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probably ran the best 5K race of my life in Kuala Lumpur last month. There was a good chance of claiming something and it certainly looked on after 2K. The first two runners were so fast they were out of sight. I was almost on my own with just one runner chasing me and I thought "Well, if I just hang on ...". Unfortunately, we realised later we were on the wrong road. We turned back but the 5K race had now become a 6.2K race. I was dejected though the runner who I led into the wrong road still managed a third place in the >50 category. If only I did not get lost....!

Life is full of accidents and unexpected turns. They may appear bad initially but in the end we always gain something. For Professor Malik Peiris, a chance reading of the book on the life of Louis Pasteur, and the unexpected outbreaks of bird flu and SARS led him to become one of the most recognised microbiologists of our time. He was recently elected a Fellow of the Royal Society, an honour which the University and the whole of Hong Kong feel proud of. In this issue, readers will have the opportunity to read of Professor Peiris' stories from how he got interested in microbiology to his fellowship election, and the support he had from his colleagues and family.

Good planning prevents accidents. Mr Shane Solomon, Chief Executive of the Hospital Authority, tells us how forward planning will help to ensure an efficient and good value for money health service in Hong Kong. Definitely, 120 years of continued excellence cannot be an accident. The Medical Faculty will be celebrating her 120th anniversary next year. A detailed time-table of the various activities will be produced in due course but readers are reminded to note that an Opening Ceremony and a scientific programme, *Frontiers in Biochemical Research*, will kick off the celebration on December 7 and 8 respectively.

For me, looking back, I had thoroughly enjoyed myself. I lost a medal but who will be proud of a bronze? Rather, the wrong turn has given me the opportunity to tell a story.

Professor CS Lau  
Chief Editor

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## Developing Hong Kong into Asia's Healthcare Capital



With the coming year witnessing the Faculty's pioneering role in Hong Kong's medical education for 120 years, our rich heritage of knowledge and experience not only allows us to assume a leading position among medical schools in Asia, but more importantly, enables us to establish a renowned international standing.

Despite Hong Kong's obvious strength in medical expertise, research and infrastructure compared with other neighbouring countries or regions, Hong Kong somehow lacks behind in establishing itself as the medical service hub in the region.

A previous study by the University's business school showed that by 2015 there could be up to a million medical visitors to Hong Kong, boosting gross domestic product by \$10 billion and providing 15,000 jobs. However, number of overseas healthcare seekers coming to Hong Kong trickles, compared with the pours going to Singapore and Bangkok.

Last year close to 300,000 visitors went to Singapore for medical services, and Bumrungrad International Hospital in Bangkok served 430,000 overseas patients.

Hong Kong needs to gear up in order not to lose out on related business, such as pharmaceuticals, medical equipment, biotechnology, herbal medicine, health products, hotels and other supporting services, to its neighbours.

Yet, Hong Kong enjoys many competitive edges to become a medical hub. Healthcare seekers abroad have a lot of respect for the medical progress and breakthroughs that Hong Kong has made in research and development. They have trust in the high-quality, ethics-bound doctors we have been producing for more than a century, and they have confidence that sales and transactions here are protected by law. They feel at home because there is no barrier in language and culture, for Hong Kong is both an oriental and an international city.

What is lacking is an anchor that makes potential patients choose Hong Kong as a destination. There is little doubt that the two medical schools in Hong Kong could be turned into highly visible anchors in Asia, and help develop Hong Kong into a "healthcare city" of the region.

Of course the medical schools cannot work alone to turn Hong Kong into a haven for "medical tourists". It will need all healthcare professionals to share the vision, the community to give entrepreneurial support and the government to provide the necessary land and visas, and its blessing.

The significance of becoming a medical hub is not merely how much foreign earning it can bring us and how many jobs it can create; what really matters is the momentum generated by the market that will drive Hong Kong's medical service to a higher level of excellence in line with top international standings.

The Faculty has hitherto adhered closely to this vision. We aim to make human progress through education, research and professional development; we work to establish ourselves as a benchmark in nurturing doctors, nurses and scientists of knowledge, skills, humanity and leadership; and we target to become one of the world's top ten medical school.

This mission of turning Hong Kong into Asia's Healthcare City calls for a grand strategy based on academic strengths, professional quality, and strong alliances. Let's roll up our sleeves.

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

Professor SK Lam  
Dean



# Prestigious International Recognition for HKU Microbiologist

## Interview with New Fellow of Royal Society, Professor JSM Peiris

TISSUE CULTURE  
LABORATORY

Professor Joseph Sriyal Malik Peiris, Chair Professor in the Department of Microbiology, was elected to the Fellowship of the Royal Society for his outstanding work on human viral infections that causes respiratory diseases including SARS and avian flu, and for previous studies on antibody enhancement of viral replication.



by many distinguished scientists such as Issac Newton and Charles Darwin and is still signed in the traditional manner using a quill-pen. Professor Peiris regarded this as an experience of life time.

### All started from a book

The success of eminent scientists is never accidental. Professor Peiris started to develop his interest in research of microbiology as early as the age of 14. He

### Meaningful recognition

Despite being awarded one of the prestigious honours in the field of science, Professor Peiris felt that it was totally out of his expectation, "I was pleased but equally surprised to receive this honour. It was not only a recognition of one person but of the whole research team at The University of Hong Kong."

"Moreover, it was a recognition of science and research in Hong Kong and Asia. It showed that Hong Kong achieves excellence in Science," Professor Peiris added.

was inspired by a book on the life of Louis Pasteur, a famous French scientist and the founder of the science of Microbiology. "We were supposed to study Pasteur's book for English but I found the book extremely fascinating from a scientific point of view and was attracted by the topic of Microbiology."

To pursue his interest in Microbiology, Professor Peiris received his undergraduate medical training at the University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka and further training in virology at the University of Oxford, UK. To continue his fight against infectious diseases, Professor Peiris returned to his home country, Sri Lanka, to help establish a virology laboratory from scratch. Work done in the next six years at that fledgling virology and cell culture laboratory was to lead to 20 international research papers including the development and characterisation of the world's first monoclonal antibodies to Plasmodium vivax and identification of antigens related to transmission blocking immunity. In 1995, he was invited to join The University of Hong Kong to help develop a clinical virology laboratory at the Queen Mary Hospital. This decision led him ultimately to the battle against avian flu in 1997 and SARS in 2003.

During the Fellowship induction process, Professor Peiris signed the Charter Book and the Obligation of the Fellows of the Royal Society. The Charter book, with a history of 400 years, was touched



Professor Peiris (right) and Lord Martin Rees, President of the Royal Society (left), at the Fellowship's conferment ceremony.

### Battle against SARS

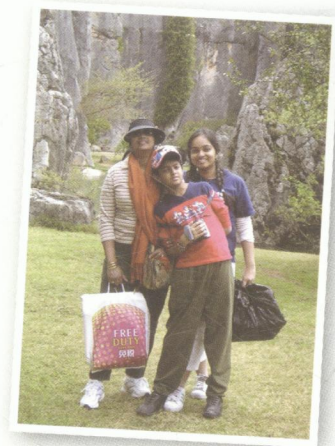
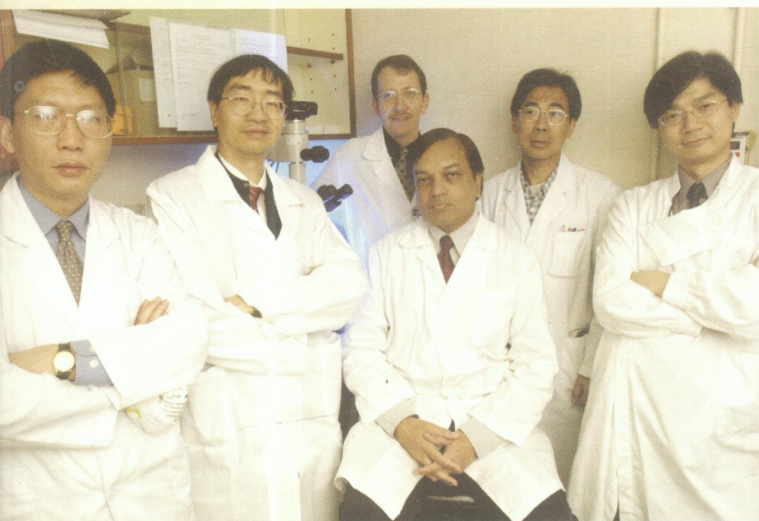
In March 2003, Professor Peiris played a key role in the discovery of a novel coronavirus which was the aetiological agent of SARS. He recalled, "In the early phase of the outbreak, it was like looking for a needle in a haystack. There were many patients then suspected as SARS but only very few were genuine cases. But those in the HKU / QMH team brought diverse skills to bear on the problem and that in the end led to success." "Collaboration with

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the Department of Health, the Hospital Authority and clinicians in Guangdong was all equally important," he said.

Professor Peiris said, "Preparedness and creativeness were important. But equally, it is critical to have a systematic approach to rule out red herrings and false-leads before coming to a conclusion. Concerns of safety to laboratory staff was also paramount in my mind. This infection was being transmitted efficiently in Hospital Wards and there was the possibility of its transmitting in the lab. Most important of all, it was the teamwork that accounted for the ultimate success."



### Family and I

At home, Professor Peiris has a loving and caring family who has never complained about him being unable to spend much time with them due to his constant commitments at the laboratory. Professor Peiris said, "I am lucky that my wife is a daughter of a scientist who understands and supports my work". "During the fight against SARS, my worry, as with many others dealing with this novel disease, was the risk of infecting my family," he recalled.

Professor Peiris has a liberal view about his children's career and does not insist on them also becoming scientists to follow his footsteps. Indeed, he recognises that different individuals have differing potentials, talents and interests. "My daughter is studying social anthropology, which is about society and culture. Also, she is very good at writing. I believe she will be able to find something that is most suitable for her talents."

### Looking ahead

Professor Peiris believes that the 21<sup>st</sup> century belongs to biomedical science. He hopes that the government can put more resources in the related research and development. He also encourages the medical students to participate in research during and after their undergraduate studies. "This century belongs to biomedical science and research. It is your century. I hope some of you will take part in it!" Professor Peiris pleads.

