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Professor York Chow

Secretary for Health, Welfare and Food



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It is again the time of the year when we would look back at what we have achieved in the past 12 months and make plans for the coming year. For our Medical School, we certainly have a lot to look back to as we will be 120 years old in 2007. A series of celebration activities have been planned and the Opening Ceremony got underway on December 7 when we also honoured six of the most prominent alumni in recent years. More information on the 120th Anniversary activities can be found in the Exciting News. While on this, I would like to promote our Anniversary book "Shaping the Health of Hong Kong – 120 Years of Achievements". The book is an attempt to summarise the major events and achievements of the Medical School since its inauguration in 1887, and to act as a source of encouragement for future staff to contribute to our continued success. At \$200, you will find this book your bargain of the year and I urge you to place in an order as soon as possible as supply is limited. Indeed, early bird orders before the end of February will enjoy a 20% discount.

The Faculty Newsletter is much younger but we are also celebrating our 10th Anniversary. In this issue, we have interviewed past and current Editors who gave an account of the birth and subsequent development of this very important mean of communication between the Faculty and its alumni and friends.

It must be the Christmas sentiment as even Professor York Chow, Secretary for Health, Welfare and Food, was rather nostalgic in his Message to the Faculty which was delivered during our Congregation last month. Professor Chow looked back to the time when he was a young medical graduate and how he slowly succeeded. His Message is a forward looking one, too as Professor Chow encouraged us to continue to work hard to explore new grounds and innovative techniques to strengthen our knowledge and skills to help improve the health of Hong Kong.

Christmas is just a few days away. Apart from feeling reflective, we should also spare our thoughts on our family, friends, colleagues and all the people around us. May I therefore take this opportunity to wish all of you a Merry Christmas and a fruitful year to come.

Professor CS Lau
Chief Editor

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Celebrating 120 Years of Medical Education



History is made by people: its movement depends on small currents and big tides, on ideas, visions and determination, on the ability to sense a trend, and the will to act on understanding and intuition.

Starting in 1887 as a humble college, the College of Medicine for Chinese, the Faculty has evolved to what it is today – a full fledged, prestigious medical school that plays a pioneering role in medical education, research, and professional development. Full-time student enrolment has increased more than 40-fold from 12 in 1887 to around 500 today. Programmes offered have extended from a Diploma of LMSCC (Licentiate of Medicine and Surgery College for Chinese) to four undergraduate and 15 postgraduate courses. The number of teaching staff has grown from fewer than 10 to more than 200. Over the years, the Faculty has successfully trained nearly 7,000 medical experts to serve Hong Kong and beyond.

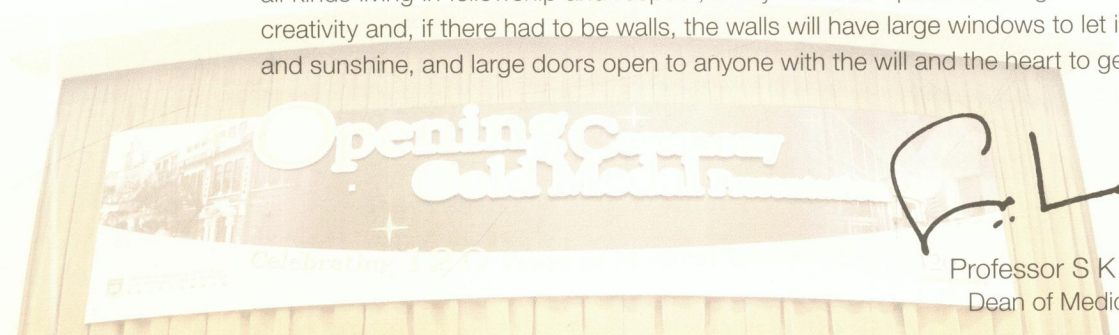
The Faculty has had a prevailing impact on key public health issues affecting large numbers of people both locally and worldwide. During the plague in 1894, the cholera outbreaks in 1960s, the emergence of H5N1 flu in 1997, and the crisis of SARS in 2003, staff and alumni demonstrated courage, steadfastness and professionalism at the forefront of scientific research, professional services and community education.

Yes, we were right – to insist on higher standards in the classroom; to establish a curriculum which gives young people the skills for caring, life-long learning for knowledge, and the humanity for a full life; to pass on the best of our heritage and scholarship to the next generation; and to establish wider opportunities throughout the entire history of medical education.

