leong** (梁智鴻), Executive Council Member and Chairman of the Elderly Commission

Inauguration Ceremony of Medical Society, HKUSU, Session 2007

Executive Committee, Medical Society, HKUSU

The Inauguration Ceremony of the Medical Society denoted the beginning of the cabinet Aestus, the newly elected Executive Committee, as well as the Health Committee and the Caduceus Editorial Board. About 150 guests from the medical profession and student bodies attended the event and witnessed this symbolic occasion.

Dr Philip Beh (馬宣立), President of Medical Society, shared with the audience his views on the potential capacity of the Medical Society in representing and leading the medical students and its role in society. Highlight of the night was the singing of Medic Song and demonstration of Medic Cheer, which demonstrated the Society's faith and passion in serving the community.



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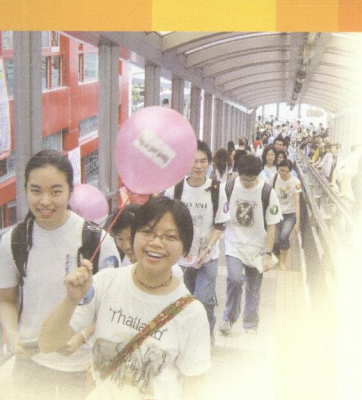
It's Never Too Late To Quit

Jonathan Ngai (MBBS III)

A group of MBBS III students organised a smoking cessation programme "It's never too late to quit (戒不太遲)" in Mongkok on February 3, 2007. About 50 students delivered leaflets and cards containing information of smoking cessation at the pedestrian area in Sai Yeung Choi Street South.

It was a precious experience for us to understand the smokers' thoughts through this community project. A large proportion of the smokers we met said they had the will to quit smoking, yet they did not know much about the available smoking cessation services and products. Some of them even promised to quit smoking after talking to us.





Steps to Good Health

Students' Health Initiative to Promote Regular Exercise

Irene Yeung (MBBS III)

On March 31, 2007, 50 MBBS Year III students took the initiative to invite the public to reduce their cardiovascular risk and boost personal health by stair-climbing or fast-walking by handing out leaflets, explaining benefits of exercise and practically walking with the pedestrians at the popular SoHo mid-level escalator area.

As the event took place on a Saturday afternoon, we were able to reach out to families, young adults, middle-aged and the elderly. We also had the opportunity to talk to many westerners and tourists visiting the SoHo area. 1000 pamphlets were gone within two hours. We were most encouraged when many people stopped using the escalator right away and started stair-climbing!



East Asian Medical Students' Conference

Asian Medical Students' Association Hong Kong

The 20th East Asian Medical Students' Conference 2007 held in Taiwan from January 29 to February 2, 2007, under the theme "The Prevention and Control of Newly-Arisen Epidemics – Recognise mankind weakness, Fight the Catastrophe", provided a valuable opportunity for medical students from eight regions in East Asia to share and exchange their knowledge regarding the issue.

cultural activities, for example, Taiwanese dessert making, Chinese brush painting, scented sachet-making, flour miniatures, paper-cutting and an adventure outing at Taipei's most popular tourist spots. It was a memorable trip to all the Hong Kong delegates.

Our paper entitled 'SARS – learning to expect the unexpected' was awarded championship and our poster on obesity epidemic was awarded the 1st runner-up. Apart from academic sharing and visits, we also had some interesting social and



27th Asian Medical Students' Conference Hong Kong Post-Conference Project

Asian Medical Students' Association Hong Kong

Further to the 27th Asian Medical Students' Conference (AMSC) last year, we conducted a Post-Conference Project to follow up what had been discussed at the Conference in January this year.

Following the launch of the newly amended Smoking (Public Health) Ordinance on January 1, 2007, smoking is now prohibited in a majority of indoor areas in Hong Kong. Having an interest

to know how the public would perceive the Ordinance and its execution, we designed a survey to investigate public opinions on the topic by street-interviews, through which we also educated the public on the legal aspect of the Ordinance. On January 13, 2007, we successfully conducted 830 interviews in Mongkok and generated 785 complete records for analysis.