## Royal Society

The Royal Society is the world's oldest scientific academy in continuous existence, and has been at the forefront of enquiry and discovery since its foundation in 1660. Its Fellowship is elected for life, and currently there are more than 60 Nobel Laureates amongst the Society's approximately 1400 Fellows and Foreign Members. Past members have included distinguished scientists such as Isaac Newton and Charles Darwin while more recent members include Stephen Hawking.

Election to the Fellowship of the Royal Society is a top international recognition for scientific excellence. Candidates for election to the Fellowship must have made a substantial contribution to the improvement of natural knowledge, including mathematics, engineering science or medical science. The election process is extremely rigorous and is based upon the established practice of peer review. It involves 113 Fellows, 21 Council members and hundreds of referees to produce the final Fellowship list. This year 44 scientists have been elected to the Fellowship.





## Message from Mr Shane Solomon Chief Executive of the Hospital Authority

It gives me immense pleasure to write this article for the Medical Faculty News of the University of Hong Kong to share with you my views on some key issues that the Hospital Authority (HA) and the public health system in Hong Kong are facing.

Since taking up the Chief Executive position of the HA in March, I have met with many staff and visited all clusters. I would like to share with you what I have observed in this period of time, what I believe is the way forward for the Hong Kong public health care system, and what I consider to be the critical success factors.

Hong Kong has all the elements of a modern hospital system. But we should not be complacent. Hong Kong must keep **modernising** and innovating. Some of the key elements that we need to keep changing include staff roles, management system, and facilities.

Healthcare is a labour intensive industry. While the over 50,000 staff team is the most valuable asset of HA, we must continue to modernise staff roles, around the concept of 'right function, right skill'. On one hand, this involves taking more mundane tasks away from highly trained professionals, such as our scarce doctor and nurse resources performing administrative tasks. On the other hand, possibilities for extending the scope of practice for trained staff into more specialised areas, consistent with practices in other parts of the world, need to be explored.



Secondly, HA needs to reinvent its management system, which aims to make the complexity of health care simple, and so more manageable. Areas of improvement include devising staff work load systems that match clinical activity with staff resources; strengthening staff performance management training; and enhancing clinical audit.

Healthcare technology is advancing at rocket speed. Apart from staff functions and management system which are more the software improvements, HA must keep modernising its hardware i.e. facilities and equipment to keep up with clinical practice and meet future demand.

We all are aware of the pressure of changing population demographics and diffusion of technology on our healthcare system. In fact, over 50% of healthcare cost inflation over the last 50 years were resulted from technology inflation. Hospitalised care is the greatest pressure area. From 1989/90 to 2001/02, inpatient care as percentage of total health expenditure had increased from 20% to 27%. The healthcare system won't be sustainable if we continue along this trend. The key to offloading this pressure is to refocus our efforts towards **reducing avoidable hospitalisation**, or to put it another way, 'the future of hospitals is outside of hospital'. Development of family physician system, community services, new healthcare technology such as minimal invasive surgery, and change in clinical practices are some examples of measures to help achieving this target. For example, the NHS spends £1.3bn a year on admissions for patients with 18 common 'ambulatory care sensitive conditions'. The potential saving and contribution of reducing avoidable hospitalisation towards a sustainable healthcare system is tremendous.

To implement successfully the directions described above will rely very much on the recreation of HA cultures and values.

The core values which I want to promote in HA are respect, fairness, teamwork, professionalism, and innovation.

I interpret the HA core value statement 'Quality patient centered care through teamwork' as essentially meaning **respect** to patients





and respect to your team members. All staff should respect the contribution that each part of the HA team has to make. Respect is the foundation of teamwork which makes organisations succeed or fail.

All HA staff should be treated fairly, and this should be clear to all in a workplace. The value extends to **fairness** of internal resources allocation. This should be fair and transparent. The term “unequal pay, equal work” is frequently quoted in HA. But the opposite, “equal pay, unequal work”, is also a concern. There is a large variation in workload in the medical grade, both among different specialties and within the same specialty but among different hospitals. This is indicative of some uneven distribution of resources. We certainly need to look into and address these concerns in the near future.



**Teamwork** is a value that features strongly in HA. Strong and responsible leadership stimulates teamwork and builds trust. A leader and his/her team are interdependent. HA should base on its existing values to build stronger leadership and teamwork at all levels.

Professionalism is the value which relates most to our mission of service. Professionalism relies on the support of sound teaching and research, which constantly drive forward the quality of HA. I can see that HA is very well served by academic institutions like The University of Hong Kong. HA will continue to tap on this advantage to develop along the direction of enhancing our professionalism which ultimately drive towards improving patient care.

For HA to modernise and introduce new service models, clinical innovation needs to be fostered and treasured. HA looks for staff to come forward with good ideas – innovations, particularly clinical innovations – that can be debated, tested, and spread more broadly across HA. Innovation would also come from closer partnership and cross fertilisation with academic institutions.

HA and the Medical Faculty have by tradition and practice a very close partnering relationship. Apart from those graduates who are now working in HA, many academic staff also serve in HA and surely many undergraduates will join HA in the future. To strengthen further the partnering relationship, I encourage you to participate constructively in HA's reform in the years to come. I am looking forward to the challenges ahead, and to working closely with you all.



# HKU Centennial Campus Update

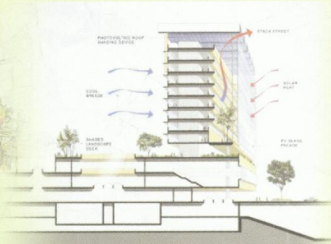


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The University will be celebrating its Centenary in the year 2011. Under the Centennial Campus Development Plan, the University will be building new state-of-the-art facilities in an extension to the west to further develop the University's physical estate. It is envisaged that the proposed "Centennial Campus" will offer university students and staff an enhanced environment to help fulfill the University's ambition to be among the very best in the world.

Master planning concepts were being developed and four design models were unveiled in February and subsequently exhibited both within and outside the University for over 10 weeks until the end of April. Comments have been received from colleagues, students and alumni, as well as from over 18,000 visitors to the roving exhibition. The key message from the consultation exercise is in relations to environmental and ecological consciousness, sustainability, heritage issues, efficient use of space, effective integration and cost-effectiveness.

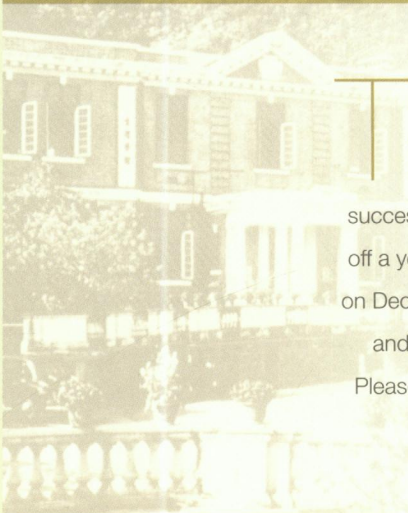
After careful consideration of all submissions and views, the

University has selected the master plan proposal from Wong & Ouyang / Sasaki Associates, Inc. The selected master plan creates a renewed and strong identity for the University while respecting the traditions of the existing campus and paving the way for an overall development of the Campus. Also, the chosen approach is strongly founded on sustainable principles such as environmentally friendly building facades, storm water harvesting, roof gardens and sky gardens that integrate the University with both the community and its surrounding natural landscape.

To encourage greater interaction between the University and the community, the University will work closely in coming months with staff, students, alumni, nearby residents, relevant professional institutions, government departments, district council, green groups and community organisations. Interested parties are most welcome to send your views and personal contacts to [ccviews@hku.hk](mailto:ccviews@hku.hk) or fax to 2858-5454.

For more information and further updates, please visit the HKU Centennial Campus Website at <http://hku.hk/centcampus>.

## Celebrating 120 Years of Medical Education



The Medical Faculty will be celebrating her 120th Anniversary next year. It is in the hope that through various programmes and activities, the Faculty will be able to share its joy of success as well as its aspirations with different stakeholders. To kick off a year of celebrations, the Faculty will host an Opening Ceremony on December 7, 2006 at the Loke Yew Hall. All alumni, staff, students and friends of the Faculty are welcome to attend the Ceremony. Please pencil in this special occasion and stay tuned with our many exciting activities coming next year.



## Croucher Advanced Study Institute on “Molecular Genetics & Cell Signaling in Cancers”

The Department of Pathology organised a Croucher Advanced Study Institute on “Molecular Genetics & Cell Signaling in Cancers” on April 24, 2006. This one-day workshop was a follow-on meeting of the ASI held in January 2005 and continued to highlight the latest development 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. We were honoured to have two international experts from the UK and Israel, Professor Xin Lu and Professor Yinon Ben-Neriah, to share with us their expertise, starting with genes, through cell signaling to novel cancer therapeutics. Four open lectures were given in the morning, useful interactions were achieved at the Question & Answer sessions and at the tea break. In the afternoon, the round-table discussion among the two guest speakers and local researchers from HKU, CUHK and HKUST resulted in remarkably fruitful exchange in research.

## ‘Common Pitfalls in Orthopaedic Practice’ The Third Hong Kong International Orthopaedic Forum

Nowadays medicine has become a high-risk profession in a litigation culture. Particularly in contentious fields such as orthopaedics, liability premiums have been inflating to unaffordable levels. In fact, pitfalls are widespread in our orthopaedic practice and are not just related to diagnosis and treatment. As practising doctors and health care providers, it is crucial that we keep ourselves constantly aware of the potential pitfalls or blunders and avoid them whenever possible.

The Department of Orthopaedics and Traumatology has deliberated on this problem. Under the Chairmanship of Professor Keith Luk (陸駿驥), Head and Chair Professor of the Department, the organising team led by Dr Frankie Leung (梁加利), Honorary Clinical Associate Professor, hold a compact two-day program on April 22-23, 2006 to provide participants with information that was relevant, informative and applicable in our daily professional lives. In addition to lectures

given by international and local experts highlighting the pitfalls of our practice, there were also interesting symposiums and case presentations focusing on medico-legal issues.

Stepping into its third inception, the Hong Kong International Orthopaedic Forum has evolved to become a regular academic event in Hong Kong and has attracted local and overseas participants from both Orthopaedics and other specialties. The event was a resounding success with more than 400 participants.



