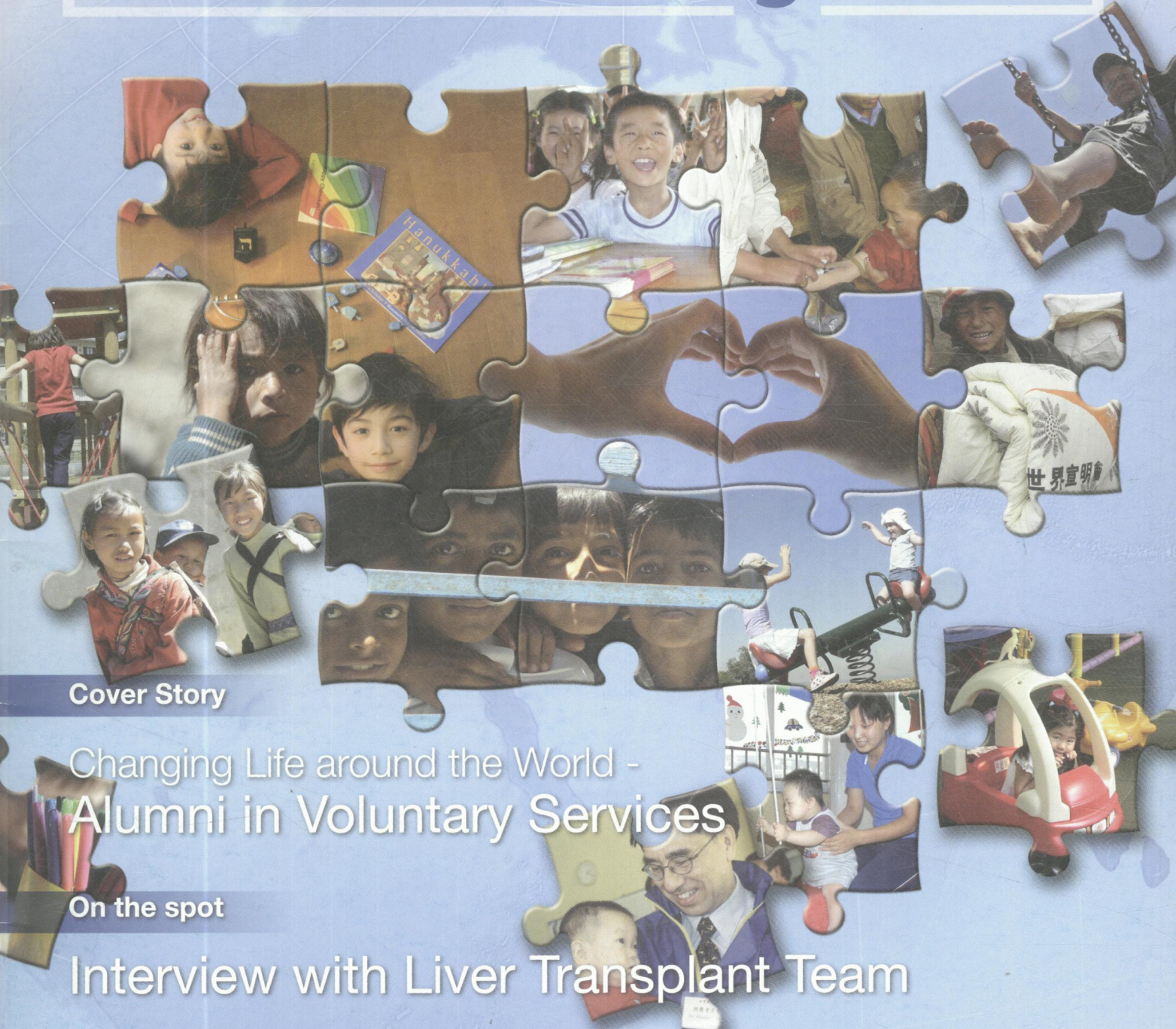


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It is a hard and easy task to take over from Dr Louis Chow as the Editor in Chief of this Newsletter. 'Hard' because this Newsletter is one of our main communication avenues with our staff, students, alumni, benefactors, and other people who are associated with the Faculty. Our Medical School is such a dynamic institute that there is just not enough space to report in details all that have happened since the last issue of the Newsletter. And so many of our staff and alumni have done so much to shape the health and wellbeing of the people of Hong Kong that we do not have enough pages to tell you their stories. Fortunately, these things make my job easy as I do not have to dig deep to think of what to put in the Newsletter each time.

In this issue, besides our Dean's visionary message and that of Mr Anthony Wu Ting-yuk, Chairman of the Hospital Authority, we report the interviews of a few alumni who have devoted a large part of their lives as volunteers for the betterment of others. Let us salute their selflessness. We also salute Professor ST Fan and his liver transplant surgery team for their work has not only helped many people with chronic liver failure in Hong Kong but they were awarded a First Class Award in the 2005 State Scientific and Technological Progress Awards. I am sure you will enjoy reading these reports.

Of course, my job is also made easy by the ground work that Dr Louis Chow has laid down before me, and the efficiency of our secretarial staff in collecting all the information and materials. As a lover in running, I liken this to marathon running. The organisers have laid out a route with plenty of support for me to run on. It is a hard task and a long way to the finish, but with practice, people's encouragement, and following the footsteps of those who run in front of me, I know I will get there eventually. And I know I will enjoy the process in doing so.

Professor CS Lau
Chief Editor

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Unchain the medical schools and let them grow

Hong Kong looks like a good spot for biotechnology these days, with its breakthroughs in SARS, bird flu, liver transplantation, etc. in the headlines. Indeed, among Mr. Hu Jintao's five areas of innovation that China will pursue, biotechnology is certainly one where Hong Kong excels and can lead the way for the country. But first, Hong Kong has to free up its biomedical institutions and let them grow.

The crux of any university is its human capital. Top medical schools of the world like Harvard, Johns Hopkins, and Washington all have over 2,000 full time teachers, and champion Harvard has 7,617. In fact, the teaching force of the world's top ten medical schools (in research output) has grown by an average of 4% to 5% a year for many years. They have arrived at today's eminence through years of growth in human capital.

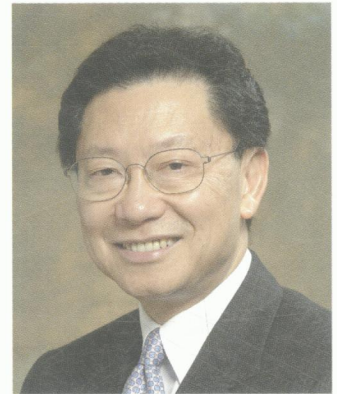
At the two local medical schools, the number of full time teachers has remained static at around 180 to 200 for many years. It is likely to drop because the government is reducing the annual intake of medical students from 170 to 125 for each school. Each teaches about 750 medical students on a 5-year curriculum; interestingly, the top ten medical schools have a similar teaching load of between 460 and 880.

The gross excess in human capacity of the top medical schools over those in Hong Kong means they do a lot more research than the local schools and are truly research-led universities. Relatively speaking, the two local institutions are at best research-oriented teaching-based medical schools.

That does not mean that the local medical schools cannot become top schools of the world. Each Hong Kong University medical professor publishes on average seven international research papers a year, and one in seven of them are recognized as top 1% scientists in their field. This high-quantity, high-quality research output per capita actually tops the world. What Hong Kong needs to become a biotechnology hub is a drastic increase in its research force for biomedical innovation. This is why Singapore is all set for a new medical school next year.

And the resource needed for the increase does not have to come from the government. In North American medical schools, about 70% of their income is external to the government. Even for a public school like University of California San Francisco (UCSF), only 8% of its revenues come directly from government subsidies. In United Kingdom and Europe, where policy is generally socialistic, the same pattern has become obvious; Imperial, Cambridge, and Karolinska medical schools, for example, are now 20%, 30%, and 50%, respectively, dependent on government. For the HKU medical school, it is 85%, a position where these top schools were in two to three decades ago.