According to our findings, we expect the Ordinance will encourage smokers to either reduce their tobacco consumption or quit smoking as 68% of the interviewed smokers indicated that they would reduce their tobacco consumption and 37% of smokers would consider quitting smoking. We suggest the government to introduce additional measures like increasing tax on tobacco sale, and using pictures and warning signs on cigarette packs, to further reduce tobacco consumption and encourage smokers to quit. We would like to take this opportunity to thank the Diocesan Boys' School and Neway Karaoke Box for their assistance in this project.

南京繫我



第一屆香港大學學生會醫學會中醫藥學會於二零零六年二月成立。幸得到和富社會企業及香港青年大專學生協會的大力支持和贊助，本會於今年一月舉辦了南京揚州中醫藥文化交流團，讓港大中醫同學有機會踏足擁有濃厚中醫藥文化的六朝古都—南京。

「能夠認識南京中醫藥大學的同學是這幾天最大的得著。他們表現熱情，就像春天女神溫暖的笑容，把周遭的冷風散掉。除此之外，他們還跟我們細心分享其在南京的學醫之路、生活習慣、風土人情和自己對中醫的看法。」

「參觀醫院令我很感動。很難想像門診的人這麼多... 這可反映內地人對中醫的需求，以及他們對中醫的重視。雖說香港的人愈來愈重視中醫，但我想也很難遇上內地醫院擠逼的情況。也許... 醫生不治已病治未病，愈少人需要看病，才是最好的結果。在病房內，老師認真地為我們講解，令我對這裡更有感覺。真希望可以來這裡實習呢！」



Activity Update

To celebrate the 120th Anniversary of our *alma mater*, The University of Hong Kong Medical Alumni Association (HKUMAA) has co-organised two major anniversary events with the Faculty, namely the Medical Alumni Day on January 21, 2007 and the Sports and Family Fiesta on March 11, 2007. In addition, the HKUMAA is assisting some classes in the organisation of anniversary reunions this year. If your class is also thinking of organising class activities, please contact the HKUMAA Secretariat at 2819-2851 or write to hkumaa@hku.hk.



Forthcoming Event

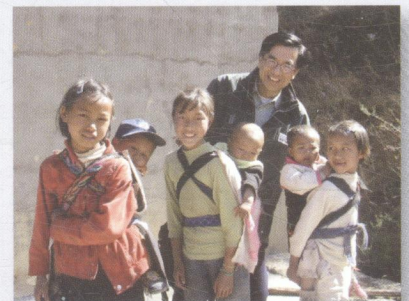
7th Annual General Meeting

The 7th Annual General Meeting (AGM) of HKUMAA will be held at the Alumni Chamber at 7:30 pm on Friday, June 22, 2007. All members are invited to attend the AGM. Further information will be sent out in due course.

Alumni's Achievements

Dr Thomas Sze-tong Chan (陳思堂) (MBBS 1977) has recently been conferred Honorary Doctor of Social Sciences by The University of Hong Kong in recognition of his contributions to humanitarian service in Hong Kong and the Mainland.

Dr Chan is a neurosurgeon in private practice, the Chief Executive Officer of World Vision China, and the Area Director, East Asia, of World Vision International.



Class 1976

30th Anniversary Reunion

The reunion dinner was held at the Macau Jockey Club's Hong Kong Clubhouse on December 16, 2006.

Class Reunions

Class 1986

20th Anniversary Reunion

The reunion dinner was held at the Loke Yew Hall on December 25, 2006.



Donations

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Anonymous	HK\$ 1,000,000	In support of research on spine surgery of the Department of Orthopaedics & Traumatology
Mrs Kong Leong Pui Yee	HK\$ 1,000,000	For the purchase of clinical equipment for patient care and research undertaken by Professor HF Tse, Department of Medicine
Ruby & Minoo N. Master Charity Foundation	HK\$ 1,000,000	In support of academic activities conducted by Professor Kumana and Professor YL Kwong, Department of Medicine
Anonymous	HK\$ 300,000	In support of research on spine surgery of the Department of Orthopaedics & Traumatology
Roche Hong Kong Limited	HK\$ 259,000	In support of academic and research activities undertaken by Dr MF Yuen, Department of Medicine
Hong Kong Lung Foundation	HK\$ 207,580	In support of the research project "Burden of Lung Disease BOLD in Hong Kong" undertaken by Professor M Chan, Department of Medicine
Hong Kong Blood Cancer Foundation	HK\$ 200,000	In support of research in bone marrow transplantation conducted by the Division of Haematology / Medical Oncology and Bone Marrow Transplantation, Department of Medicine
Merck Pharmaceutical (HK) Limited	HK\$ 200,000	In support of the research project "HENRI study" conducted by Professor BM Y Cheung, Department of Medicine
Ms Yig Big Kwen	HK\$ 200,000	In support of research activities undertaken by Professor RTF Cheung, Department of Medicine

Congratulations

Congratulations

Professor Karen Lam (林小玲), has been appointed as Head of the Department of Medicine.