## New Jersey Governor Visits the Faculty

Governor of New Jersey, US, Jon S Corzine visited the Faculty on May 23, 2006. The Governor toured the research facilities at the Neuroscience Laboratory and the Genome Research Centre with the company of Professor Wise Young (楊詠威), Distinguished Visiting Professor of the Department of Anatomy, also a leading advocate for stem-cell research in New Jersey and Professor KF So (蘇國輝), Head and Chair Professor of the Department of Anatomy. The visit was widely covered in New Jersey.





## 11<sup>th</sup> Hong Kong Medical Forum

The 11<sup>th</sup> Hong Kong Medical Forum was held on June 3-4, 2006. It was opened with the plenary lectures "A lecture on 9<sup>th</sup> June, 1973 – A tribute to Professor AJS McFadzean" given by Professor KN Lai (黎嘉能), Head and Chair Professor of the Department of Medicine, and "Systemic sclerosis – from research to patient management" by Professor Dame Carol Black, President of the Royal College of Physicians of London. Other talks by overseas speakers and local experts covered state-of-the-art advances in various subspecialties of



clinical medicine, such as the role of biologics in rheumatology and oncology, treatment and prevention of cerebro- and cardio-vascular diseases, neuropathic pain treatment and polymicrobial infections. The meeting was well attended with over 1,500 participants. The Hong Kong meeting was followed with a Guangzhou-Hong Kong Medical Forum, jointly organised by the HKU Department of Medicine and the Department of Medicine of the First Affiliated Hospital, Sun Yat-sen University in Guangzhou on June 5 - 6, 2006.

## International Symposium Hong Kong's Health System: Perspectives, Reflections and Visions *cum* Book Launching Ceremony

The International Symposium entitled "Hong Kong's Health System: Perspectives, Reflections and Visions" was organised by the Medical and Health Research Network (MHRN) on June 16 & 17, 2006 to celebrate a book launch of the same name (which is now available for order at the Hong Kong University Press), and to explore, discuss and debate various policy options on the eve of the 2006 health care reform exercise.



Lap-Chee Tsui (徐立之), Vice-Chancellor of the University, Professor SK Lam (林兆鑫), Dean of Medicine, and Professor SP Chow (周肇平), Convenor of the MHRN.

Established in July 2000, MHRN is a multidisciplinary think tank within the University to support, conduct and disseminate health policy research. The 2-day Symposium recently held provided an evidence-based platform for an open exchange of experience and views on the best way to achieve a sustainable, equitable and efficient health care system for better population health in Hong Kong. It was also an excellent opportunity for students, academics, health care professionals, government officials, politicians, and the general public to better understand the context of Hong Kong's health system and the need for change.

World leaders in health system change and development, including Professor Alan Maynard, University of York in UK, Professor William Hsiao (the principal author of the 1999 Harvard Report) of the Harvard School of Public Health in the US, Professor Rachel Lu, Chang Gung University in Taiwan, Professor Anthony Hedley, The University of Hong Kong, and Mr Shane Solomon, Chief Executive of the Hospital Authority, had been invited to deliver plenary addresses in relation to the following four main themes of the Symposium: (i) forces of health system change; (ii) organising and managing health care; (iii) improving quality of care; (iv) financing health care.

Professor York Chow (周一嶽), Secretary for Health, Welfare and Food, was the Guest of Honour at the Symposium Opening *cum* Book Launch Ceremony. Also officiating at the ceremony were Professor



MHRN will continue its leading role in bringing together expertise from different disciplines to create an excellent platform for health policy research and planning. For more information on MHRN and its upcoming activities, please visit the MHRN website at <http://www.hku.hk/facmed/mhrn>.



## 49th Hong Kong Surgical Forum

Organised by the Department of Surgery in association with 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 in this summer was successfully held on July 7-8, 2006 and the subjects covered included esophageal surgery, gastric surgery, pancreatic surgery, vascular surgery and various topics of interest to general surgeons. Leading authorities from

Japan, Korea, Spain and the United States had been invited to take part in this Forum. Over 250 delegates attended the inspiring forum.

The meeting was followed by the 11<sup>th</sup> Joint Shanghai / Hong Kong Surgical Convention held at Rui Jin Hospital, Shanghai on July 10, 2006, where local and overseas speakers also participated.



## 23<sup>rd</sup> Digby Memorial Lecture - What's Ailing Asia - One Banker's Perspective

The 23<sup>rd</sup> Digby Memorial Lecture entitled "What's Ailing Asia - One Banker's Perspective" was delivered by Mr Vincent HC Cheng (鄭海泉), Chairman of HSBC on July 8, 2006 at the Underground Lecture Theatre, Queen Mary Hospital.

Mr Vincent Cheng provided historically poignant examples to illustrate the four variables that he considered to ail investors in Asia. The ailments ranged from individual investors trying to guess the next hot market; to investors trying to time their entry into and exit from the market; the level of true diversification of assets selected and their geographic spread; and, lastly, the belief by some individual investors that they could do it all on their own without any expert advice. Each was illustrated by humorous and highly relevant examples of the consequences experienced when an ailment dominated an investor's strategy. Mr Cheng concluded his lecture by suggesting to those investors wishing to manage their own financial health that they spread their portfolios in cash, equity and property; and invest in companies that had good management and proven track records.

The lecture was followed by a black-tie dinner in Mr Cheng's honour. Formalities of the dinner were enlivened by an amusing

introduction of the After-dinner Speech speaker, by Professor Grace Tang (鄧惠瓊), President of the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine, followed by an informal and entertaining After-dinner Speech by Professor John Leong (梁智仁), President of The Open University of Hong Kong. The dinner was concluded with an elegant vote of thanks by Dr Anthony Ho (何耀華).

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Digby Memorial Lecture  
by  
Mr. Vincent H. C. Cheng

8 July 2006





## HKU Reunion at the Races 2006

Following the success of the last two years, the "HKU Reunion at the Races 2006" was held in conjunction with the HKU Alumni Association Challenge Cup at the Sha Tin Racecourse on June 10, 2006. Over 200 alumni, friends and staff of the University joined this special event to enjoy the delightful atmosphere over luncheon and the excitement of horse racing. Professor Lee Kin-hung (李健鴻), President of The HKU Medical Alumni Association, the Li Ka Shing Faculty of Medicine and the Department of Pathology each hosted a table. With a generous donation from our medical alumna Dr Gene Tsoi (蔡惠宏), one of the races was named in honour of the HKU medical alumni.



## Summer Broadening Programme 2006

The Summer Broadening Programme 2006 was held from July 17 to 28, 2006. It is an annual programme offered by the Faculty with the aim of providing local and overseas Form 6 students an opportunity to learn more about the education of healthcare professionals and experience university life through structured activities. This year, the total number of participants was over a hundred, including 5 medical students from the Shanghai Medical College (SMC) of the Fudan University, China.

The theme of this year's programme was "Lifestyle and Health". Various topics related to lifestyles were covered, including smoking, sports and living, diet and obesity, sex, drugs, eating habits and mental health. Through a variety of learning activities such as problem-based learning tutorials, lectures, laboratory practical sessions, attachment to clinical departments, group projects and presentations, students were able to gain multidimensional exposure to the topics related to the theme. In addition, students also visited different centres like the Mental Health Association of Hong Kong, Mother's

Choice, Hong Kong Jockey Club Drug Information Centre, Hei Ling Chau Drug Addiction Treatment Centre, and Matilda International Hospital, where they learnt more about the issues of 'lifestyle and health' in a community context.



Following the two-week Summer Broadening Programme, 26 students joined a one-week extension programme to the SMC of the Fudan University from July 29 to August 4, 2006. This extension programme was newly introduced this year. It comprised a series of lectures and discussion sessions on public health issues that were pertinent and unique to China. Students were given the chance to visit the Key Laboratory of Medical Molecular Virology, Clinical Skills Laboratories of SMC, and Zhongshan Hospital. Apart from attending regular classes, they also participated in social activities such as high-table dinner and sightseeing trips. Throughout the programme, they were assisted by a group of medical students of Fudan University serving as their mentors.

The Faculty will explore the possibility of collaborating with other faculties and institutions to develop exciting programmes for students in future.





## Yu Chiu Kwong Professorship in Medicine

The Yu Chiu Kwong Endowed Professorship in Medicine was established to honour the strength and spirit of our compassionate and caring medical alumnus, Dr Yu Chiu Kwong 余朝光 (MBBS 1929), by his family on the occasion of Dr Yu's 101st birthday. Dr Yu graduated with an MBBS and went on to serve with distinction as a doctor for the underprivileged community of Yau Ma Tei. He also served as the Medical Superintendent of Kwong Wah Hospital during the pre-war years.

The legacy of commitment and compassion of Dr Yu towards his patients lives on his four sons – all HKU alumni, all doctors – who have chosen to celebrate their father's birthday with the establishment of this Professorship.

Dr Yu Yu-kai, Frank 余宇楷 (MBBS 1958) is a surgeon who specialises in general surgery and continues his father's practice serving the people of Yau Ma Tei. Dr Yu also serves as Medical Superintendent in an honorary capacity in the Precious Blood Hospital.

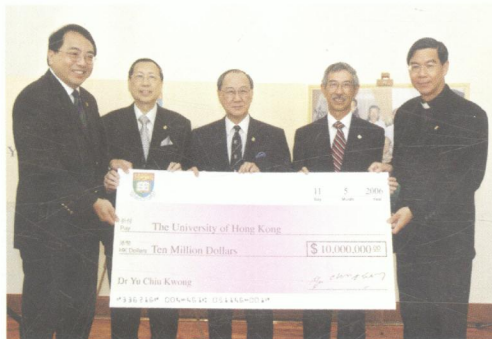
Professor Yu Yue-hong, Richard 余宇康 (MBBS 1958, MD 1972), is known as the 'God-father of Nephrology' in Hong Kong and has introduced many cutting-edge technologies to the Region. Professor Yu served the profession when the Hong Kong College of Physicians was inaugurated in 1986 becoming the founding Honorary Secretary, the Vice-President responsible for education and accreditation and finally the President until 2004. He still continues to serve the Council of the College as Past President in an advisory capacity.

Dr Yu Yu-chiu, Donald 余宇超 (MBBS 1960, MD 1982) maintains his private practice and has been a prime mover in



the development of respiratory medicine at the Department of Medicine.