But our gaze is not set on the past; it's firmly fixed on tomorrow. Appreciating that the next society will be knowledge-based and will move full swing to biomedical research and development, that the next Asia will have a unique mix of indigenous diseases that accompany modernisation and ageing, that the next China will be in great demand for quality education and healthcare to sustain growth and its newfound wealth, and that the next Hong Kong will be fully integrated with Mainland China and assume an even more centripetal focus in Asia, the next HKU school of medicine will move to the centre of gravity in Asia for knowledge transfer and human research.

The Faculty is staying firm on its Vision Top 10, the main thrust of which is to double its manpower in 10 years, enabling a quantum jump in productivity and competitiveness to become one of the top 10 medical schools in the world.

I see the next school of medicine as a shining city teeming with students and scientists of all kinds living in fellowship and respect, a city with free spirit humming with intellects and creativity and, if there had to be walls, the walls will have large windows to let in the breeze and sunshine, and large doors open to anyone with the will and the heart to get there.



Professor S K Lam
Dean of Medicine

10th Anniversary of the Medical Faculty News

Dr John Nicholls
(Chief Editor 1996 - 1997)

MBBS 1983
Associate Professor,
Department of Pathology



The first ever Medical Faculty News (Volume 1 Number 1) appeared in February 1996. "It was only a four-page leaflet with two pages of text and photos and a spread page of a picture of the Queen Mary Hospital. The overall layout was not so professional," recalled Dr Nicholls (黎國思). "With no art design background, I figured that I needed to take a crash course to learn how to design a newsletter and publicise it."

After attending a design workshop, Dr Nicholls produced the second, much enhanced, edition of the Medical Faculty News. "Thanks to the workshop; the second issue was improved in a few ways: the overall design layout was enhanced; the number of pages was increased from four to six; and the title colour and font choice were adjusted," Dr Nicholls beamed.

"The tricks learnt at the workshop were used in the subsequent issues."



A call from the Dean

Indeed, the Dean was the instigator of the Medical Faculty News. In 1996, the Faculty embarked on a curriculum reform. Professor SP Chow (周肇平), then Dean, strongly believed in establishing an efficient channel of communication from the Faculty to the alumni and to inform them of the decision processes. "The newsletter is a form of publicity which helps to promote the Faculty. To ensure consistency, we included a fixed column which contained a message from the Dean in all issues of the Medical Faculty News. We felt this was vital to keep key stakeholders informed of what was going on in the Faculty," added Dr Nicholls.

Forming the Editorial Team

"When Professor Chow approached me to implement the initiative and launch the Medical Faculty News, instead of asking 'Why me?', I accepted the task with pleasure. I thought it was a nice challenge and a new project; something that I had never done before," recollected Dr Nicholls, with a smile on his face.

Dr Nicholls got together a team of five enthusiastic doctors who put in a lot of efforts to develop this communication from the Faculty. This team of five – Dr JM Nicholls (Editor),

Dr CH Cho, Dr ETF Ho, Dr HP Sheng, and Dr CM Wong – made up the first editorial board of the publication. "But none of us had experience in producing newsletters!" Once Dr Nicholls had completed his design course, however, the ball started rolling.

Our views

"We also wanted to hear from our readers, so we added the column **Our Views** from the second issue onwards to encourage people to send in their views, suggestions, comments and information, and to build a sense of belonging," Dr Nicholls added.

Keep going

From its inception, Dr Nicholls has remained on the editorial board until today. "I have not been able to leave the team as there are no terms of service. Nevertheless, I value the challenge and would like to continue to contribute as long as circumstances allow," Dr Nicholls said. He also added that the future mission of the Medical Faculty News is to reach out to more people, for example, prospective medical students. Dr Nicholls looks forward to continuing his contribution to the success of the publication and the Faculty.



Professor Mary Ip (Chief Editor 1997 - 2000)

MBBS 1978; MD 1992

Professor, Department of Medicine
Associate Dean (Education & Student Affairs),
Faculty of Medicine

Reading through the editions of the Medical Faculty News that she had produced, Professor Mary Ip (葉秀文) recalled some of the exciting and interesting moments of her time as the Chief Editor from 1997 to 2000.

Important tool of communication

On the key role that the publication plays, Professor Ip said, "Our Faculty Newsletter is an important medium of communication with our staff, students, alumni, benefactors, and other people who are associated with the Faculty." She stressed that the Faculty News was in fact the only consistent mean of communication available. With regular and timely snapshots of Faculty affairs, the publication helps to foster relationships and strengthen the bond between the Medical Faculty and its stakeholders.