How do these top medical schools source their income? They do so by partnering with philanthropists who entrust them with donations to make human progress, by widening medical training to the world, by teaming up with healthcare professionals to draw healthcare seekers from everywhere, and by joining hands with the industries to make medical advances. Take Yale and UCSF medical schools, among their non-government revenues, donations and endowments make up about 10%, school fees another 10%, clinical income 30% to 40%, and contract research with the industries 40% to 50%.



Academics in Hong Kong are accustomed to sizing their dreams according to the resources allotted to them by their single boss, the government. Entrepreneurship is not their business and is even frowned upon as non-scholarly. When it comes to resource planning and distribution, socialism infected by the government has been for decades a way of life. Compromise and peace-keeping dressed up as consensus and harmony is often the rule in resource planning; face-saving and fear of non-parity disguised as fairness and equality is frequently the practice in resource distribution. In tertiary education, compromise and parity only lead to mediocrity, if not duplication and waste.

In their pursuit of excellence, the biomedical institutions in Hong Kong, including all the life science faculties, must be freed to compete as hard as their imaginations take them, and yet be encouraged to work together wherever the need arises. They must be freed to create their own external funding, and freed to grow their human capital.

Hong Kong's niche is in its capital of people and their resourcefulness. All it needs is for the government to provide the necessary land, some basic resources and a set of entrepreneurial rules, for the universities the right systems that reward excellence, and for the community the willing partnership. Then Hong Kong's biomedical institutions, not Singapore's, will in no time turn the city into the biotechnology hub of Asia.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'SK Lam'.

Professor SK Lam
Dean

Changing Life around the World – Alumni in Voluntary Services

Proof of Life: Ten Years Work in
World Vision China
Dr Chan Sze-tong



“I believe my decision is a mission. Through my work in World Vision, I witness sweet and bitter of life from their stories.” said Dr Chan Sze-tong, Chief Executive Officer of World Vision China since 1996.

It is a mission

“My life was too hectic and packed at that time. Exams, conferences, hospitals and patients occupied the major part of my life. My stable income as a private neurosurgeon did provide my family a good financial support, but my faith prompted me to rethink the meaning of life.”

Dr Chan has deep sentiment for his nation. It was conceived when he visited China during his days in HKU. He was among the first batch of students to visit China after the Cultural Revolution. The cultural shock led him to rethink his identity as a Chinese.

In 1996, during the peak of his career, Dr Chan decided to take up the post of Chief Executive Officer of World Vision China. “My family gave me huge support at the time I have to make this uneasy

decision. Being a doctor always occupies the first place in my heart, but we all know the limitations of what a doctor can do. I thought what I had seen was fairly narrow and so I took the mission to give my hand to Chinese with poverty.”

Effort is proved

Under Dr Chan's leadership, World Vision China advocated for better social policies. Although frontline community services always provide direct and immediate help to the needy, they are of limited



influence. World Vision believes assisting them to attain self-reliance is more crucial than just financial support.

The figures from World Vision's Annual report proved the effort of Dr Chan and his 600 colleagues in the past years. In 2004, 600,000 people received health education programme, 135 schools were rebuilt and provided education for 26,000 children. There are 14 now Provinces in China with World Vision Projects.

Leading a large team of staff and volunteers, Dr Chan used to spend one-third of his working days traveling to project sites. "My main task is to supervise the overall work and formulate the strategic direction for World Vision China. To manage a non-governmental organization (NGO) in Mainland not only requires management skills, culture interpretation, social, legal and political understanding are parts cannot be missed. The PRC government was not too open for NGOs 10 years ago, but we are happy to see more discussion on the government policy over the issue of poverty is now possible."

Extensive cares to children

Children are the focus of World Vision's ministry. When seeing curable diseases claim the life of children from poor families, he was most heartbroken. "A 20-year-old girl came to us and was diagnosed with tuberculosis. The treatment cost RMB\$1000, which was equivalent to twice of her annual household income. She was not able to afford and thereafter, she could only stay at home waiting for her last days. Well off people in Hong Kong may spend \$1,000 for a dinner, but that \$1,000 can save a young girl's life."

In 2004, World Vision China started lobbying services to children with special difficult circumstances. "We have extensive programmes for children with special need. This includes orphan, children with disabilities and with chronic illness. It is tragic that some children are born with a defect, but they are also entitled to quest for better medical treatment and education."



Work as a CEO

Saving people's lives gives Dr Chan satisfaction as a neurosurgeon, and he still keeps his consultation in part-time mode during these years. "Patient response is more direct and quick, and I can feel the happiness from reading their thank you cards. Our work in World Vision is more macroscopic, and feedback is more indirect. I am fortunate as I have two excellent jobs to experience the meaning of life."

For Dr Chan's children, he gave them chances to join his site projects during their vacations. "I believe that it is a better way to teach them to offer their helping hands. In Hong Kong, children are spoiled with extravagant living conditions and they can never understand there are some people in poverty who need our hands."

Helping people is never a sacrifice as it is one of the best ways to understand the meaning of life.

Dr Chan Sze-tong Thomas (MBBS 1977) is the Chief Executive Officer of World Vision China since 1996. He is a specialist in Neurosurgery.

Interview by Christy Lam, MBBS II



Lifting Patients in Poor Villages Dr Lau Hon-kit James



Patient Fang was able to walk with crutches after surgeries



Patient Fang crawling before surgery

My heart was deeply saddened when I first saw Xiao Fang. She was crawling in her bed using her arms, dragging her paralyzed legs behind her. She looked like a lame dog. However, Xiao Fang was actually a sweet 9-year-old girl from a farming community. Normal at birth, at age four she became infected with poliomyelitis. This led to weakness and deformities of both lower limbs, and Xiao Fang lost her ability to stand or walk. Despite her disability, she always had a smiling face. I decided to try my best to treat her; I wanted to make her walk again.

More than eight years have passed since I met Xiao Fang. In that time I have encountered many more patients from rural areas in China who were limited to crawling due to paralysis caused by various diseases. I feel particularly sad for these patients. In addition to being disabled, some seemed to have lost their human dignity. Crawling is a humiliating way to ambulate. We are in a modern era of medical development, and we should be able to provide better solutions for these people.

In the United States I founded a Christian non-profit organization called HIS Foundation. This is modelled after a similar organisation in Hong Kong, and the two organisations work closely together. One of our goals is to send short-term medical teams to China to provide free quality medical care for indigent patients. Over the years, hundreds of medical volunteers have been sent and thousands of patients treated.

Serving in short-term medical missions can be challenging. Typically, the working hours are long, the workloads heavy, and the

environment uncomfortable. Moreover, volunteers must overcome language and cultural barriers. Our medical volunteers come from different parts of the world, and they have to pay for all their expenses. Despite these obstacles, many volunteers return to serve again and again.

What brings us back? As medical professionals, we receive many blessings in many ways, and serving in a medical mission is one of the simplest and most direct means to share our blessings with those in need. To see our patients improved after treatment brings great joy and satisfaction. As Christian workers, we are ambassadors of Christ who deliver God's blessings to the poor and the sick.

If we treat medicine as a job, it is not much different from many other professions. However, if we consider it a calling, then it is immeasurably more meaningful because medical professionals are in a unique position to offer help to many in need.

Xiao Fang had three surgeries to correct her contracted hip joint and deformed feet. She comes back almost every year to visit me. Now she is able to walk quite fast with a pair of crutches using the swing-through gait. She still wears a lovely smile on her face. I know that we have made positive changes in her life forever.

Written by Dr Lau Hon-kit James (MBBS 1979)

Dr Lau is an orthopaedic surgeon with his practice in the United States. He is a medical volunteer of a Christian non-profit organization, HIS Foundation.



Fighting for Children's Right Dr Chow Chun-bong

“Children’s rights are not just about education and nutrition. They also have the right to play.” said Dr Chow Chun-bong on newspaper as Chairman of the Hong Kong Committee on Children’s Right (HKCCR).

About children’s right

Being a paediatrician for 30 years with active engagement in charity organisations for child advocacy, Dr Chow said his parenting style is similar to the majority. “I was doing and giving what I thought best for my two daughters, and later they told me the times they spent in playground were the happiest. It reflected to me children should be given the right to play.”