The Reverend Professor Yu Yu-hei, Victor 余宇熙 (MBBS 1968, MD 1981) is Professor of Neonatology in the Department of Paediatrics and Clinical Director of the Ritchie Centre for Baby Health Research in the Monash Institute of Medical Research, at Monash University in Melbourne, Australia. Professor Yu has been WHO Consultant, President of the Australian Perinatal Society and the Federation of the Asia-Oceania Perinatal Societies, and Vice-President of the World Association of Perinatal Medicine. He has also been ordained in the



Anglican Diocese of Melbourne where he serves as a non-stipendiary church minister.

The dedication ceremony was held on May 11, 2006 at the University Lodge. The Yu brothers presented a cheque of HK\$10 million to Vice-Chancellor Professor Lap-Chee Tsui (徐立之). Professor Tsui also presented a souvenir to Dr Yu Chiu Kwong on behalf of the University. The ceremony was well attended by the family members of Dr Yu and faculty members of the Department of Medicine.





# The 6<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting

The 6<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the University of Hong Kong Medical Alumni Association (HKUMAA) was held on June 14, 2006 at the Alumni Chamber. President Professor Lee Kin-hung (李健鴻) presented the annual report, which gave an account of the activities and events organised by the HKUMAA in the past year, including the first Medical Alumni Soccer Match held in March 2006. The financial status of the HKUMAA remained healthy, as reported by our Honorary Treasurer Dr Donald Li (李國棟). The payment

for the fitting out of the Alumni Chamber was the main debit item. Six Executive Committee members were re-elected, with Professor Chan Tai-kwong (陳棣光), Professor Leong Che-hung (梁智鴻) and Professor Leong Chi-yan (梁智仁) for the term of 2006-2007, and Professor David Fang (方津生), Dr Chong Lai-yin (莊禮賢) and Dr Tsang Sam-fung (曾三峰) for the term of 2006-2009. Professor Lee expressed his gratitude to the Executive Committee and members for their continuous support to the Association.

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Professor Lee Kin-hung

### General Activities

The number of members has increased to 805 with an addition of 166 new members which comprised of 22 life members, 4 overseas members and 140 ordinary members. The endorsement at the last AGM to waive membership fee for the first three years after graduation was an initiative for membership drive.

Our Association collaborated with the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine (HKAM) in organising the 2005 HKAM and Medical Alumni Golf Tournament at the Hong Kong Golf Club on November 25, 2005.

We participated in the "HKU Reunion at the Races" luncheon and the HKU Alumni Association Challenge Cup on June 10, 2006, during which a handicap was named after our Association.



Assistance was provided for medic classes of 1965, 1970 and 1990 to organise reunion activities at the Medical Faculty Campus, with guided tours and banquets at the Alumni Chamber.



The HKUMAA website <http://www.hku.hk/facmed/alumni/> was revamped to enhance alumni communication.

Regular dissemination of information to members took the form of circulars, e-mails, announcements at the Association website, and via the Alumni News section of the Medical Faculty News.



### Dinner Gathering with Distinguished Guest



A dinner was arranged on June 14, 2006 immediately after the 6<sup>th</sup> AGM for members to meet with Mr Shane Solomon, the new Chief Executive of the Hospital Authority.

### Overseas Visitors

A delegation of 20 visitors from Malaysia visited the University on November 29, 2005. The group included our medical alumni who graduated in the 1950's. They toured the University Campus, the Medical Faculty Building and the HKUMAA Alumni Chamber.

On January 12, 2006 Professor Robin Cooke, Vice-Chairman of the Medical Alumni Group of the Alumni Association of the University of Queensland, Australia, visited our Association and met with our President.

### Alumni Spring Dinners



The HKUMAA and the Medical Faculty organised two Alumni Spring Dinners after the Chinese New Year, on February 22 and 24, 2006 respectively. Over 70 alumni representatives, members of the HKUMAA Executive Committee, the Dean and student representatives attended, and our Dean outlined the future developments of the Faculty.

### Medical Alumni Soccer Match

Our Association organised the first Medical Alumni Soccer Match at the HKU Stanley Ho Sports Centre on March 4, 2006. Two alumni teams, one staff team and one student team participated. The President's Cup was won by the Alumni Team B. The players and spectators joined for dinner at the Alumni Chamber after the match.



### Looking Back

The past year has been a rather quiet one for our Association. The Spring Dinners and the Soccer Match were newly introduced events, which could become our annual activities.

Another development was the increasing involvement of medical students to participate in our activities. They are part of the Association and it is important to instill the alumni spirit early in their career.

### Forthcoming Activities

The Medical Faculty will be celebrating its 120th Anniversary in 2007 and our Alma Mater is looking forward to its Centenary Celebration in 2011.

The 120<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Organising Committee has been working hard in the preparations. Our Association is playing a significant role in these events. The Medical Alumni Day scheduled on January 21, 2007 and the Medical Alumni Soccer Match scheduled on March 11, 2007 will constitute part of the celebratory activities.

Members will therefore have abundant opportunities to get together for reunion and celebration. Members will be informed of all these forthcoming activities.

### Acknowledgements

We thank our Honorary Legal Advisor Mr Peter Mark and our Honorary Auditor Mr Eric Li for their valuable service and advice in the past year. We continued to enjoy close co-operation with the Medical Faculty and the professional support of the Faculty Secretariat. Personally I am greatly indebted to all members of the Executive Committee for their unfailing support in the past year.

### HKUMAA Executive Committee 2006/2007

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| <b>President:</b>                  | Professor LEE Kin-hung (李健鴻)   |
| <b>Vice-Presidents:</b>            | Professor CHOW Shew-ping (周肇平)<br>Professor LEUNG Nai-kong (梁乃江)   |
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| <b>Ex-officio</b>                  |  |
| <b>(Dean):</b>                     | Professor LAM Shiu-kum (林兆鑫)   |
| <b>(Immediate Past President):</b> | Professor YOUNG Tse-tse Rosie (楊紫芝)  |



## A Delightful Evening with Mr Shane Solomon, the new HA Chief Executive

Following the 6th AGM, the Association hosted a dinner meeting with Mr Shane Solomon, the new Chief Executive of the Hospital Authority, at the Alumni Chamber. Over 50 members, faculty staff, medical students and guests attended the event. The 'question-and-answer' session provided a good opportunity for participants to learn about the Chief Executive's views and visions on the future developments of the Hospital Authority. It also stimulated a fruitful discussion on the healthcare system in Hong Kong.



## 2006 HKSAR Government Honours

Congratulations to the following alumni who have received HKSAR Government Honours this year:

### Silver Bauhinia Star

**Professor Fan Sheung-tat** (范上達),

MBBS 1976, MS 1992, MD 1998, DS 2005

Professor Fan has been awarded the SBS for his outstanding achievements in the field of liver transplantation, particularly his contributions in refining the surgical technique of live donor liver transplantation and extending the procedure to adult patients using the right lobe liver graft.

### Bronze Bauhinia Star

**Dr Hwang Shu-tak, James** (黃樹德), MBBS 1972

Dr Hwang has been awarded the BBS for his contributions in the planning and development of public hospital services as well as the training of surgeons in Hong Kong.

### Medal of Honour

**Dr Au Yeung Cheuk-lun, Henry** (歐陽卓倫), MBBS 1974

Dr Au Yeung has been awarded the MH for his dedicated community service, particularly for his contributions to the work of the Lok Sin Tong Benevolent Society, Kowloon.

**Dr Lau Chor-chiu** (劉楚釗), MBBS 1982

Dr Lau has been awarded the MH for his contributions to emergency medical services both within the public hospital system and in the community.

### Chief Executive's Commendation for Community Service

**Dr Leung Shung-pun** (梁崇斌), MBBS 1973

### Justice of Peace

**Professor Fok Tai-fai** (霍泰輝), MBBS 1975

**Dr Li Kwok-tung, Donald** (李國棟), MBBS 1980

*(Information from HKSAR Information Services Department)*

## HA Outstanding Staff Award 2006

Congratulations to the following alumni who have received the outstanding staff awards from the Hospital Authority this year:

**Dr Lam Cheung-cheung, Barbara** (藍章翔), MBBS 1981

**Dr Yip Wai-chun, Andrew** (葉維晉), MBBS 1981

**Dr Au Yiu-kai** (歐耀佳), MBBS 1983

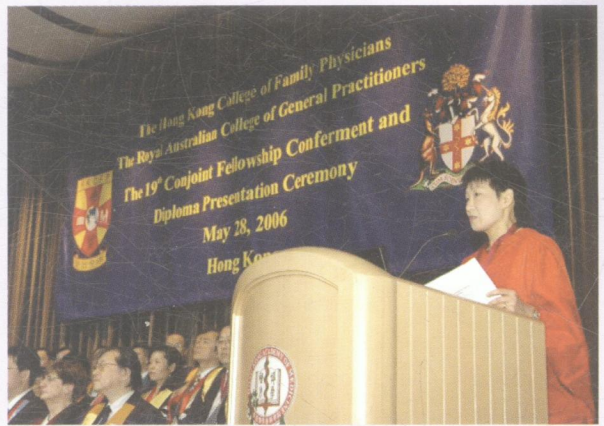
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# Life is short, art is long\*

**Dr Cindy LK Lam** (MBBS 1981)

Head and Clinical Associate Professor, Family Medicine Unit,  
Department of Medicine. MBBS, MD(HK), FRCGP (UK),  
FHKAM (Family Medicine), Specialist in Family Medicine



was most honoured by the invitation of the Hong Kong College of Family Physicians to deliver an Oration named after Dr Sun Yat Sen who was a general practitioner and alumnus of our medical faculty.

'Life is short, art is long' is a quote from Hippocrates (460-377 BC)<sup>1</sup>, which can mean the professional life of a doctor is relatively short but the art of medicine can have a much longer lasting effect on patients. It can also be interpreted as the learning of the art of medicine is a long process that one's life may be too short for.<sup>2</sup>

Hippocrates is known as the Father of Medicine and has established medicine as a science, but he had always regarded the practice of medicine an art. Medicine is the most artistic of all sciences, and family medicine is the most artistic of all medical disciplines. What is the art of family medicine?

## The Art of Family Medicine

The first is the art of listening and speaking. To listen is to understand the meaning behind the patient's words. For example, a patient who says he wants to discharge against medical advice (DAMA) may be telling us that he does not understand the diagnosis or that he is very scared. We talk a lot about the causes of diseases and side effects of treatments. The art of speaking is to be able to address the patient's ideas and concerns. What is being heard and understood is more important than what is being said.