Professor TM Chan (陳德茂), has been appointed as Acting Associate Dean (External Affairs and Fund Raising).

Professor G Tsao (曹世華), has been appointed as Acting Director of the Centre for Cancer Research.

The following academics have been promoted / retitled as Professors:

Professor BM Y Cheung (張文勇), Department of Medicine

Professor KMC Cheung (張文智), Department of Orthopaedics & Traumatology

Professor PK Y Chiu (曲廣運), Department of Orthopaedics & Traumatology

Professor SK Chung (金淑子), Department of Anatomy

Professor XY Guan (關新元), Department of Clinical Oncology

Achievements

Achievements

Professor PC Ho (何柏松), Chair Professor and Head of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, has been elected as Vice-President of Asia and Oceania Federation of Obstetrics and Gynaecology.

Professor SY Leung (梁雪兒), Professor of the Department of Pathology, has been awarded the Croucher Senior Medical Research Fellowship 2007-2008, for her research achievements in colorectal and gastric cancers.

Professor LCK Low (盧忠啟), Professor of the Department of Paediatrics and Adolescent Medicine, has been awarded the Teaching Award by the Asia Pacific Paediatric Endocrine Society for his outstanding contribution to teaching of Paediatric Endocrinology in the Asia Pacific Region.

Professor PM Vanhoutte (樊浩德), Professor and Head of the Department of Pharmacology, has been honoured as Fellow by Academie Royale de Medecine de Belgique.

Hello



Professor PC Sham (沈伯松) joined the Faculty as Chair Professor of Psychiatric Genomics in the Department of Psychiatry and the Genome Research Centre in August 2006. He studied medicine at St John's College Cambridge and Oxford University Medical School, and trained in psychiatry at the Northwick Park, Bethlem Royal and Maudsley Hospitals, obtaining the membership of the Royal College of Psychiatrists in 1989. After being awarded a Wellcome Trust Training Fellowship, he completed an MSc in Applied Statistics at Birkbeck College London and visited the Virginia Commonwealth University, USA. In 2000, he received a PhD degree in Genetics from the Cambridge University. He was appointed Professor in Psychiatric and Statistical Genetics at King's College London. He joined The University of Hong Kong in 2004 under the Distinguished Visiting Scholars Scheme. He is the author of "Statistics in Human Genetics" and co-editor of "Analysis of Multifactorial Disease", and has published many book chapters and peer-reviewed articles on genetics and mental disorders.



Professor DSH Wong (黃世雄) has been appointed as the Chair Professor of Ophthalmology. He heads the Eye Institute and is establishing a new department to deliver a renewed curriculum in ophthalmology to undergraduate medical students. He was a graduate from the University of Liverpool and was trained in St Paul's Eye Hospital, Moorfields Eye Hospital and St Thomas' Hospital. Professor Wong has been a consultant in Liverpool since 1987. He is currently the Senior Vice President to the Royal College of Ophthalmologists. His research interest includes bioengineering, cell transplant and his clinical expertise is in diseases of the vitreous and the retina.



Dr AOO Chan (陳安安) joined the Department of Medicine as Clinical Associate Professor in January 2007. She graduated from The University of Hong Kong in 1993, and later joined the University's Department of Medicine at Queen Mary Hospital (QMH) as House officer. She underwent her basic physician training at QMH, passed her MRCP (UK) examination in 1997, and became a specialist in GI/Hepatology in 2000. Her training in Gastroenterology and Hepatology included one and a half year in the MD Anderson Cancer Centre as a postdoctoral fellow and subsequently as a visiting scientist (January 2000-June 2001). During her training and service in GI/Hepatology in the Department of Medicine, she gained valuable and extensive experience in upper endoscopy, colonoscopy, ERCP and other kinds of endoscopic procedures. She has a keen mind in research and has finished the MD degree in 2002, and PhD degree in 2004. With a particular interest in GI oncology, she has published 74 original papers, including papers in Gastroenterology, Cancer Research, Journal of Clinical Oncology, American Journal of Pathology, GUT, etc.