When Dr Chow helped found the HKCCR 10 years ago and chaired for 4 years, he believed children’s right should not be treated as their welfare but entitlement. “It became clear to me that the health of children is not just related to physical, mental and psychological wellbeing. “Development to full potential” is the fourth element. It is closely related to proper education. Many parents in Hong Kong wish to fit all the courses they think are good to their children. Children are not given a right to choose.”

Situation in Hong Kong

“But parents these days face many challenges. Demand from children their increases and most would prefer playing TV or computer games than swimming or cycling. Parents even use Internet or electronic devices as rewards for getting their children to do homework or take baths. Our society have more single child families and they have less opportunity to play with a partner. It is not hard to conclude why children are more addicted to computers and TV.”

Poverty is well recognised to have adverse effects on children’s development. Hong Kong is free of malnutrition or the lack of medicine, but not every child has the right that he / she is entitled to. It is serious in a sense that it hinders the poor children to develop their full potentials.

“Sham Shui Po is one of the poorest districts in Hong Kong. Children from these families may be surrounded by drug addicts



and prostitutes. It is not easy for them to build up a set of good values.”

Development of HKCCR

“The most notable addition to HKCCR’s development is our Comprehensive Child Development Services. It is a multidisciplinary programme for drug-addict mothers and babies. With the synergy of paediatricians, psychiatrists and social workers, we hope to offer quality and all-round assistance to them.”

“A 19-year-old girl came to see me recently after giving birth. Unfortunately, she has a drug habit. As a paediatrician, I keep encouraging her that she is now the mother of a newborn baby and she has the responsibility of kicking her habit. She needs a doctor to take care of her health, but she also needs someone to support her mentally. The more mothers I am able to help, the more children benefit.”

Children represent future hope

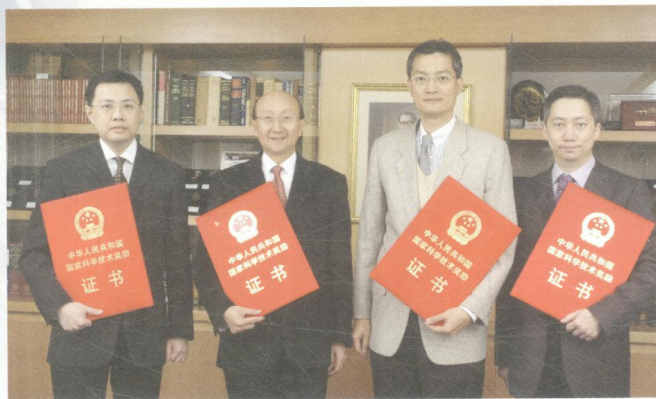
Children’s issue is not always a concern of our society. Many people understand children are our future leaders and future hopes, but Dr Chow believes we should develop better childcare and welfare in a broader sense and with a preventive approach. “To the government, it is costly to implement preventive programmes. And it would not be an easy task to appeal for financial support. People tend to use money to solve a problem. In most circumstances, this is much more costly.”

Dr Chow Chun-bong (MBBS 1974) is the chairman of the Hong Kong Committee on Children’s Rights. He is a Consultant Paediatrician at the Princess Margaret Hospital.

Interview with Liver Transplant Team

The team won a first-class award in the 2005 State Scientific and Technological Progress Awards.

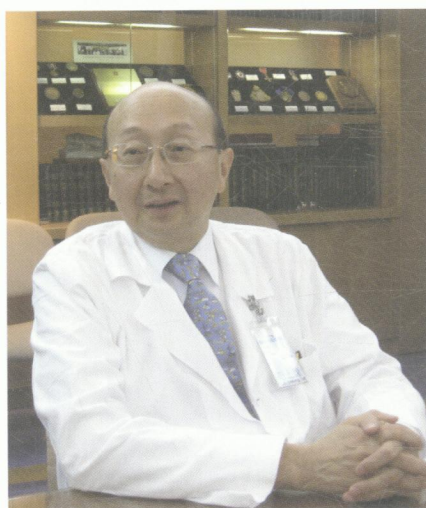
The winning project "Adult-to-adult Right Lobe Live Donor Liver Transplantation" was carried out by Professor Fan Sheung-tat, Professor Lo Chung-mau, Dr Liu Chi-leung and Dr Chan See-ching.



Illuminating Patients' Hope

Professor Fan Sheung-tat (MBBS 1976) is the Sun Chieh Yeh Chair Professor in Hepatobiliary Surgery. He has been selected as Academician of the Chinese Academy of Engineering of China in 2005.

Even after a packed business trip to Malaysia plus an overnight surgery started since 3 a.m., Professor Fan wore a peaceful smile as usual. "I also wish not to pack my schedule but my work saves life and I cannot spare my responsibility."



Professor Fan Sheung-tat

Led by Professor Fan, the team advocated to adopt the first right-lobe live-donor liver transplantation (LDLT) in 1996. It was considered a world breakthrough. Liver transplantations have been recognised as the most effective treatment for patients with terminal liver diseases but its application is limited by the low organ donation rate in Hong Kong.

The other possible source is from live-donor. This application in adult recipients was limited because it was thought that only the smaller left-lobe can be donated. "We faced limitation with the traditional left-lobe graft, as the part was generally too small for most adult patients. We took a risky step trying to use the larger right-lobe to overcome the problem of size limitation."

There were skepticisms among western doctors who felt this was more risky than the usual left-lobe transplantation, but it has been widely adopted around the world today. In Hong Kong, about 70% of liver transplants require a right-lobe and there are more than 200 right-lobe LDLTs have been successfully performed in the University.

Forge the finest

There were increasing patients suffered from liver failure and cancer in 80s, but only a few specialists in this field. Professor Fan started

to work intensively in liver surgery from 1984. Mentor of Professor Fan, Professor G.B. Ong, was one of a few surgeons who worked on liver surgery those days.

He started to practice liver transplants on pigs after his return from case studies in U.S. in 1990. When he was confident that his pigs survived and could walk after surgery, Professor Fan transferred his pioneering technique from laboratory to the operating theatre. Of two cases carried out in 1991, one succeeded and one failed. The latter one spurred the team to improve their technique and only one record in the year after. From

1993, the liver transplant team formally started its operation.

Over the years, the group has refined surgical technique to minimise surgery related blood loss, shorten the time of operations and the length of the patient's stay in the intensive care unit.

"Every liver is hard to come by and our team must do the best to ensure success, whether it is a cadaveric liver or organ donated from live-donor. My O.T. is generally quiet with no music, radio or joke. Surgery requires high level of concentration and we have to keep our highest professionalism and respect."

To keep abreast with changes

Professor Fan was granted the Doctor of Science degree last year. He thinks everyone should be a lifelong learner. Not coming from wealthy family, he believed acquiring knowledge is the only way to extricate from poverty. "I picked medical profession at the beginning as I wished my career can provide my family a better living condition. "As time went by, the life-saving mission started to get rooted in his heart.

"A specialist can be praised as very specialised, but beside our

specialty and medicine, I think our exposure is limited. I learn to explore by listening to the need of my patients and their family, and I find this is indeed a good form of treatment of my patients' ailment. Sometimes even their lengthy stories bring me new insight."

Empower the team

Heading both the liver transplant and liver surgery teams in Queen Mary Hospital, he believes the synergy through sharing of knowledge. "Leaders should be someone with vision and management skills in general. Training new doctors definitely takes more time and energy but it cannot be skipped. I wish the new

generation can inherit my skills and do even better than me, so I can refine my busy life," he smiled and continued, "but I look too young to retire in our profession."

Professor Fan works days and nights in O.T., but he never regrets his decision. "I may not earn as much as a businessman and I would not say money is of nothing importance. We need resource to conduct better research and hunt for better medical care."

"I see love and dedication everyday. Money is not the reward we are looking for. Lives we save are priceless."

In hardship we learn to treasure

Professor Lo Chung-mau (MBBS 1985) is the Chin Lan-Hong Professor in Hepatobiliary and Pancreatic Surgery and a senior member of the liver transplant team.

"Our recent liver transplant survival rate is 95% while the overall figure since 1996 is 85%. Both are among the best in the world. A successful surgery can save a life, and it also brings great satisfaction to the team." Professor Lo shared his 20-year work as a surgeon after his graduation in 1985 with Gold Medal in our Medical Faculty.