The second is the art of healing. Medically unexplained physical symptoms may be signals of a psychological or relationship problem. The art of healing is to enable the patient to resolve the underlying problem, rather than just to sooth the symptoms superficially. The family doctor can do a lot by re-attributing the illness, finding new solutions, facilitating changes, and empowering the patient to heal from within.

The third art is 'first do no harm'. Medicine is very powerful; it can

save as well as kill lives. A medical label can turn a happy and well person into a sick patient. The treatment prescribed by the doctor can have a serious impact on the patient and her family. Something as benign as diet for hypercholesterolaemia can cause a lot of stress, conflicts and depression in the vulnerable. Hippocrates had said "it is more important to know what sort of person has a disease than to know what sort of disease a person has"<sup>1</sup>.

The last but not least is the art of caring. As doctors we can do much more than what medical technology can offer, if we care. A simple letter of advocacy can provide much support for a helpless patient. It may not be our medical duty or part of our job description but the extra care can have a long lasting effect on the patient and her family.

## Qualities for Good Art

There is no better way to find out the qualities for good art than to learn from one of the greatest artists- Vincent van Gogh. Van Gogh was a true example of "Life is Short, Art is Long". He lived only to the age of 37 from 1853 to 1890 and his life as an artist was even shorter, from 1881 to 1890.<sup>3</sup>

The most important quality for good art is passion. Van Gogh did not paint for money or fame. In the year of 1889 van Gogh suffered greatly from his mental illness but he persisted with his art and created 140 paintings including some of his master pieces. The practice of family medicine is hard work that does not make one rich or famous. It is the passion for solving patients' problems that drives the family doctor to work long hours, do the extra things without being paid, continue to improve, and feel satisfied.

Van Gogh often painted a series of the same object or theme in order to practise different skills and ways of expressing his art. He had painted a series of 36 self-portraits from 1886 to 1889, many of them look similar but they also differ in their details. Practice is not a mere repetition of the same application of knowledge and

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## Alumni Sharing

skills. It involves reflection, improvement and development, so that one can perform better with each practice. It requires constant practice to transform medical knowledge to the art of medical practice.

In a letter to Emile Bernard, van Gogh said, "the imagination is certainly a faculty which we must develop, one which alone can lead us to the creation of a more exalting and consoling nature than the single brief glance of reality"<sup>4</sup>. Family doctors are presented with problems that have no boundaries, for which we often have to find solutions that medical science alone cannot provide. There may be a limit on the available medical treatments for a disease but there is no limit to the care that the art of family medicine can offer to patients if we use our imagination.

Van Gogh claimed the sunflower to be uniquely his in a letter to his brother "You know that the peony is Jeannin's.... but the sunflower is somewhat my own."<sup>5</sup> He was not the only artist who painted the sunflower but he was unique in capturing the flower when it is withering away. His unique colour combinations of yellow, green and blue had made his art most memorable. Research has found wide variations in the practices between family doctors; some critics see this as a problem of a lack of standardization of care, but this is also a reflection of the uniqueness of family medicine to tailor for the unique needs of individual patients.



President of the HKCFP, Dr John Chung, presenting the Dr Sun Yat Sen Gold Medallion to Dr Cindy Lam

## Art is Complex

"Art is Complex", as van Gogh's brother had pointed out, "His ideas cover so much ground ... that one must free oneself from anything remotely linked to convention to understand what he was trying to say..."<sup>6</sup> It is difficult, if not impossible, to generalise the care for individual patients in family medicine that requires a complex integration of physical, psychological and social factors, and a delicate balance between

benefit, harm, patient autonomy, cost, fairness and equity.

The Father of Family Medicine, Professor Ian McWhinney, has said "Our value to medicine lies in the differences..."<sup>7</sup> Different people need to be treated differently even if they have the same disease, the same person with the same disease may need different care at different stages of the illness. In order to make a lasting difference, we need to be passionate for our work, keep practising, use our imagination and preserve our uniqueness.

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## Student Column

### Forthcoming Event Notice – Health Exhibition 2006

Chang Yuk Kwan, Rita (MBBS II)

For the last 19 years, Health Exhibition Organising Committee, Medical Society, HKUSU, HKU has collaborated with students from the medical, nursing and Chinese medicine curricula to run one of the largest student-initiated health promotion projects, the Health Exhibition, to enhance the public's awareness on a prevalent health issue. This year, the annual spotlighted event is entitled "The Best of Rest is Sleep".

Sleep health has long been a problem neglected by many. Living in a fast-paced society, people in Hong Kong constantly suffer from sleep deprivation, which does not only harm personal health, but also reduces the labour working efficiency, as well as alarms the whole community.

Through the exhibition, the public will be introduced to this long neglected problem. Board displays with comprehensive knowledge, and talks by medical experts in the related fields, as well as various games and activities will be available to promote the importance of sleep and methods to achieve quality sleep.

The exhibition will be held on October 21-22 and 28-29, 2006 at Tsuen Wan Town Hall and Tsim Sha Tsui New World Centre respectively. Your support is essential to us. For enquiry, please contact [healthex06@yahoo.com.hk](mailto:healthex06@yahoo.com.hk).





# The 27<sup>th</sup> Asian Medical Students' Conference Hong Kong

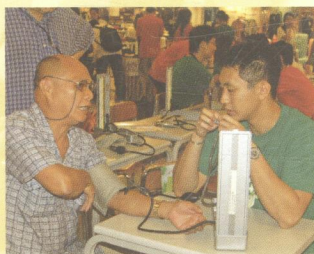
together with delegates of the 27<sup>th</sup> Asian Medical Students' Conference Hong Kong, pledge to commit to the tobacco-free initiatives.' With their right hands held up, over four hundred participants pledged to build a better world of tobacco-free community during the Closing Ceremony of the 27<sup>th</sup> Asian Medical Students' Conference held in Hong Kong.

The Asian Medical Students' Conference (AMSC) is an annual convention of Asian Medical Students' Association (AMSA), a non-profit organisation established by medical students across Asia and Oceania. It is one of the best opportunities for medical students to discuss about current global health issues and to experience different cultures. It has bridged strong bonds and has forged lifelong friendships among aspiring doctors in the region over the past 27 years.



With the same passion to build a tobacco-free world, delegates from twelve regions, namely Australia, Cambodia, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Pakistan, The Philippines, Taiwan, Thailand and United Kingdom joined the 27<sup>th</sup> AMSC which was held on July 23-30, 2006, themed 'Tobacco – its Burden on Health and Society'. The Opening Ceremony was officiated by Professor York Chow (周一嶽), Secretary for Health, Welfare and Food; Professor TF Fok (霍泰輝), Dean of Medicine, CUHK; Professor SK Lam (林兆鑫), Dean of Medicine, HKU; Professor SH Lee (李紹鴻), Honorary Advisor of AMSA and representatives from other supporting organisations.

The Conference was packed with different academic programmes, including informative lectures, paper presentations, group discussions and patient interviews, which allowed delegates to gain more knowledge on tobacco and



related diseases. One of the highlights was the Community Service held in the Tsim Sha Tsui New World Centre, on the sixth day. Delegates contributed to the Hong Kong community by measuring blood pressure for the local citizens. They also promoted the message of anti-tobacco by giving out pamphlets and swapping packs of smokers' burning cigarettes with chewing gum. Apart from academic programmes, cultural activities such as the City Tours and the Cultural Bazaar allowed delegates to experience the culture and tradition of Hong Kong. The Cultural Night, the most entertaining element of the AMSC, was held at the Regal Riverside Hotel. All participants wore their traditional costumes and each region performed on stage to show delegates from other countries the uniqueness of their cultures.



The Closing Ceremony marked the end of the AMSC on July 29, 2006. Officiated by representatives from the two medical faculties as well as supporting organisations, it was a special occasion during which the twelve Regional Chairpersons signed their respective country resolutions on anti-tobacco, and all participants jointly made the '27<sup>th</sup> Asian Medical Students' Conference Anti-Tobacco Declaration', proclaiming their determination for a tobacco-free world.



The 27<sup>th</sup> AMSC has yet again proved itself an invaluable learning opportunity for its delegates. AMSAHK would like to extend its gratitude towards the two medical faculties and all the supporting organisations for their unreserved support, also the sponsors for their generous donation, and, last but not the least, the Organising Committee and the Group Moderators for their selfless contribution, which were all essential in making this event a pride of medical students in Hong Kong.



# Bade Ye Farewell –

## MBBS 2006 Graduation Dinner

Yeung Hip Wo, Victor (MBBS 2006)



The MBBS 2006 Graduation Dinner was successfully held on June 20, 2006 at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre. About 200 professors, doctors, guests and graduating students attended the event. The evening started off with photo-taking session with our special guest, Mr George Lam (林子祥), who then gave us a very meaningful speech. Following Mr Lam's sharing was a video session in review of our 5 years school life. After the video, several professors and students took turn to share their views and feelings towards M06 as a whole. Highlight of the night was an awesome magic show performed by Dr TL Poon which elevated the atmosphere of the dinner. Some classmates also demonstrated their musical talents by singing and playing violin. The dinner finally ended around midnight with everyone leaving with a loving smile and a touching heart. It was certainly an once-in-a-lifetime moment for us to share remembrances and delights among teachers, classmates and friends.

On behalf of the M06 class committee, I would like to thank all the classmates who had helped out in organising this memorable event. Let's keep in touch, and we look forward to seeing you all in upcoming reunions.



### Awards

**Dr Cheung Chung-yan** (張頌恩), PhD graduate of Microbiology, **Dr Deng Wen** (鄧文), PhD graduate of Anatomy, **Mr Wu Ka-kei** (胡嘉麒), MPhil student of Pharmacology and **Ms Ng Man-wai** (吳雯慧), MPhil student of Paediatrics and Adolescent Medicine have been honoured the Awards for Outstanding Research Postgraduate Students.

The Award was established by the Graduate School of the University of Hong Kong in 2002 to give due recognition to research postgraduate students who have submitted theses of exceptional quality and have demonstrated outstanding performance in other academic aspects.

**Dr Cheung Chung-yan** (張頌恩), PhD graduate of Microbiology and **Mr Ho Wing-yuen** (何永源), MPhil student of Surgery have been awarded the Li Ka Shing Prizes.