Dr WYP Ching (程翼鵬) joined the Department of Anatomy as Assistant Professor in March 2007. After obtaining his undergraduate degree at Imperial College, University of London, UK, Dr Ching continued his PhD training in Department of Biochemistry at the University of Dundee, UK. He had his first

postdoctoral training in the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology. Since 2003, he has been working as a postdoctoral fellow at the Institute of Molecular Biology, and has been jointly appointed as Research Assistant Professor by the Departments of Pathology and Biochemistry at The University of Hong Kong. His research mainly focuses on the molecular signalling of cancer metastasis as well as neural development.



Dr ACK Law (羅子健) has recently joined the Department of Psychiatry as Assistant Professor. Dr Law received training in pharmacology and cardiovascular physiology in Canada and the United Kingdom respectively. He studied medicine in the United States. Afterwards, he returned to Canada to pursue further graduate work in neuroscience and clinical training in psychiatry. He is interested in geriatric neuropsychiatry, with a particular focus on cognitive impairment. He is also keen on promoting mental health awareness and knowledge to the Hong Kong population.



Dr KKW Li (李啟煌) joined the Eye Institute as Clinical Assistant Professor in February 2007. He graduated from the University of Glasgow in 1995 and received his training in ophthalmology at Prince of Wales Hospital, HK. He underwent a year of full clinical vitreoretinal fellowship at St. Paul's Eye Unit in Liverpool, UK in 2001. He was the vitreoretinal subspecialty coordinator of the Hospital Authority Kowloon East Cluster Ophthalmic Services before joining The University of Hong Kong. He subspecialises in medical and surgical vitreoretinal diseases and his research interest includes retinal detachment surgery, age related macular degeneration and macular diseases. His current work includes the use of novel tamponade agents in retinal detachment surgery.



Dr AWS Tang (鄧詠詩) joined the Department of Obstetrics & Gynaecology as Clinical Assistant Professor in January 2007. She is a 5th year O&G trainee from Australia and is now completing her last two years of elective training. She immigrated to Brisbane, Australia with her family after completing Secondary 3 at Sacred Heart Canossian College in Hong Kong. She finished medical school at The University of Queensland in 1999 and obtained MRANZCOG in January 2007. She enjoys gynae oncology and gynae endoscopy and would love to pursue a career in these areas.



Dr SCW Tang (鄧智偉) joined the Department of Medicine as Clinical Associate Professor in October 2006. He graduated from The University of Hong Kong and trained in Internal Medicine and sub-specialised in Nephrology. He obtained his MD and PhD degrees in 2001 and 2005, respectively. He has undergone training at Guy's Hospital, London, and Seattle Children's Hospital, Washington. His major research interests include renal tubular cell pathophysiology, treatment of IgA nephropathy and other nephritis, sleep apnoea in peritoneal dialysis, and prevention of chronic kidney disease.

Goodbye

We would like to express our gratitude and send our best wishes to the following staff members who have left / will be leaving the Faculty:

Professor SK Lam (林兆鑫), Dean of Medicine

Professor CH Cho (曹之憲), Chair Professor, Department of Pharmacology

Professor CS Lau (劉澤星), Professor, Department of Medicine

Professor ML Ng (吳敏倫), Professor, Department of Psychiatry

Dr RMW Chau (周明華), Lecturer, Department of Anatomy

Dr DKH Yip (葉國興), Assistant Professor, Department of Orthopaedics & Traumatology

Forthcoming Events

Advanced Medical Life Support (AMLS) Provider Course

Date : May 5-6, 2007
Venue : Skills Development Centre,
Department of Surgery,
Li Ka Shing Faculty of Medicine,
The University of Hong Kong Medical Centre,
Queen Mary Hospital, Pokfulam, Hong Kong
Information : Program Manager, Department of Surgery
Tel: 2855 4885 / 2855 4886
Fax: 2819 3416
Email: qmhsdc@hkucc.hku.hk
Website: www.hku.hk/surgery