Professor Lo Chung-mau

Liver surgery is considered as one of the most complex operation, yet Professor Lo considers as the best to refine a surgeon's skill. "In most cases, the patient would not survive without a transplant and it would be the only way out. Whether a patient is able to undergo a surgery, it depends on two judging factors – timing of donation and luck"

Low donation rate in Hong Kong

"Organ-donation rate in Hong Kong is too low when compared with other developed countries: 3 per million population per year in Hong Kong as compared with 20 per million in United States, and 33 per million in Spain which has the highest rate."

In Queen Mary Hospital, the team conducts around 20 cadaveric liver transplants annually. The majority of the 50 live-donor transplants are from close relatives. Half of the patients on the waiting list finally die before a suitable liver graft is available.

Although live-donor transplant helps, Professor Lo thought donation from brain death patients would be a better solution. "It is more difficult to get a portion of liver from a live-donor. We have to be very careful to do no harm to the live-donors as we have to

be responsible to both my patient and the donor."

Over the years, patient's operative mortality has been greatly reduced. Of 220 patients who have received right-lobe LDLT in Queen Mary Hospital, 12 have died. But no post-operative hospital death has been recorded in the most recent 110 cases.

A place full of love and sorrow

Recently a 30-month-old Filipino boy who appealed for donation for a liver transplant was widely reported on newspaper. The life-saving operation was done by the liver

transplant team in early March.

"Transplantation was the only option for this fragile boy. We came across a few technical difficulties during the surgery. Surgeons did a good job, and so did his mother. I remembered the last word she said before she went to sleep on the operating table – Surgeon, take care of my boy." Surgeons are always perceived as calm and dispassionate, but Professor Lo's saying demonstrated his workplace is full of love and sorrow.

My daughter and I

"I scheduled to dine with my daughter last night but I was only able to step out from O.T. at 9 p.m. after a 12-hour operation. I called her immediately and she told me she had already finished her dinner. I remember a few years ago, my little girl always hoped I can spare my time to play table tennis with her, but now she has grown up, and doesn't need my company. No one has the privilege to chase back the time passed, and I am not an exception."

For better patient care and management, a doctor has to sacrifice a lot of his time and care with the family to his patients. The life a doctor saves embodies the devotion of his whole family.

Speech by Mr Anthony WU Chairman of the Hospital Authority

Graduation Ceremony 2005

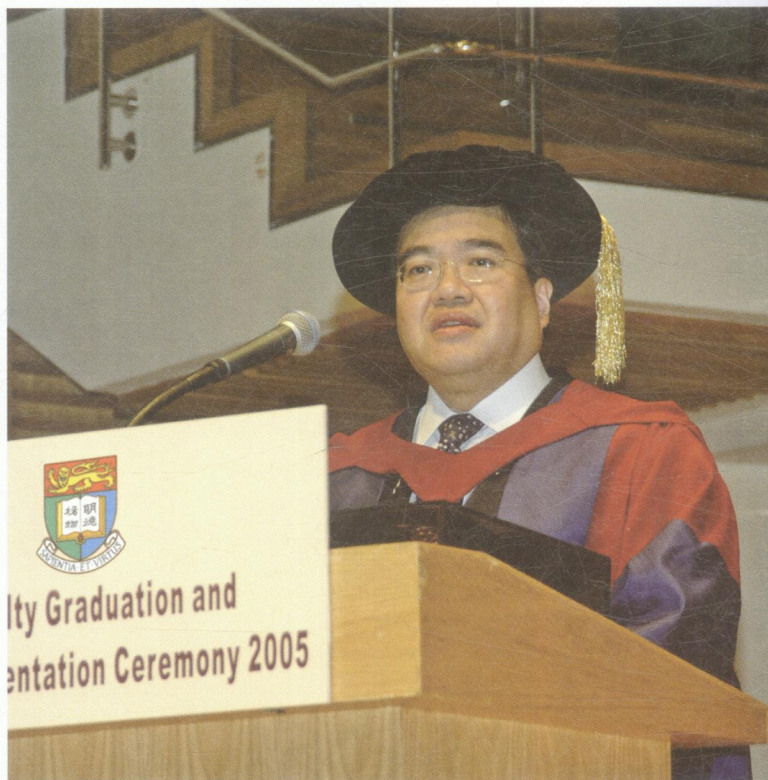
Hong Kong Cultural Centre, November 30, 2005

Mr Vice Chancellor, distinguished guests, teachers and students, ladies and gentlemen,

It is a great pleasure for me to have been invited to participate in this graduation and prize presentation ceremony. Today is a very special day for you – our graduates. We are all gathered here to join in your graduation ceremony, and to celebrate your achievement and a new beginning.

Five years ago, in the millennium year, you entered this University to start your journey of learning in medicine. Today, after five years, as I look at your smiling faces, I am confident that you have succeeded in this journey in one way or another and equipped yourselves as high calibre healthcare professionals, ready to take care of the sick in our society. Here, I would like to extend my heartiest congratulations to all of you.

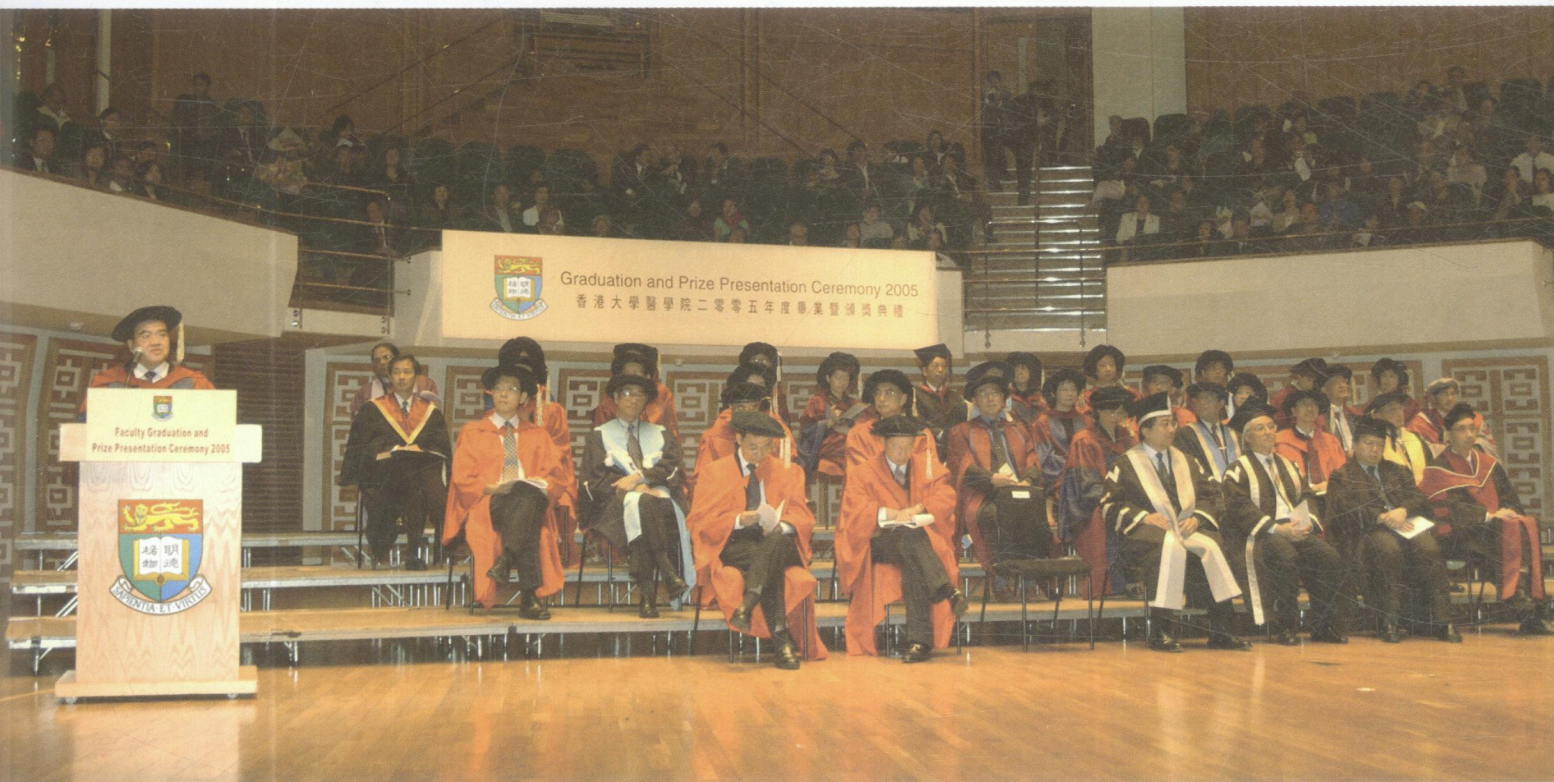
Graduation ceremony is sometimes called commencement ceremony, meaning that you are about to enter a new phase in your life and begin a new relationship with your teachers,



patients and the community. It signifies the final stage of your pre-physicianhood and the beginning of your role as physicians entrusted with the responsibility for human lives in this exciting era of medical advances.