The Li Ka Shing Prize was established in 1990 by a generous donation from Mr Li Ka Shing to award postgraduate students on the basis of academic excellence of their theses.

**Dr Siu Kwan-Yee, Michelle** (蕭君兒), Post-doctoral fellow of Department of Pathology, has won the post-doctoral award of the 97<sup>th</sup> Annual AACR Scholar-in-Training Award. **Ms Hu Xiaotong** (胡曉彤), PhD student of the Department of Pathology, has also been awarded the 97<sup>th</sup> Annual AACR Scholar-in-Training Award.

**Ms Hui Pui-yan Kenrie** (許珮茵), PhD student of Microbiology, has been awarded the Butterfield-Croucher Studentship for 2006/2007 by the Croucher Foundation. Kenrie is pursuing her PhD degree studies in innate immune responses to influenza A virus infection.



## Congratulations

**Professor Paul Vanhoutte** has been promoted to Head, Department of Pharmacology.

**Professor KF So** (蘇國輝), has been promoted to Chair Professor, Department of Anatomy.

The following academics have been promoted/reitled to Professors:

**Professor JF Chiu** (邱政夫), Department of Anatomy

**Professor SSM Chung** (鍾森文), Department of Physiology

**Professor KM Chu** (朱建民), Department of Surgery

**Professor Y Guan** (管軼), Department of Microbiology

**Professor SY Leung** (梁雪兒), Department of Pathology

**Professor CY Lo** (盧龍猷), Department of Surgery

**Professor RTP Poon** (潘冬平), Department of Surgery

**Professor HF Tse** (謝鴻發), Department of Medicine

## Achievements

**Professor ANY Cheung** (張雅賢), Professor of the Department of Pathology, has won the "Award for Innovative Excellence in Teaching, Learning & Technology" in the 17<sup>th</sup> International Conference on College Teaching and Learning in Jacksonville, Florida, USA.

**Professor CL Lai** (黎青龍), Chair Professor of the Department of Medicine, was invited to deliver the Leon Schiff State-of-the-Art Lecture entitled "The Natural History and Treatment of Chronic Hepatitis B: Consensus and Controversies" at the 56<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases held in San Francisco, USA. This honour was seldom given to Asian hepatologists.

**Professor JSM Peiris** (裴偉士), Chair Professor of Department of Microbiology, has been elected to the Fellowship of the Royal Society, the UK national academy of science, for his work on human viral infections that causes respiratory diseases including SARS and avian flu, and for previous studies on antibody enhancement of viral replication.

**Professor WI Wei** (韋霖), Chair Professor of Department of Surgery, has been honoured as Honorary Fellow by the German Society of Otorhinolaryngology, Head and Neck Surgery. Professor Wei has also been appointed as the Secretary General of International Federation of Head and Neck Oncologic Societies.

**Dr PSL Beh** (馬宣立), Associate Professor of the Department of Pathology, has been honoured as a Foundation Fellow by the Faculty of Forensic and Legal Medicine, The Royal College of Physicians.

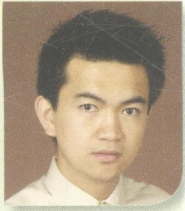
**Dr GCF Chan** (陳志峰), Associate Professor of Paediatrics and Adolescent Medicine, has been awarded the Global Research Fellowship Award of "Advance in Neuroblastoma Research Meeting 2006" in Los Angeles, USA.

**Department of Community Medicine** has been awarded the Outstanding Health Promotion Project Award by the Health, Welfare and Food Bureau and the Health Care Promotion Fund at the Health Promotion Project Expo 2006 for its project entitled "Establishment of a pilot anti-smoking telephone hotline for persons who want to quit or to ask questions about smoking & health".

**Department of Orthopaedics and Traumatology** has received a grant of over HK\$7 million from the HKSAR Government under the Innovation and Technology Fund. The grant will be used to carry out the project "Optimisation and Commercialisation of Novel Metallic Materials for Orthopaedic Use" which aims to optimise the treatment processes for large scale production and to begin the commercialisation of shape memory materials for orthopaedic use.



### Hello



**Dr KYK Chan** (陳遠光) joined the Department of Pathology as a Research Assistant Professor in June 2006. He received his PhD from The University of Hong Kong in 2002, and was appointed as a Post-Doctoral Fellow in the Departments of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, and Pathology.

During his postgraduate and postdoctoral training, he developed great interests in the study of genetics and epigenetics of breast and gynaecological cancers, such as risk association studies of genetic variants of candidate susceptibility genes and functional studies of genes in response to DNA damaging agents in cancers. His current work includes the functional role of L-SIGN, recently shown to be involved in susceptibility to SARS Co-V infection.



**Professor HY Lan** (藍輝耀) is a MD and PhD scientist and re-joined the Department of Medicine in April 2006. He now heads the Faculty's Centre for Inflammatory Diseases and Molecular Therapies. Professor Lan is an internationally recognised researcher in the field of kidney diseases. His current interest focuses

on TGF- $\beta$ /Smad signalling in immune/inflammatory diseases and fibrosis. He aims to develop target therapies for a number of diseases including cancers using the ultrasound-microbubble and nano-technologies. Before joining the University, Professor Lan was a Professor of Medicine with tenure at Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, USA. He has been well funded by NIH and was a Director of the NIH/NIDDK O'Brien Kidney Centre and NIH Nephrology Training Program at Baylor College of Medicine.



**Professor HC Lee** (李漢璋) will join the Department of Physiology as Chair Professor in September 2006. Professor Lee received his PhD in Biophysics from the University of California, Berkeley and postdoctoral training at Stanford University. He joined the University of Minnesota in 1981 and was promoted to

Professor in Physiology in 1990. He was awarded the Distinguished McKnight University Professorship in 1996 and was inducted into the Academy of Excellence for Health Research in 2004, the highest recognition in faculty research of that institution. He was bestowed an honorary degree in Medicine and Surgery in 1997 by the University of Genoa, Italy. He is currently an editorial board member of the Journal of Biological Chemistry. His research in cellular physiology, especially the mechanisms of calcium signalling, is world recognised.

### Hello



**Dr FOS Tang** (鄧靄珊) joined the Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology as Associate Professor in August 2006. Graduated from The University of Hong Kong with distinction in Obstetrics and Gynaecology in 1989, she received her specialty training at the Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology,

Queen Mary Hospital. Thereafter, she started her subspecialty development in reproductive medicine and she spent one-year of overseas training at the Centre for Reproductive Biology, University of Edinburgh in 2000. She is an accredited subspecialist in Reproductive Medicine of the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists. Dr Tang's research interests include fertility control, infertility and reproductive endocrinology. She has published over 70 articles in peer-reviewed journals and book chapters. She obtained the degree of Doctor of Medicine with Sir Patrick Manson Gold Medal from The University of Hong Kong in 2004.



**Dr AHY Tong** (湯顯昕) joined the Genome Research Centre as a Post-Doctoral Fellow in August 2006. She received her BSc (Hon) in Biology from Simon Fraser University in 1998 and PhD in Molecular and Medical Genetics from University of Toronto in 2005. Her

research interests include functional genomics and developing high-throughput technologies.



**Dr WW Tu** (涂文偉) joined the Department of Paediatrics and Adolescent Medicine as Research Assistant Professor in July 2006. He received his Bachelor and Master degrees in Medical Sciences from Chongqing University of Medical Sciences in 1989 and 1992

respectively, and his PhD degree in Immunology from The University of Hong Kong in 1999. Afterwards, he completed his postdoctoral training at Stanford University in 2002, and worked at Stanford as a Research Scientist before re-joining The University of Hong Kong. His research interests include viral immunology, transplantation biology and developmental immunology.

### Goodbye

**Dr WK Ho** (何偉權), Assistant Professor, Department of Surgery  
**Dr YY Wong** (黃如躍), Assistant Professor, School of Chinese Medicine



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| <b>The Family of Dr Yu Chiu Kwong</b>                              | HK\$10,000,000 | In support of the establishment of "Yu Chiu Kwong Professorship in Medicine"   |
| <b>Mr Au Weng Hei</b>  | HK\$1,000,000  | In support of the research on Inflammation and Herbal Medicine undertaken by Dr Allan S Lau, Bio-screening Centre and TCM Immunology Lab   |
| <b>Mr Lam Luk Sung</b>   | HK\$1,000,000  | In support of the research on IgA nephropathy and other kidney diseases conducted by the Division of Nephrology, Department of Medicine  |
| <b>Professor Francis Lau</b>                                       | HK\$1,000,000  | In support of the research on treatments of cancer undertaken by Professor ST Fan, Department of Surgery   |
| <b>Mr Li Kui Wai</b>   | HK\$1,000,000  | In support of the establishment of a Research and Development Fund in the Division of Urology, Department of Surgery   |
| <b>GlaxoSmithKline Limited</b>                                     | HK\$800,000    | In support of the research on "Targeting PRAR-gamma in Peritoneal Dialysis Patients" conducted by Dr Angela Wang, Department of Medicine   |
| <b>Aspreva Pharmaceuticals Corporation</b>                         | US\$100,000    | In support of the research on autoimmune diseases conducted by Professor DTM Chan and Professor CS Lau, Department of Medicine   |
| <b>Baxter Healthcare Ltd</b>                                       | HK\$763,854    | In support of the research activities conducted by Professor DTM Chan, Department of Medicine  |
| <b>The Hung Hing Ying and Leung Hau Ling Charitable Foundation</b> | HK\$550,000    | In support of a research project on lymphoma screening in HK, Taiwan and China conducted by Professor RHS Liang, Department of Medicine  |
| <b>Gold Hong Kong Club via Mr Kenny YC Shiu</b>                    | HK\$508,282    | In support of the HKU Spinal Cord Injury Fund  |
| <b>Wai Hung Charitable Foundation</b>                              | HK\$500,000    | In support of the research activities conducted by Professor DTM Chan, Department of Medicine  |
| <b>Wong Check She Charitable Foundation</b>                        | HK\$500,000    | In support of research and works of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology   |
| <b>World Firefighters Games and Conference 2006 Limited</b>        | HK \$500,000   | In support of the Skin Bank of the Department of Surgery   |
| <b>Lee Kee Metal Co Ltd</b>  | HK\$100,000    | In support of the scholarships in Master of Public Health for the academic year 2006-7 and 2007-8 and the purchase of computer equipment in the Department of Community Medicine |