12th Hong Kong Medical Forum

Date : May 5-6, 2007
Venue : Hong Kong Convention & Exhibition Centre,
Wan Chai, Hong Kong
Information : Email: medinfo@hku.hk
Website: www.hku.hk/medicine/hkmf

Pre-Hospital Trauma Life Support (PHTLS) Provider Course

Date : May 9 & 16, 2007
June 2 & 10, 2007
Venue : Hong Kong St. John Ambulance Association, St. John Tower,
2 MacDonnell Road, Hong Kong
Information : Senior Training Officer, Hong Kong St. John Ambulance Association
Tel: 2530 8016
Website: www.hku.hk/surgery

IOF Osteoporosis Diagnosis Course with Densitometry Certification Examination

Date : May 18-19, 2007
Venue : Hong Kong Convention & Exhibition Centre,
Wan Chai, Hong Kong
Information : Tel: 2855 4353
Email: cissy@hkucc.hku.hk
Website: www.hku.hk/medicine/endocrinology/osteocentre

Joint Scientific Meeting with Nuffield Visiting Society

Date : May 18, 2007
Venue : Lecture Theatre 4, Cheung Kung Hai Conference Centre,
G/F, William MW Mong Block, 21 Sassoon Road
Information : Dr TC Pun, Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology
Tel: 2855 3400
Fax: 2855 0947

8th Regional Osteoporosis Conference

Date : May 19-20, 2007
Venue : Hong Kong Convention & Exhibition Centre, Wan Chai, Hong Kong
Information : Tel: 2855 4353
Email: cissy@hkucc.hku.hk
Website: www.hku.hk/medicine/endocrinology/osteocentre

Head and Neck Course 2007 - Surgery for Nasopharyngeal Cancer

Date : June 7-8, 2007
Venue : Underground Lecture Theatre, New Clinical Building,
Queen Mary Hospital, Pokfulam, Hong Kong
Information : Head and Neck Course Secretariat, Department of Surgery
Tel: 2855 4885 / 2855 4886
Fax: 2819 3416
Email: hnsrg@hkucc.hku.hk
Website: www.hku.hk/surgery

Definitive Surgical Trauma Care Course

Date : July 9-11, 2007
Venue : Skills Development Centre, Department of Surgery,
Li Ka Shing Faculty of Medicine, The University of Hong Kong
Medical Centre, Queen Mary Hospital, Pokfulam, Hong Kong
Information : Program Manager, Department of Surgery
Tel: 2855 4885 / 2855 4886
Fax: 2819 3416
Email: qmhsdc@hkucc.hku.hk
Website: www.hku.hk/surgery

50th Hong Kong Surgical Forum

Date : July 12-14, 2007
Venue : Underground Lecture Theatre, New Clinical Building,
Queen Mary Hospital, Pokfulam, Hong Kong
Information : Forum Secretary, Department of Surgery
Tel: 2855 4885 / 2855 4886
Fax: 2819 3416
Email: hksf@hkucc.hku.hk
Website: www.hku.hk/surgery

Advanced Trauma Life Support (ATLS) Student Course

Date : August 24-26, 2007
Venue : Skills Development Centre, Department of Surgery,
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Celebrating 120 Years of Medical Education

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Over the past 120 years, the Faculty has been playing a leading role in medical education, research and training locally and regionally. The Faculty comprises 17 teaching departments grouped under medical sciences, surgical sciences and health sciences, together with the School of Chinese Medicine, the Institute of Medical and Health Sciences Education, five research centres on strategic themes and a number of research centres focusing on various strengths of research of the Faculty.

過去一百二十年，醫學院一直領導本港及亞洲地區的醫學教育，科研與專業培訓的發展，成就斐然。學院轄下共有十七個教學部門，並歸納為內科科學組、外科科學組和健康科學組；另設中醫藥學院、公共衛生教育研究所、五個策略科研隊伍和十多個研究中心。

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Dr Mok Hing Yiu

MBBS 1947



CONGRATULATORY MESSAGES



The Li Ka Shing Faculty of Medicine has justly achieved wide recognition for its outstanding work over its 120-year history. Today, the Faculty is on the leading edge of many important areas of medical research and treatment.