While joining your teachers and families to celebrate your achievements and new beginning today, I would like to remind you that one does not stop being a medical student at the end of medical school. Studenthood is a lifelong process. This is particularly true for a medical student practising in this age of amazing technological discoveries. The gradual mapping out of the human genome, recent advances in genetic engineering and the application of information technology to medical treatment have already revolutionised the ways we deliver our health services, and will continue to do so in a much faster pace in the years ahead. As healthcare professionals in this knowledge-based era, you will need to upgrade your medical knowledge and clinical skills continuously in order to add value to your service.





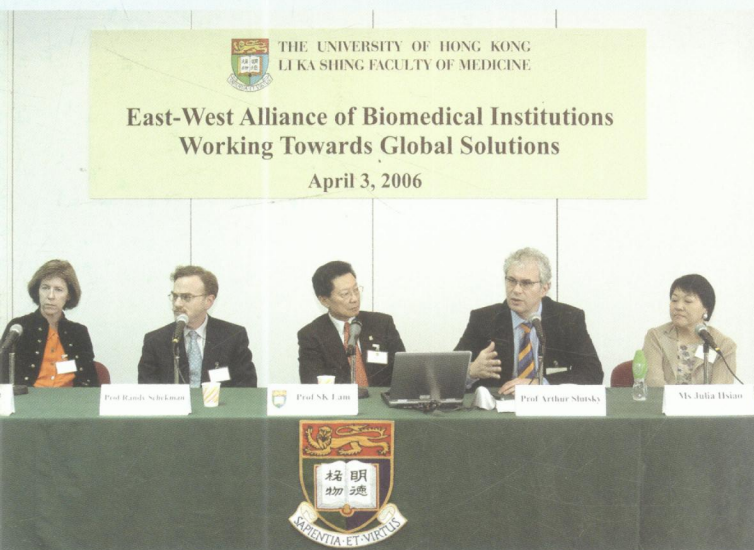
Just keeping abreast with up-to-date medical knowledge would not make you a good physician. A good physician needs to live with ethical intensity, respecting patients, treating them justly and responding to their needs with kindness. The medical profession is one of those few professions, which give its practitioners the opportunity to take care of people and bring hopes to them every day. As you go about your work in future, please remember to keep things in perspective, maintain a sense of pride and preserves hope regardless of the difficulties encountered.

As you know, our current healthcare system is not without problems. Service improvements in recent years have boosted the demand for public healthcare services, creating greater imbalance in the public and private healthcare sectors. The financial pressure on our system is aggravated by stringent budgetary constraints, escalating community expectations, the ageing population and increases in medical technology cost. Without doubt, we are on the verge of a major healthcare financing reform, which would have impact on every aspect of your work as a healthcare professional.

So, graduates of 2005, you are bound to encounter greater challenges in moving on to pursuing your career in the larger community. The diploma or certificate you are going to receive today is only a tool to equip you to face these challenges. You will need to combine your talent and passion developed at this Faculty with creativity, compassion and sensitivity to make your future career successful and rewarding. I encourage you to continue lifelong learning, embrace discovery, adhere to the highest ethical principle, and use your talents as a physician to bring hope to patients each day of your life.

You are a privileged group because you have had the advantage of receiving a good medical education that prepares you for opportunities in the public and private healthcare sectors. Our society looks to you for developing Hong Kong into a better and healthier place to live. I am confident that you will want to, and will be able to, give something back to the society that has nurtured you. I wish you every success in your future endeavours.

Initiating International Network: East-West Alliance of Biomedical Institutions



Open Forum of "East-West Alliance of Biomedical Institutions - Working Towards Global Solutions"

The first planning meeting for an international network of Asian and Western medical research faculties initiated by HKU Li Ka Shing Faculty of Medicine to tackle the health threats posed by graying populations and global pandemics was held in Hong Kong on April 2-3, 2006.

The meeting was to develop plans for a ground-breaking international conference on biomedical sciences at the University early next year which is expected to capture the attention of the world's scientific and medical communities.

The Alliance aims to develop high-impact research and educational projects. The initial focus of the collaborating faculties will be to develop a global network which can meet the challenges of aging populations and emerging infections that threaten world health. Four key areas of strategic partnership were identified at the first planning meeting:

1. Cancer and stem cell
2. Infection and immunology
3. Aging and imaging
4. Knowledge transfer and translation



Professor Patrick Sissons
University of Cambridge



Professor Fiona Watt
University of Cambridge



Professor Arthur Slutsky
University of Toronto



Professor SK Lam
HKU Li Ka Shing Faculty of Medicine



Professor Randy Schekman
University of California, Berkeley



Major members of the East-West Alliance are four renowned research-led universities: University of California, Berkeley, University of Cambridge, University of Toronto and The University of Hong Kong - have all been supported by the Li Ka Shing Foundation. They reckoned that this common factor and relationship have created for them a new platform for inter-exchange.

Others members of the planning meeting included Stanford University, Insitut Pasteur, University of Manitoba, Shantou University and the Chinese University of Hong Kong.

Dean of HKU Li Ka Shing Faculty of Medicine Professor SK Lam said, "The formation of an international alliance committed to finding solutions for some of the most pressing challenges for the health of people around the world will transcend geographical and cultural barriers. Graying societies and the international spread of disease as demonstrated by SARS and the threat of avian flu requires a collaborative and large-scale commitment of resources, drawing on the finest minds and first-rate research from some of the world's leading medical faculties. These global threats require an internationally coordinated response which the University and Hong Kong at the crossroads of the East and West are uniquely positioned to knit together."

The Alliance will facilitate its first scientific conference on biomedical sciences in April 2007 which will be an important celebratory event of the Faculty's 120th anniversary. It is expected to capture the attention of the world's scientific and medical communities with an aim at tackling the health threats posed by aging populations and global pandemics.



Visit at HKU Genome Research Centre

Achieving Excellence through Multi-disciplinary Research Frontiers in Biomedical Research, HKU 2005

The 4th Faculty Research Symposium entitled Frontiers in Biomedical Research, HKU 2005 was successfully held on December 2, 2005. Since the first Symposium in 2002, Frontiers in Biomedical Research has become the annual flagship event of the Faculty. The Symposium in 2005 attracted over 1,000 participants.

The focus of the Symposium is on cutting edge research in the science frontiers. The programme was organized along

the five strategic research themes of the Faculty, i.e. Cancer, Healthy Aging, Infection and Immunology, Public Health, and Reproduction and Development.

Apart from 30 local speakers, 15 experts in the relevant fields of research came all the way from Canada, France, UK, USA and Mainland China to share with us their insights and expertise. Most of them had also visited the relevant Research Centres and Departments to establish or strengthen collaborative research.



Li Shu Pui Professorship in Surgery

The Li Shu Pui Endowed Professorship in Surgery is established in memory of our senior graduate Dr Li Shu Pui (李樹培). It has been established by son of Dr Li, Dr Walton Wai-tat Li (李維達), and a group of 12 doctors who are with a close professional association with Dr Li. The Endowed Professorship is in his name as to commemorate his legacy in perpetuity.