## List of Specialist Referrals to the Faculty

The Faculty has received feedback from private doctors on the difficulty of referring patients to our staff members. The information on our referral system has therefore been compiled and updated to facilitate referral from private practitioners.

| Department           | Name of specialist | Specialty, subspecialty or special interest   | Contact person/ tel.no. for appointment  |
|----------------------|--------------------|---|--|
| Anaesthesiology      | Dr MG Irwin        | Anaesthesia (general and regional – all types), sedation, acute pain management (incl obstetric epidurals); Preoperative patient optimization                             | Ms Betty Chan 2855 3303<br>Wong Ngar Yan 2855 4177<br>(Preoperative assessment clinic) |
|                      | Dr CW Cheung       | Anaesthesia (all types), acute & chronic pain management (incl obstetric epidurals)   |  |
|                      | Dr JKF Ng          | Anaesthesia (all types), acute and chronic pain management (incl Interventional procedures)   |  |
|                      | Dr Gordon Wong     | Anaesthesia (all types), cardiac anaesthesia  |  |
| Clinical Oncology    | Prof JST Sham      | Clinical Oncology   | Ms Elke Yim 2855 4352  |
|                      | Dr DTT Chua        | Clinical Oncology   |  |
|                      | Dr DLW Kwong       | Clinical Oncology   |  |
| Diagnostic Radiology | Dr PL Khong        | Paediatric imaging and general adult diagnostic imaging including mammography, magnetic resonance imaging (MRI), computed tomography (CT), ultrasonography (US), etc.     | Ms Irene Leung / Ms Alice Lau 2855 3307  |
|                      | Dr Clara Pang      | General adult diagnostic imaging (as above) especially thoracic and cardiac imaging<br>Thoracic interventional radiology and Transcatheter Oily Chemo-embolisation (TOCE) |  |
| Medicine             |                    | The telephone numbers listed below are for new appointment. For follow-up appointment, please call 2855 4333.   |  |
|                      | Prof SK Lam        | Gastroenterology and general medicine   | Ms Eris Leung 2855 3354  |
|                      | Prof KN Lai        | Nephrology  | Ms Doreen Siu 2855 4477  |
|                      | Prof TM Chan       | Nephrology, lupus nephritis   | Ms Christine So 2855 4542  |
|                      | Prof VNY Chan      | Prenatal testing and preimplantation genetic diagnosis of common genetic diseases   | Ms Doreen Siu 2855 4477  |
|                      | Prof MSM Ip        | Respiratory medicine  | Ms Carlina Ng 2855 4455  |
|                      | Prof YL Kwong      | Haematology, leukaemia and lymphoma; thrombosis and bleeding  | Ms Tervina Wong 2855 5859  |
|                      | Prof AWC Kung      | Endocrinology, osteoporosis, thyroid  | Ms Gladys Chu 2855 4769  |
|                      | Prof KSL Lam       | Endocrinology, diabetes & metabolism; pituitary, thyroid & lipid disorders (on-site dietetic and ophthalmological support preferred)                                      |  |
|                      | Prof WK Lam        | Respiratory medicine, pulmonology (patients on ventilators not accepted)  | Ms Carlina Ng 2855 4455  |
| Prof CS Lau          | Rheumatology       | Ms Diana Cheung 2855 4049   |  |



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| <b>Medicine</b>                        | Prof RHS Liang             | Haematology, oncology, blood cancers                           | Ms Tervina Wong 2855 5859               |
|  | Prof HF Tse                | Cardiology, pacing & electrophysiology                         | Ms Anita Wan 2855 4694                  |
|  | Prof BCY Wong              | Gastroenterology, liver cancer                                 | Ms Fiona Fung 6080 5000                 |
|  | Dr BMY Cheung              | Clinical pharmacology, hypertension                            | Ms Diana Cheung 2855 4049               |
|  | Dr RTF Cheung              | Neurology, stroke  | Ms Joanne Hui 2855 3315                 |
|  | Dr CM Ho                   | Respiratory Medicine   | Ms Christine So 2855 4542               |
|  | Dr SL Ho                   | Neurology  | Ms Joanne Hui 2855 3315                 |
|  | Dr GKK Lau                 | Hepatology   | Ms April Wong 2855 3986                 |
|  | Dr KCB Tan                 | Endocrinology  | Ms Gladys Chu 2855 4769                 |
|  | Dr MF Yuen                 | Hepatology   | Ms Miranda Ho 2855 3994                 |
| <b>Microbiology</b>                    |                            | Clinical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases                  | Ms Goretti Tse 2855 4892                |
| <b>Obstetrics &amp; Gynaecology</b>    | Prof PC Ho                 | O&G, Reproductive Medicine                                     | Ms Carrie Lee / Ms Annie Chow 2855 4262 |
|  | Prof TTH Lao               | O&G, Maternal Fetal Medicine                                   |   |
|  | Prof HYS Ngan              | O&G, Gynaecological Oncology                                   |   |
|  | Prof GWK Tang              | O&G, Human Reproduction and Endoscopic Surgery                 |   |
|  | Dr KKL Chan                | O&G  |   |
|  | Dr APW Hui                 | O&G  |   |
|  | Dr CP Lee                  | O&G, Maternal Fetal Medicine                                   |   |
|  | Dr KY Leung                | O&G, Management of Menopause, Prenatal Diagnosis               |   |
|  | Dr EHY Ng                  | O&G, Reproductive Medicine                                     |   |
|  | Dr CYT Ong                 | O&G  |   |
|  | Dr TC Pun                  | O&G, Endoscopic Surgery  |   |
|  | Dr KF Tam                  | O&G, Gynaecological Oncology                                   |   |
|  | Dr MHY Tang                | O&G, Prenatal Diagnostic Counseling                            |   |
| Dr OS Tang                             | O&G, Reproductive Medicine |  |   |
| <b>Orthopaedics &amp; Traumatology</b> | Prof KDK Luk               | Spine surgery  | Ms Wong Shui Yin 2855 5615              |
|  | Prof SP Chow               | General orthopaedics and traumatology, hand surgery            |   |
|  | Dr K Cheung                | Spine surgery and spinal disorders                             |   |
|  | Dr PKY Chiu                | Joint replacement surgery of the hip, knee, elbow and shoulder |   |
|  | Dr W Chow                  | Paediatric orthopaedics; deformity correction                  | Ms Phyllis Chan 2974 0282               |
|  | Dr B Fung                  | Hand & Microvascular Surgery                                   | Ms Wong Shui Yin 2855 5615              |
|  | Dr WY Ip                   | Hand and microsurgery; general orthopaedics                    |   |
|  | Dr HY Kwok                 | Musculoskeletal Rehabilitation; Spinal Rehabilitation          |   |
|  | Dr F Leung                 | Orthopaedic trauma   |   |
|  | Dr YH Li                   | Paediatric orthopaedics  | Ms Phyllis Chan 2974 0282               |



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| <b>Orthopaedics &amp; Traumatology</b>       | Dr KH Ng                           | Foot and ankle  | Ms Wong Shui Yin                        | 2855 5615 |
|  | Dr TP Ng                           | General Orthopaedics; Orthopaedic Oncology; Joint Replacement Surgery   |   |           |
|  | Dr WM Tang                         | Joint replacement surgery of the hip, knee, elbow and shoulder, severe musculoskeletal infection                                |   |           |
|  | Dr J Wong                          | Shoulder, elbow, knee and ankle pathology, sport related injuries   |   |           |
|  | Dr YW Wong                         | Spine   |   |           |
|  | Dr D Yip                           | Shoulder, elbow, knee and ankle pathology, sport related injuries   |   |           |
| <b>Paediatrics &amp; Adolescent Medicine</b> | Prof YL Lau                        | Paediatric Immunology and Rheumatology  | Ms Ada Tang                             | 2855 4481 |
|  | Prof LCK Low                       | General Paediatrics, Paediatric Endocrinology   | Ms Rita So                              | 2855 4090 |
|  | Prof VCN Wong                      | Paediatric Neurology  | Ms Phyllis Lam                          | 2855 4485 |
|  | Dr CF Chan                         | Paediatric Haematology / Oncology   | Ms Olive Yu                             | 2855 4091 |
|  | Dr KT Chau                         | Paediatric Cardiology   | Ms Anna Choy                            | 2518 2629 |
|  | Dr S Chiu                          | Paediatric Infectious Diseases  | Ms Phyllis Lam                          | 2855 4485 |
|  | Dr PT Cheung                       | Paediatric Endocrinology  |   |           |
|  | Dr YF Cheung                       | Paediatric Cardiology   | Ms Anna Choy                            | 2518 2629 |
|  | Dr AKS Chiang                      | Paediatric Haematology / Oncology   | Ms Olive Yu                             | 2855 4091 |
|  | Dr SY Ha                           | Paediatric Haematology / Oncology   | Ms Olive Yu                             | 2855 4091 |
|  | Dr BCC Lam                         | General Paediatrics / Neonatology   | Ms Stephanie Kwok                       | 2855 3485 |
|  | Dr NS Tsoi                         | General Paediatrics / Neonatology   |   |           |
| <b>Pathology</b>                             | Prof LC Chan                       | Haematology   | Miss Juliana Kwok                       | 2855 3160 |
|  | Prof ANY Cheung                    | Gynaecological histopathology and cytopathology   | Miss Cherry Lee                         | 2855 4875 |
|  | Prof SY Leung                      | Neuropathology  |   |           |
|  | Prof IOL Ng                        | Histopathology; cytology; hepatobiliary pathology   |   |           |
|  | Dr PSL Beh                         | Forensic pathology/ forensic medicine (autopsy, review of autopsy reports and medicolegal reports for criminal and civil cases) |   |           |
|  | Dr EYT Chan                        | Allergology, rheumatology, immunodeficiency   | Dr Eric Chan                            | 2855 4149 |
|  | Dr KW Chan                         | Histopathology and cytology, renal biopsy and urological lesions  | Miss Cherry Lee                         | 2855 4875 |
|  | Dr RJ Collins                      | Anatomical pathology: cytology, gynaecological pathology; human papillomavirus  | Ms Gloria Hui                           | 2855 4136 |
|  | Dr PPC Ip                          | Gynecologic oncology  |   |           |
|  | Dr BM Jones                        | Cytokines   | Dr Brian Jones                          | 2855 4147 |
|  | Dr US Khoo                         | Breast pathology – both histopathology and cytopathology  | Miss Cherry Lee                         | 2855 4875 |
|  | Dr JSY Kwok                        | Allergology, rheumatology immunodeficiency, bone marrow transplantation   | Dr Janette Kwok                         | 2855 4867 |
|  | Dr CCK Lam                         | Haematology   | Miss Juliana Kwok                       | 2855 3160 |
| Dr JM Nicholls                               | Head and neck, paediatric, general | Miss Cherry Lee   | 2855 4875                               |           |