May I offer my most heartfelt congratulations to everyone associated with the Faculty for their many exceptional achievements to date, and extend my wholehearted encouragement and good wishes for even greater success in the years to come.

Dr David KP Li

*Pro-Chancellor
The University of Hong Kong*



On behalf of the University Council, I would like to congratulate the Li Ka Shing Faculty of Medicine on its 120th Anniversary. Over the years, the Faculty has become renowned for its pioneering research and its service to the community. May this milestone mark the continuation of a long history of achievements for the Faculty and all its members.

Dr Victor KK Fung

*Council Chairman
The University of Hong Kong*



The Li Ka Shing Faculty of Medicine has been an integral part of the Hong Kong community for 120 years, producing generations of doctors who have selflessly served our society. My warmest congratulations to the Faculty on this happy and historic occasion, and my best wishes to all its members as they scale new heights in the years to come.

Professor Lap-Chee Tsui

*Vice-Chancellor
The University of Hong Kong*



This year we are celebrating not just the glamorous history of our Faculty, but more importantly the founding and flourishing of a tradition in medical education that has served the people of Hong Kong and benefited mankind for the past 120 years. Backed by our determination and commitment, I believe we are on the mark to write another century of success history for this renowned Faculty.

Professor Raymond HS Liang

*Acting Dean of Medicine
The University of Hong Kong*

MILESTONES

1887

The Hong Kong College of Medicine for Chinese is formally inaugurated in October with Sir Patrick Manson as its first dean.



1892

The first two graduates, including Dr Sun Yat-sen, graduated from the Hong Kong College of Medicine for Chinese.

1907

The Hong Kong College of Medicine for Chinese is renamed the Hong Kong College of Medicine.

1912

The University of Hong Kong is formally opened. The Hong Kong College of Medicine is incorporated within the University as its first faculty - the Faculty of Medicine.



1937

Clinical teaching is transferred to the newly completed Queen Mary Hospital.

1941

Activities of the University are brought to a halt by the Japanese invasion in December.

1948

The University is officially reopened and new medical undergraduates are admitted again.

1952

The first post-war group of 22 students graduate. One outstanding student, David Todd, becomes the graduate to be appointed professor of medicine.

1965

Li Shu Fan Building on Sassoon Road for the accommodation of preclinical departments is formally opened in April.



1982

Rosie Tse-tse Young is appointed dean of the Faculty, the first HKU medical graduate for the post.



1997

The Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery programme is reformed. The Faculty becomes the first medical institute in the region that adopts system-based curriculum using student-centred and problem-based learning approach.

2002

The Faculty moves into the new complex on Sassoon Road with 48,250 square metres of well-equipped facilities for medical education and research.



2003

The Genome Research Centre is established, a participant of the International Haplotype Mapping Project.

Premier Wen Jiabao visits the Faculty in June.



2005

The State Key Laboratories of Emerging Infectious Diseases and Brain and Cognitive Sciences are established, the first State Key Laboratories located outside Mainland China.



2006

The Faculty's liver transplant team from the Department of Surgery wins the first-class award for the category of State Scientific and Technology Progress Award.

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Professor Sir David Todd

(MBBS 1952, MD 1958, HonDSc 1992)



Professor Sir David Todd is highly respected internationally for his achievements in medical research, medical education and administration as well as services to the community. His contributions to medicine was summed up in a tribute by his student and successor, another leading haematologist, Chan Tai-kwong (MBBS 1961, MD 1983) who said: "David Todd is an accomplished academician, a practising physician of the highest calibre, an administrator, a skillful politician and an irreplaceable head for the Department of Medicine (1974-1989)."

Professor Todd worked at the University for more than 40 years; from 1953 until he retired in the spring of 1997. As the former Pro-Vice-Chancellor of HKU (1978-1980), he taught and trained generations of medical practitioners and was chosen by students as the Best Teacher.

Professor Todd was appointed as an overseas advisor of the Royal College of Physicians (1979), a councillor of the Royal Australasian College of Physicians (1980-1986) and was admitted as an honorary academician to the Singapore Academy of Medicine and an honorary member to the Chinese Medical Association. Besides playing an important part in the international arena and putting Hong Kong on the world map, Professor Todd has also made lasting contributions to local medical and educational institutions. He was the founding chairman of the Hong Kong Research Grants Council (RGC) (1991), founding president of the Hong Kong College of Physicians (1985-1992) and the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine (1992-1996), the latter oversees the training, education, and standards of all medical specialties. In recognition of his contributions, Professor Todd was knighted in 1995.