The dedication ceremony was held on December 20, 2005 at the Fan Pui Garden. Following the welcoming speech by Dean of Medicine Professor SK Lam (林兆鑫), Dr Li's consultant physician Professor Richard Yu (余宇康), sister-in-law Dr Marion Goh Tsao (曹吳美齡) and daughter Mrs Maxine Li Kwok gave their speech. Vice-Chancellor Professor Lap-Chee Tsui (徐立之) presented appreciation certificate to Dr Walton Li and 12 doctors included Dr Chor-Man Chan (陳楚文), Dr Gladys Goh Lo (羅吳美英), Dr Marion Goh Tsao, Dr Wai-Mo Hui (許偉武), Dr Kin-Ming Lai (黎建明), Dr Richard Lo (羅光彥), Dr Yen-Chow Tsao (曹延洲),

Dr Tak-Fu Tse (謝德富), Dr Stephen Wu (胡永祥), Dr Donald Yu (余宇超), Professor Richard Yu and Professor Kwok-Yung Yuen (袁國勇).



United our spirit – Standard Chartered Hong Kong Marathon HKU Marathon Team Won the Top Prize

More than 1,100 HKU alumni, students, staff and friends, together with Vice-Chancellor Professor Lap-Chee Tsui (徐立之), joined the race on February 12, 2006. Over 150 medical alumni, students and staff participated in HKU Marathon Team.

The team spirit of the HKU Family was fully demonstrated. Runners were well-trained before the race by special training sessions provided by the University. Supported by a team of over 100 students and alumni, the HKU Marathon team won the top prize of the Most Supportive Group Award!



12th Hong Kong International Cancer Congress & 2nd Annual Meeting of Centre for Cancer Research

The 12th Hong Kong International Cancer Congress was held in conjunction with the 2nd Annual Meeting of the Centre for Cancer Research on December 8 – 10, 2005 at Cheung Kung Hai Conference Centre. Over 700 participants from more than 10 countries joined the Meeting.

Twenty-eight medical and psychosocial oncology sessions took place during the 2-day program. The presentations covered topics on surgical oncology, advances in radiotherapy, bone marrow transplantation, clinical oncology, basic research, molecular imaging, provision of cancer care, palliative care, bereavement care programs, and improving quality of life for cancer patients, etc.



Professor York Chow (周一嶽), Secretary for Health, Welfare & Food, was the Officiating Guest at the Opening Ceremony. Immediately following the Opening, Professor Edison Liu, Executive Director of Genome Institute of Singapore, delivered the HKICC Lecture entitled "Mechanism-based Biomarker Discovery".

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First International Spinal Cord Injury Treatments and Trials Symposium

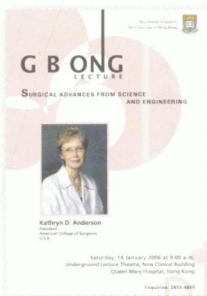
The First International Spinal Cord Injury Treatments and Trials (ISCITT) Symposium was held, under the auspices of the HKU Spinal Cord Injury Fund (HKU-SCI Fund), from December 17 to 20, 2005. The Symposium was attended by 300 leading spinal cord injury (SCI) clinicians and scientists around the world. During the opening ceremony, Dr Liao Xinbo, the Deputy Director General of Department of Health of Guangdong Province, kindly delivered a welcome address to the participants of the Symposium.

The Symposium was the first-of-its-kind in the region and

marked the beginning of a new era in spinal cord injury research. It brought together China and global clinicians and scientists to establish a firm platform for future collaboration in SCI research. In particular, some of the research has never been published before.

Following the Symposium, a Gala Dinner was held at the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine on December 19, 2005. The dinner was successful with overwhelming responses. With participation from over 250 patrons and guests, it resulted in a benefit of HK\$2.1 millions to the Fund.

Hong Kong Surgical Forum, Winter 2006



The Winter surgical forum organized by Department of Surgery in association with Hong Kong chapter of American College of Surgeons was held on January 13-14, 2006. Overseas speakers from China, Taiwan, Japan and USA and local faculty members spoke on various aspects of surgical management, education, innovations and research. Highlight of the forum was the G.B. Ong lecture given by Professor Kathryn Anderson, President of American College of Surgeons on 'Surgical advances from science and engineering'.



Croucher Foundation Sponsored Advanced Study Institute on "Epstein Barr Virus and Nasopharyngeal Carcinoma"



This event organized by the Department of Anatomy was successfully held on January 23 – 27, 2005. Nasopharyngeal carcinoma is most common among Cantonese-speaking ethnic Chinese living in Hong Kong and southern China and Epstein Barr virus infection is considered a major etiological factor. This Advanced Study Institute has brought around international, regional and local researchers in Epstein Barr Virus and nasopharyngeal carcinoma together to discuss major advances and research development.

Eight expert researchers on nasopharyngeal carcinoma from mainland China and Taiwan were also invited to participate in this Advanced Study Institute. Local participants including both clinical and basic science researchers in Epstein Barr virus and nasopharyngeal carcinoma have also attended. The Advanced Study Institute has fostered close collaborative research efforts among the international, regional and local researchers to work together to unravel the pathogenic mechanism of nasopharyngeal carcinoma and develop novel and effective treatment strategies to this disease.



Alumni Soccer Match 2006

1990s MBBS Graduates won the Match

The first Medical Alumni Soccer Match took place at HKU Stanley Ho Sports Centre on March 4, 2006. The Kick-off Ceremony was officiated by Professor Lap-Chee Tsui, Vice Chancellor, Professor SK Lam, Dean of Medicine, and Professor Kin-Hung Lee, President of HKUMAA. Four teams were formed from over 60 alumni and members of staff, and the President's Cup was ultimately won by Team B, which composed by alumni from the MBBS classes of 1990 to 1992. The second prize went to the team of Faculty and Queen Mary Hospital staff, and the student team came third.



RESULTS

- Champion: Alumni B Team
(graduates from MBBS classes 1990 to 1992)
- 1st Runner-up : Staff Team
- 2nd Runner-up : Student Team
- 3rd Runner-up : Alumni A Team
(graduates from MBBS 1970s to 2000s)

Gathering with Medic Class Representatives HKUMAA Spring Dinner 2006

To celebrate the Year of Dog, the HKUMAA organized two Spring Dinner nights at Alumni Chamber on February 22 and 24, 2006. There were over 80 class representatives and medical students participated. Dean of Medicine Professor SK Lam gave a brief presentation to showcase the development and future plan of the Faculty. During the dinner, alumni shared the experience they learnt from holding student activities in the past with the present officers of the Medical Society, AMSA and students. Their kind words of wisdom made the occasion all the more meaningful.

The HKUMAA would like to extend special thanks to the class representatives for their participation and look forward to closer ties with all the classes in the future.



In Memoriam

Sir Albert Rodrigues (MBBS 1935)

We mourn with deep sorrow the passing of Sir Albert, distinguished alumnus and head of the University family of the longest standing, on February 5, 2006.

Sir Albert was one of the pre-war medic graduates of the University of Hong Kong. Graduating as MBBS in 1935 with Chan Kai Ming Prize Winner and establishing his practice as specialist in Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Sir Albert went on to become medical officer of the Hong Kong Volunteer Defense Corps during Wartime. Resuming his practice after war, he rose to be Medical Superintendent of St Paul's Hospital. As a medical professional, Sir Albert took a prominent role in local politics and society. He served for decades on the Urban Council of the Hong Kong Government in the 1940s, the Legislative Council from 1954 onwards, and the Executive Council from 1960 onwards, until he retired from both in 1974.

He proceeded to concentrate on serving and leading the University. He was our Life Court Member, and had been taking the role as the Council Chairman from 1967 to 1985, and the longest serving Pro-Chancellor from 1968 to 1994.

We offer our deepest condolences, and we shall always remember Sir Albert, a gifted and generous man, and a close friend to the University. His distinguished services as a leader in the University will always be in our heart.

Dr Peter Choy 蔡惠鋐 (MBBS 1952)

And his involvement in the University continued after his graduation. As well as building a reputation as a distinguished practitioner, Dr Choy had also been a keen supporter of alumni activities and was a key convenor of alumni gatherings. In 2002, he organised the MBBS Class 1952 Reunion at which classmates from all over the world gathered to celebrate their 50th anniversary.