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| Pathology      | Dr JCC So                       | Haematology   | Miss Juliana Kwok 2855 3160                        |
|                | Dr Maria Wong                   | Pulmonary pathology   | Miss Cherry Lee 2855 4875                          |
| Psychiatry     | Prof SW Tang                    | Mood Disorder, Psychiatric Pharmacology Consultation<br>(Referral for doctors or paramedic professionals is required)   | Ms King Wong 2855 4486                             |
|                | Prof Peter Lee                  | Psychological disorders<br>(Referral for doctors or paramedic professionals is required)  |  |
|                | Prof ML Ng                      | Sexual problem, psychotherapy (Accept cases for sex therapy or psychotherapy only. Referral for doctors or paramedic professionals is required)               | Ms King Wong 2855 3656<br>Ms Bonnie Choi 2855 4488 |
|                | Dr Eric Chen                    | Early psychosis<br>(Referral for doctors or paramedic professionals is required)  | Clinic nurse 2855 3656                             |
|                | Dr SE Chua                      | General adult psychiatric disorder<br>(Referral for doctors or paramedic professionals is required)   |  |
|                | Dr KF Chung                     | Adult psychiatric disorder, sleep disorder<br>(Referral for doctors or paramedic professionals is required)   |  |
|                | Dr JGWS Wong                    | General adult psychiatric disorder<br>(Age under 18 and Substance misuse patients are not accepted. Screen the referrals first before accepting the patient.) |  |
|                | Surgery                         | Prof J Wong   | Esophageal surgery                                 |
| Prof SWK Cheng |                                 | Vascular surgery  | Miss Margie Chui 2818 2298<br>Miss Suzan Lau       |
| Prof KM Chu    |                                 | Upper gastrointestinal surgery  |  |
| Prof ST Fan    |                                 | Hepatobiliary surgery / Liver transplantation   |  |
| Prof SYK Law   |                                 | Esophageal surgery  |  |
| Prof CM Lo     |                                 | Hepatobiliary surgery / Liver transplantation   |  |
| Prof CY Lo     |                                 | Endocrine surgery   |  |
| Prof RTP Poon  |                                 | Hepatobiliary Surgery   |  |
| Prof PKH Tam   |                                 | Paediatric surgery  |  |
| Prof W Wei     |                                 | Otorhinolaryngology / Head & neck surgery /Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery   |  |
| Prof PW Yuen   |                                 | Otorhinolaryngology   |  |
| Dr J Ho        |                                 | Colorectal surgery  |  |
| Dr KN Hung     |                                 | Neurosurgery  |  |
| Dr H Lau       |                                 | General Surgery   |  |
| Dr WL Law      |                                 | Colorectal surgery  |  |
| Dr GKK Leung   |                                 | Neurosurgery  |  |
| Dr GKH Li      |                                 | Breast Surgery  |  |
| Dr RWM Ng      |                                 | Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery  |  |
| Dr PC Tam      | Urology / Renal transplantation |   |  |
| Dr WK Yuen     | Hepatobiliary surgery           |   |  |



## Forthcoming Events

### Pre-Hospital Trauma Life Support (PHTLS) Provider Course

**Date** : September 9 & 17, 2006; October 14 & 22, 2006  
November 4 & 12, 2006; December 10 & 17, 2006  
**Venue** : Hong Kong St. John Ambulance Association, St. John Tower,  
2 Macdonnell Road, Hong Kong  
**Information** : Course Administrator, Hong Kong St. John Ambulance Association  
Tel : 2530 8016 Website : www.hku.hk/surgery

### Post-Registration Certificate Course in Intensive Care Nursing

**Date** : October 4, 2006  
**Venue** : Skills Development Centre, Department of Surgery, University of Hong Kong  
Medical Centre, Queen Mary Hospital  
**Information** : Institute of Advanced Nursing Studies, Hospital Authority, Queen Mary Hospital  
Tel : 2855 5836 Website : www.hku.hk/surgery

### 2006 International Forum on Community Psychological Medicine (IFCPM) - Multidisciplinary Approach to Mental Healthcare

**Date** : October 7-10, 2006  
**Venue** : William MW Mong Block, HKU  
**Organisers** : Family Medicine Unit, Department of Psychiatry, HKU; Hong Kong Medical  
Association; The Hong Kong Community Psychological Medicine Association  
**Information** : Secretariat (IFCPM)  
Tel : 2518 5656 Fax : 2814 7475 Email : ifcpm@hku.hk  
Website : www.ifcpm.hku.hk

### 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary for IVF

**Date** : October 15, 2006  
**Venue** : K2 Doctor's Common Room, Queen Mary Hospital  
**Information** : Professor W Yeung, Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology  
Tel : 2855 3405 Fax : 2817 5374 Email : wsbyeung@hkucc.hku.hk

### Harry Fang Visiting Professor Lecture: "Lumbar disc disorders: advances in basic science research and surgical techniques"

**Date** : October 31, 2006  
**Venue** : 5/F Lecture Theatre, Professorial Block, Queen Mary Hospital  
**Orator** : Professor Howard S An, The Morton International Endowed Chair, Department  
of Orthopaedic Surgery, Rush University Medical Center, Chicago, USA  
**Information** : Miss Regina Yuen, Department of Orthopaedics & Traumatology  
Tel : 2855 4466 Fax : 2817 4392 Email : rmcuyen@hku.hk

### 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Congress of Chinese Spine & Spinal Cord Combined with 2<sup>nd</sup> International Spinal Cord Injury Treatments & Trials Symposium

**Date** : November 2-5, 2006  
**Venue** : Dongfang Hotel, Guangzhou, China  
**Information** : Miss Ada Wong, Clinical Trials Centre  
Tel : 2855 4674 Fax : 2994 1248 Email : wongada@hkucc.hku.hk

### Distinguished Lecture of Department of Surgery

**Date** : November 3, 2006  
**Venue** : Underground Lecture Theatre, New Clinical Building, Queen Mary Hospital  
**Orator** : Professor David Fang  
**Information** : Miss Elaine Chan, Department of Surgery  
Tel : 2855 4238 Fax : 2855 1897 Email : surgery@hku.hk  
Website : www.hku.hk/surgery

### Hong Kong Society of Biological Psychiatry Conference 2006

**Date** : November 3-5, 2006  
**Venue** : The Hong Kong Academy of Medicine  
**Information** : Conference Secretariat Website : www.hksbp.org  
Tel : (852) 2559-9973 Fax : (852) 2547-9528 Email : hksbp@hksbp.org

### MB LEE Visiting Professor Lecture: "Wear, Osteolysis and Implant Fixation after Total Hip and Knee Replacement"

**Date** : November 9, 2006  
**Venue** : 5/F Lecture Theatre, Professorial Block, Queen Mary Hospital  
**Orator** : Professor William J Maloney, Professor & Chairman of Orthopaedic Surgery,  
Stanford University Medical Centre, Stanford, USA  
**Information** : Miss Regina Yuen, Department of Orthopaedics & Traumatology  
Tel : 2855 4466 Fax : 2817 4392 Email : rmcuyen@hku.hk

### 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Symposium Reproductive Medicine: Where we are heading

**Date** : November 11 & 12, 2006  
**Venue** : Cheung Kung Hai Conference Centre, William MW Mong Block, HKU  
**Information** : Professor W Yeung, Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology  
Tel : 2855 3405 Fax : 2817 5374 Email : wsbyeung@hkucc.hku.hk

### 13<sup>th</sup> Hong Kong International Cancer Congress & 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting of the Centre for Cancer Research

**Date** : November 15-17, 2006  
**Organiser** : HKU Li Ka Shing Faculty of Medicine, Cancer Centre of Queen Mary Hospital  
**Venue** : Cheung Kung Hai Conference Centre, William MW Mong Block, HKU  
**Information** : Congress Secretariat  
Tel : 2855 4235 / 2818 0232 Fax : 2818 1186 Email : hkicc06@hku.hk  
Website : www.hkicc.org

### SK Tam Visiting Professor Lecture: "Management of the Adolescent Painful Flatfoot"

**Date** : November 16, 2006  
**Venue** : 5/F Lecture Theatre, Professorial Block, Queen Mary Hospital  
**Orator** : Dr Vincent S Mosca, Associate Professor of Orthopaedics,  
University of Washington School of Medicine, Seattle, USA  
**Information** : Miss Regina Yuen, Department of Orthopaedics & Traumatology  
Tel : 2855 4466 Fax : 2817 4392 Email : rmcuyen@hku.hk

### Advanced Trauma Life Support (ATLS) Student Course

**Date** : November 24-26, 2006  
**Venue** : Skills Development Centre, Department of Surgery,  
University of Hong Kong Medical Centre, Queen Mary Hospital  
**Information** : Course Administrator, Department of Surgery  
Tel : 2855 4885 / 2855 4886 Fax : 2819 3416  
Email : qmhsdc@hkucc.hku.hk Website : www.hku.hk/surgery

### 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the International Society for the Prevention of Tobacco Induced Disease

**Date** : November 24-26, 2006  
**Venue** : Cheung Kung Hai Conference Centre, William MW Mong Block, HKU  
**Information** : Dr Sarah M McGhee, Department of Community Medicine  
Tel : 2819 9280 Fax : 2855 9528 Email : commed@hkucc.hku.hk

### Anatomy of Complications Workshop

**Date** : December 8 & 9, 2006  
**Venue** : William MW Mong Block, HKU  
**Information** : Professor KKL Chan, Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology  
Fax : 2855 0947 Email : kklchan@hkucc.hku.hk

### 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Scientific Meeting

**Date** : December 9-10, 2006  
**Venue** : Hong Kong Convention & Exhibition Centre  
**Information** : Dr SSM Chung, Department of Physiology  
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