Professor Rosie Tse-tse Young

(MBBS 1953, MD 1959, HonDSc 1995)



*A*n endocrinologist, Professor Rosie Tse-tse Young is known internationally for her research in thyroid diseases and diabetes mellitus.

After completing an internship in 1954, Professor Young joined the University's Department of Medicine and Queen Mary Hospital where she worked until her retirement in 1999. During her long and illustrious service, she became committed to the University's welfare and acquired a reputation for dedication, expertise and experience as a doctor, researcher, educator and administrator. She served as the dean of the Medical Faculty from 1983 to 1985 and Pro-Vice-Chancellor of the University from 1985 to 1993.

In her distinguished career, Professor Young has received numerous honours in recognition of her outstanding achievements and contributions, including fellowships at the Royal Colleges of Physicians of Edinburgh, London, Glasgow, Australia and at the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine and Hong Kong College of Physicians; honorary degrees in Doctor of Science from her alma mater, Open University of Hong Kong and City University of Hong Kong; honorary fellowship at the Newnham College of the University of Cambridge; and Commander in the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire in 1996 and Gold Bauhinia Star of the HKSAR in 2002.

Professor Young's public service was mainly in medical and education areas through appointments or elections to a number of organisations and committees in Hong Kong. She was the chairman of the group that produced the important Working Party Report on Primary Health Care in Hong Kong (1990) which laid the framework for medical education and healthcare reform. She was also the chairman of the Education Commission from 1993 to 1998, a time when many critical policy changes were launched.

She is now an emeritus professor of HKU, honorary professor of medicine of the University, an honorary consultant to Queen Mary Hospital and director of the Health Assessment Department at the Hong Kong Sanatorium and Hospital.

Professor Yuet-wai Kan

(MBBS 1958, DSc 1980, HonDSc 1987)



A world-famous haematologist, Professor Yuet-wai Kan has won international recognition for his pioneering role in molecular medicine research. Among the more important awards bestowed on him was the Lita Annenberg Award in 1984, the Lasker Award in 1991, and the Shaw Prize for Life Science and Medicine in 2004. Professor Kan was the first Chinese to be admitted as a fellow of the Royal Society (UK) in 1981.

After graduating from medical school, Professor Kan received clinical training at Queen Mary Hospital. In 1960, he went to the United States for further clinical haematology and research training. In 1970, he joined the Harvard Medical School and Children's Hospital in Boston, and in 1972 moved to the University of California in San Francisco where he is the Louis K Diamond Professor of Hematology.

Although working in California, Professor Kan still maintains ties with Hong Kong and the Mainland. He has been the honorary director of HKU's Institute of Molecular Biology, and is the current chairman of The Croucher Foundation, a foundation established in Hong Kong in 1979 to support projects in science, technology and medicine. He is also a scientific advisor and a member of the executive committee of the Qiu Shi Foundation of Hong Kong that supports science and technology in China.

In addition to the Royal Society, Professor Kan is a member of many learned societies, among which are the National Academy of Sciences, USA; Academia Sinica, Taiwan; and a foreign member of the Chinese Academy of Sciences, Beijing.



Professor Edward Che-hung Leong

(MBBS 1962, HonDSc 2006)



Professor Edward Che-hung Leong graduated from HKU in 1962 and was a member of the Department of Surgery from 1966 to 1978. He is now an honorary professor of surgery at HKU and a private practitioner specialising in urology.

Professor Leong has excelled in public service and politics. He was a legislative councillor representing the medical functional constituency for 12 years from 1988 to 2000. He was involved in drawing up the blueprint for the Hospital Authority and was its chairman from 2002 to 2004. Professor Leong played an instrumental role in the establishment of the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine and was its president from 2002 to 2004. He was also pivotal for the proper recognition of traditional Chinese medical practitioners culminating into their proper registration.