Dr Stephen Leung 梁泳釗 (MBBS 1957)

Dr Stephen Leung peacefully passed away on December 21, 2005 at the age of 78.

Dr Leung was an experienced specialist in paediatrics and a highly respected member of the medical profession. In 1987, he was elected Honorary Life Member of the Hong Kong Paediatric Society and since 1994 had been Vice-Patron of the Federation of Medical Societies of Hong Kong.

For 45 years, Dr Leung devoted himself to the care of children. He never officially retired and chose to continue treating his patients till his final days.

Reunion - Alumni from Malaysia



Alumni's Achievement

Professor Leung Nai-kong (梁乃江), MBBS 1966, was appointed as the Council Chairman of The Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts.

Professor Sung Jao-yiu (沈祖堯), MBBS 1983, has been awarded the Cheung Kong Scholars 2005 by the Li Ka-shing Foundation.

Dr Tse Tsz-wah (謝梓華), MBBS 1995, was elected as President of Médecins Sans Frontières Hong Kong.

Call for Submission

Medical Family

With over 120 years of history, there are many medical alumni who have their successive generations study at the Medical Faculty. We wish to appeal for your support to bring the tale of these families to our Medical Faculty News.

If you are in a "medical family", please contribute us a short introduction with the names, year of graduation and photos. You can also refer us to your fellow alumni with two or three generations of the Medical Faculty.

Email: medfac@hku.hk.

Mail: Editorial Assistant, Medical Faculty News, 6/F William MW Mong Block, 21 Sassoon Road, Pokfulam, Hong Kong.

"Memory Collection": 120th Anniversary of the Faculty

The Faculty will celebrate its 120th birthday in 2007 and will publish a historical book to record our collective memory. If you have any old photos, publications or souvenirs, we are calling for your contributions. As a token of thanks, you will be granted a special 120th Anniversary souvenir.

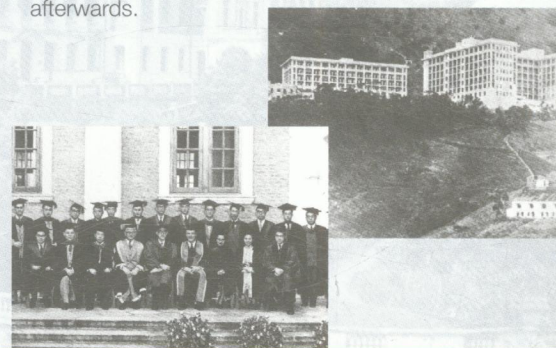
Photos: University buildings, Teachers and students, School life, Events, Class Reunions...

Publications and feature articles: Departmental publications, Programme books of important events, Elixir and Caduceus, Memorial issues, News clippings

Souvenir: Corporate gifts, Stationery, T-shirts, jackets, ties ...

And anything with historical values...

Please contact HKU Medical Alumni Association at (Tel) 2819 2851, (E-mail) at medfac@hku.hk. You can also mail the original copies to 6/F William MW Mong Block, 21 Sassoon Road, Pokfulam, Hong Kong. Materials will be returned afterwards.



Student Column

Anti-smoking Campaign by Medical Students Parade on bike

Every generation of medical students must be very familiar with the term 'space occupying lesion'. Humorous it may be, a medical student's role seems to be 'unconstructive' by such a jokingly misnomer.

In the afternoon of February 5 this year, we paraded on bike from Shatin to Tai Po in support of legislation banning smoking in all public areas. Cyclists geared up with sharp red wrist bands, and bicycles decorated with vividly designed posters could be seen on the 20-kilometer cycling track along Tolo Harbour. We chanted slogans and echoes from the passer-bys were not infrequent. We grasped every opportunity to talk to the public, including smokers. Much to our delight, this ground-breaking activity received wide coverage from 8 local newspapers and 1 TV station. Our hard work finally paid off.



In retrospect, from police application to material preparation, to press invitation, all the administrative chores were completed in two weeks' time. When this innovative idea was first brought forward, we were worried about its feasibility as none of us had any prior experience. Nonetheless, inexperience is in fact a hurdle which can be overcome. Teamwork is definitely the key. On the other hand, it made us plan more carefully and comprehensively, especially in legal and safety aspects.

The most rewarding part of this activity was perhaps not the sense of gratification but, instead happy to see ourselves doing something good with a real impact in society. Space occupying lesion...Oh well, let it be a funny joke.

A Joint-country Anti-tobacco Alliance The 27th Asian Medical Students' Conference Hong Kong

The Asian Medical Students' Conference, the largest conference for medical students in Asia, is already in its 27th running. More fondly known as the AMSC, this annual convention is held by the Asian Medical Students' Association. It provides the opportunity for more than 400 medical students from all over Asia and Oceania to gather and explore the different aspects of a concurrent global medical issue, in hope of arousing international awareness and facilitating exchange of ideas and opinions on the issue. The AMSC is also an excellent opportunity for promoting cultural exchange, not to mention cultivating international friendships. Over the years, participation in the AMSC has been an invaluable experience for many medical students, and it has benefited them greatly in terms of personal growth and international exposure.

This summer, Hong Kong has the honor of hosting the AMSC again after 10 years! A joint effort by medical students from both the University of Hong Kong and the Chinese University of Hong Kong, the theme of the AMSC 06 is "Tobacco— Its Burden on Health and Society", in which the growing global tobacco problem will be discussed. The Conference will include academic activities to equip delegates with the knowledge of the worldwide tobacco problem, such as the academic paper and booth competition,



health care unit visits and keynote lectures; also cultural exchange opportunities, such as the cultural night and the cultural bazaar; and finally a community service project — delegates will go onto the streets to put anti-tobacco into action. Another highlight of the Conference is the Asian Medical Students' Anti-Tobacco Declaration, which will be signed by all delegates during the AMSC to encourage participants to continuously support anti-tobacco and bring the message of anti-tobacco into their communities.

The AMSC 06 will take place from July 23 - 30, 2006. We definitely need your support in this meaningful event; help us make an impact! For more information, please visit <http://www.amsc06.org>



Awards

Dr Ni Guoxin (倪國新), PhD candidate of Orthopaedics and Traumatology (supervisors - Dr W W Lu and PKY Chiu), has been awarded the Endeavour Australia Cheung Kong Awards 2006 organized by the Australian Government.

This award is presented to a candidate with a research proposal which will benefit the further development of the social and economic environment of Asia and Australia.

Dr Ni Guoxin (倪國新), **Mr Chan Yee Loy** (陳以來), **Mr Li Zhaoyang** (李朝陽), and **Mr Lam Raymond** (林榮滿), a research team from Biomaterial Lab in the Department of Orthopaedics and Traumatology, has been awarded the Second-Prize Award from the 9th National Challenge Cup Competition held in Fudan University.

Congratulations

The following academics have been appointed as Assistant Dean (External Affairs & Fund Raising):

Dr RTF Cheung (張德輝), Associate Professor (Senior Lecturer) of Department of Medicine

Dr PL Khong (孔碧蘭), Associate Professor (Senior Lecturer) of Department of Diagnostic Radiology

Dr JKF Ng (吳國夫), Associate Professor (Senior Lecturer) of Department of Anaesthesiology

Dr HF Tse (謝鴻發), Associate Professor of Department of Medicine

Prof DTM Chan (陳德茂) has been promoted to Personal Professor of Department of Medicine.

Prof YL Kwong (鄺沃林) has been promoted to Personal Professor of Department of Medicine.

Dr Annie Cheung (張雅賢) has been promoted to Professor of Department of Pathology.

Dr BCY Wong (王振宇) has been promoted to Professor of Department of Medicine.

Dr WSB Yeung (楊樹標) has been promoted to Professor of Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology.

Dr KMC Cheung (張文智) has been promoted to Associate Professor (Senior Lecturer) of Department of Orthopaedics and Traumatology.

Dr RTF Cheung (張德輝) has been promoted to Associate Professor (Senior Lecturer) of Department of Medicine.

Dr Z Zhou (周中軍) has been promoted to Associate Professor of Department of Biochemistry.