Professor Leong is currently a member of the Executive Council, chairperson of the Council on Human Reproductive Technology, and chairman of the Elderly Commission of the Hong Kong Government. His seasoned experience in public administration, and as a highly respected medical professional, has contributed tremendously to the community of Hong Kong for which he was made an Officer of the Order of British Empire by the British Government in 1991 and awarded a Gold Bauhinia Star by the HKSAR Government in 2001. For his societal contributions, Professor Leong was awarded a Doctor of Science (Honoris Causa) of the University of Aberdeen and lately by his own alma mater. His service extends beyond public administration. He pioneered the Hong Kong AIDS Foundation to foster AIDS education and promotion, in Hong Kong and in Mainland China. He also pioneered hospice services in Hong Kong.

Professor Sheung-tat Fan

(MBBS 1976, MS 1992, MD 1998, PhD 2002, DSc 2005)



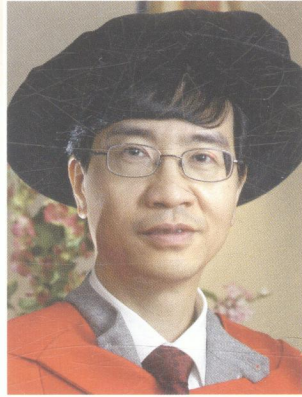
In 1991, Professor Sheung-tat Fan performed the first successful liver transplant in Hong Kong. In 1996, he performed the world's first adult-to-adult live donor liver transplantation (LDLT) using a right lobe liver graft. Today, Professor Fan leads one of the most successful liver surgery and transplant units in the world.

Liver transplantation has been recognised as the most effective treatment for patients with terminal liver diseases but its application is limited by the low organ donation rate from deceased donors. The other possible source is from live donors. However, LDLT was thought to have limited applicability in adults because, traditionally, the left lobe presented the only choice but might not be sufficient for the recipient. Sceptics in the early days were concerned whether LDLT using the right lobe (which is the larger portion of the liver) might involve excessive surgical risks. The technique of right lobe adult-to-adult LDLT, which Professor Fan pioneered, is therefore a major breakthrough in the field of liver transplantation, leading to widespread application of LDLT in the world.

A fellow of four surgical colleges and holder of four doctorate degrees, Professor Fan researches and publishes extensively on diseases that are commonly seen in Asia. Many of the publications contain his innovations that have improved the results of treatment for difficult diseases in Asia. According to the scientist ranking in ISI Essential Science Indicators, Professor Fan is among the top 0.05 percent of scientists in clinical medicine by citations. In 2005, Professor Fan was elected an Academician under the category of Medical and Health Engineering of the Chinese Academy of Engineering. Professor Fan's contributions to liver surgery have also been recognised through conferral of the Silver Bauhinia Star in 2006.

Professor Kwok-yung Yuen

(MBBS 1981, MD 1998)



Graduated from HKU in 1981, Professor Kwok-yung Yuen has the rare distinction of being a microbiologist, surgeon, and physician. His success in these three areas is exemplified by his numerous Fellowships at distinguished institutions, including the Hong Kong Colleges of Pathologists, Surgeons and Physicians, the American College of Physicians, the Royal College of Pathologists of the UK, and the Royal College of Surgery of Glasgow and the Royal Colleges of Physicians in Edinburgh, Ireland and London.

Professor Yuen's quiet practice and laboratory research at the Queen Mary Hospital allow him to walk the footsteps of the Faculty's Founding Dean, Professor Patrick Manson, who himself was a fore-runner of research on emerging parasitic infection. In 2003, Professor Yuen played a leading role in helping Hong Kong to counter the menace of infectious disease outbreaks. He led the HKU team in the discovery of the SARS coronavirus and described the clinical and virological progression of SARS which were crucial to the control of the outbreak. His team also discovered other infective agents, including the novel human coronavirus HKU1, bat SARS coronavirus, bat coronavirus HKU2 to 8, *laribacter hongkongensis*, and other bacteria. Professor Yuen's contributions to emerging infectious diseases and microbiology have been recognised through conferral of the Silver Bauhinia Star, Henry Fok Professor in Infectious Diseases and Croucher Senior Medical Research Fellowship Award.

Widely known among specialists in infectious diseases, Professor Yuen serves on the editorial board of two medical journals, *Clinical Infectious Disease* and *Chest*. He is one of the top 1% researchers in the world, as ranked by the Essential Science Indicator. His publications have been cited over 5000 times according to the Institute for Scientific Information.



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