Dr RCC Chang (鄭傳忠) has been promoted to Assistant Professor of Department of Anatomy.

Dr ST Cheung (張兆恬) has been promoted to Assistant Professor of Department of Surgery

Dr DSY Ho (何世賢) has been promoted to Assistant Professor of Department of Community Medicine.

Dr RYT Kao (高一村) has been promoted to Assistant Professor of Department of Microbiology.

Congratulations

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Hello



Dr Joyce Chai (柴逸蘭) joined the Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology as Assistant Professor in January 2006. Graduated from University of Otago, New Zealand in 2002, she returned to her homeland Hong Kong in 2005. She always has a special interest in Obstetrics and Gynaecology and feels honored to have the opportunity to start her career development at Queen Mary Hospital.



Dr Y Hu (胡勇) joined the Department of Orthopaedics and Traumatology as a Research Assistant Professor in September 2005. Dr Hu received his B.Sc. (Eng) and Ms(Eng) degrees in Biomedical Engineering from Tianjin University in 1985 and 1988, his PhD degree in clinical electrophysiology from the University of Hong Kong in 2000, respectively. Afterward, he pursued his postdoctoral researches in Department of Orthopaedics and Traumatology. His major research interests include clinical electrophysiology, neural engineering, medical electronics and biomedical signal processing.



Dr JCC So (蘇志釗), joined the Department of Pathology as Associate Professor in November 2005. Completed his undergraduate medical training in Hong Kong, he has been practising as a diagnostic haematopathologist for the past 10 years. During that time he developed a broad interest in various fields of haematology, including haematological oncology, thalassaemia / haemoglobinopathy and blood banking. He hopes he can further pursue his special interests in lymphoid malignancy and thalassaemia at a greater depth in the Department of Pathology.

Retired

Dr IC Bruce (白青龍), Associate Professor, Department of Physiology

Goodbye

Professor JST Sham (岑信棠), Head, Department of Clinical Oncology

Professor KWT Tsang (曾華德), Professor, Department of Medicine

Dr WH Chen (陳偉康), Assistant Professor, Department of Medicine

Dr WWT Lam (藍詠德), Assistant Professor, Department of Nursing Studies

Dr P Mao (毛佩苓), Research Assistant Professor, Department of Orthopaedics and Traumatology

Dr J Hunag (黃家清), Research Assistant Professor, Clinical Trial Centre

Hello



Dr MV H de Villa joined the Department of Surgery as Assistant Professor in February 2006. Born in the Philippines, she graduated from the College of Medicine, University of the Philippines in 1987. She completed residency training in general surgery at the University of Navarre, Spain and obtained a doctorate from the same institution. Thereafter she specialized in transplantation and did fellowships in kidney transplantation at the National Kidney and Transplant Institute in the Philippines, and in liver surgery and transplantation at the Kaohsiung Chang Gung Memorial Hospital in Taiwan. She presently joins our liver transplant team. Her research interests include liver regeneration and transplantation tolerance.



Dr W Yang (楊萬嶺), joined the Department of Paediatrics and Adolescent Medicine as Research Assistant Professor in January 2006. He received his PhD in Pharmacology and Bioinformatics in the University of Minnesota in 2002 and subsequently did his postdoctoral research in the Medical University of South Carolina. His research interests are on the study of susceptibility genes in complex diseases and drug responses; bioinformatics analysis on mutation and alternative splicing and differential gene expressions in cancer. He is excited on the prospect of collaborating with researchers both within and outside of the department and to apply his skills in genetics and bioinformatics to various research topics.

Dr JT Wu (胡子祺), Assistant Professor, Department of Community Medicine

Goodbye

Achievements

Liver Transplant Team of Department of Surgery has been awarded the First-class Award in the 2005 State Scientific and Technological Progress Awards. Members include **Professor ST Fan** (范上達), **Professor CM Lo** (盧寵茂), **Dr CL Liu** (廖子良) and **Dr SC Chan** (陳思正).

Professor ST Fan (范上達), Chair Professor of Department of Surgery, was elected as a member of the Chinese Academy of Engineering (中國工程院) in recognizing his contributions to the research of liver diseases and transplant.

Professor GWK Tang (鄧惠瓊), Professor of Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology has been appointed as member of the Women's Commission.

Dr KMC Cheung (張文智), Associate Professor of Department of Orthopaedics and Traumatology, has been appointed as "Executive Research Officer" for a term of 3 years for AP Spine International from December 2005. AO Spine is an international organization dedicated to teaching and research in Spinal Disorders

The Cervical Cytology Laboratory at Department of Pathology has been awarded an accreditation by the Commission on Laboratory Accreditation of the College of American Pathologists (CAP). The CAP Laboratory Accreditation Program, began in the early 60's in USA, is recognized by the US Federal government as being equal to or more stringent than its own inspection program. This stringent inspection program is designed to ensure the highest standard of care for the laboratory's patients.

A team from HKU has won the John H. Moe - Best Basic Science Poster Presentation at the 2005 Scoliosis Research Annual Meeting by the Scoliosis Research Society on October 2005. The poster entitled "Comparison of the Effect of Non-selective NSAID and Cyclooxygenase-2 (COX-2) Selective NSAID on Bone Formation - Implications for Spinal Fusion". Members include Dr Michael Irwin, Dr KMC Cheung, Dr Danny Chan, Ms Cathy Guo.

Donations

Dr WONG Kam-kee Simon (王淦基醫生), MBBS 1960	HK\$1,000,000	In support of the development of Institute of Medical and Health Science Education (IMHSE)
Francis R. Zimmern Foundation	HK\$1,000,000	In support of Professor KDK Luk's orthopaedic research
Easyknit Trading Company Ltd.	HK\$500,000	In support of the First ISCITT Symposium and the HKU Spinal Cord Injury Fund
Asia Orient Company Ltd. Vinstar Development Ltd.	HK\$300,000 HK\$300,000	In support of the spinal cord injury research in Department of Anatomy
A Spine Holding Group Corp.	HK\$115,000	In support of Bioactive Bone Cement in vitro study by Dr WW Lu
StemCyte, Inc.	US\$13,000	In support of the First ISCITT Symposium and the HKU Spinal Cord Injury Fund by Department of Anatomy
W. M. Keck Center for Collaborative Neuroscience, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey	US\$13,000	
Joseph Lau Luen Hung Charitable Foundation	HK\$100,000	
Mr Michael Lok	HK\$100,000	
China United International Administrative Services Ltd.	HK\$100,000	

Cervical Smear Taking Course 2006

Date : April 8 – June 3, 2006

Venue : Lecture Theatre, 6/F, Professorial Block, Queen Mary Hospital

Information : Ms Kathy Chang, Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology

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11th Hong Kong Medical Forum

Date : June 3 – 4, 2006

Venue : Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre

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Website: <http://www.hku.hk/medicine/hkmf/>

Pre-Hospital Trauma Life Support (PHTLS) Provider Course

Date : April 30 & May 7, 2006

June 10 & 18, 2006

Venue : Hong Kong St. John Ambulance Association, St. John Tower, MacDonnell Road, Mid-Levels, Hong Kong

Organisers : Department of Surgery, University of Hong Kong Medical Centre, Queen Mary Hospital

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Master of Public Health Summer Programme - CMED 6204 Health and Society

Date : August 20-26, 2006

Venue : Seminar Room 5, LG1 Laboratory Block, 21 Sassoon Road, Hong Kong

Instructor : Professor Ichiro Kawachi, Professor of Social Epidemiology, Harvard School of Public Health

Course Fee : HK\$6,500

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Head and Neck Course 2006: Reconstruction and Rehabilitation in Head and Neck Surgery – Microvascular Free Flaps

Date : June 1 – 2, 2006

Venue : Underground Lecture Theatre, New Clinical Building, University of Hong Kong Medical Centre, Queen Mary Hospital

Organizers : Department of Surgery, University of Hong Kong Medical Centre, Queen Mary Hospital

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5th Annual Conference of the International Society for the Prevention of Tobacco Induced Diseases

Date : November 24 – 26, 2006

Venue : Cheung Kung Hai Conference Centre, Faculty of Medicine Building

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