From less to more

"Starting from the second issue produced during my time as the Chief Editor, we managed to increase the number of pages from six to eight. It was a small milestone but we did not have more manpower to

help! Every one on the editorial board had to work harder to collect more information and meet deadlines," Professor Ip recalled. In spite of her busy schedule, Professor Ip rolled up her sleeves and devoted herself on the publication. She interviewed people and wrote, edited and proofread the articles, and ensured that the production was always on time. "It was a tough process. But when I got hold of the printed final copy in my hands, I felt very happy each time," she smiled.

Spotlight on Department

Another achievement made during her editorship was to add the column **Spotlight on Department** to the Faculty News. "This new column started from Volume 4 Issue 2. The first department under the spotlight was the Department of Nursing Studies because it was a new department then," remembered Professor Ip. Subsequently, the Faculty News covered a department in each issue until 2004.

Fresh ideas

Comparing the Faculty News of the past to the present publication, Professor Ip

agrees there has been a lot of improvement such as the use of more photos and better layout, as well as richer and more comprehensive news from students and alumni. Professor Ip remains an ardent supporter of the publication today. She still takes an interest in its shape and content. She said challenges remain for the present editorial board to consider. "In the old days the main readers of the Faculty News would be the internal staff. As time passes, we are reaching a wider spectrum of readers. The new challenge of the editorial board would be to cater a wide spectrum of readers' interests." Professor Ip continued to say that it might be worth considering including new members to the editorial board, perhaps younger and less senior staff. This may bring in new ideas and wider interests of different programmes at the Faculty. "Most importantly, we should fully utilise this irreplaceable instrument of communication to build a strong tie between the Faculty and our members and friends," said Professor Ip.

Dr Louis Chow

(Chief Editor 2000 – 2005)

MBBS 1984; MS 1999
Honorary Clinical Associate Professor,
Department of Surgery



Dr Louis Chow (周永昌) was the longest serving Chief Editor of the Medical Faculty News, from 2000 to 2005. He edited 14 issues over five years, during which the publication and the Faculty went through considerable changes and developments. The Faculty News veteran believes that his guiding principles have served him well over the years, that are to ensure that the Faculty News acts as a “bridge” between the Faculty and the society, and to keep to the truth.

Dr Chow took up the reins of office in the new Millennium. From the first moment, he decided that the publication needed a face-lift. His second issue (Volume 6 Issue 1 in 2001) reflected this with a new and exciting look.

A new milestone

Dr Chow has put great efforts in improving the visual attraction of the Newsletter, from the cover design and the layout of each page, to the finest details such as the theme color of each cover and the font of the cover title. “From an 8-page bulletin, we made it into a 12-page booklet. The front cover was also re-designed. I prefer fonts that look ‘softer’ so that the caption looks more energetic and blends well with the background. We have tried several fonts over the issues to improve the effect. Also, I like having more and bigger pictures which are more eye-catching,” said Dr Chow.

More and enriched

“There was always more to report on and room for improvement,” said Dr Chow. The number of pages of a new, brighter and more dynamic Faculty News eventually rose to 24 pages. Two new columns were introduced.

Firstly, there was a new column featuring a **Message to the Faculty** from leaders in the profession and the community. “It is important to know what others think of our Faculty and their expectation of us to ensure we keep improving. Also, it is a good opportunity for our members to know what is happening in our profession and society.”

The **Student Column** was the second addition. It coincided with the introduction of student representatives on the Editorial Board. “I take pride in our students, especially their efforts in contributing to various voluntary works. It is good to share with others their stories and let people know that besides academic pursuits, our students have the heart to serve. Moreover, the alumni are always interested to know more about our students.”

But the development and improvement of the publication had a price to pay. “I did the proofreading myself until 2:30am on one occasion,” Dr Chow recalled with a big laugh. “But that was an eventful five years, the Faculty News recorded

a few major issues and interviews which would be remembered for a long time,” Dr Chow said. For example, the visit by Professor Wu Jie-ping (吳階平), then Vice Chairman of the Standing Committee of the National People’s Congress (Volume 6 Issue 1 in 2001), the special issue on SARS (Volume 8 Issue 1 in 2003) and the recent visit by Premier Wen Jiabao (溫家寶) (Volume 8 Issue 2 in 2003).

Above all, Dr Chow’s favorite articles were the “Message to the Faculty” by Professor Sir David Todd (Volume 8 Issue 3 in 2003) and the Feature Article in memory of Professor Guan Bee Ong (Volume 9 Issue 1 in 2004). “Professor Todd and Professor Ong are the two ‘giants’ in Medicine and Surgery respectively. They are both very respectable teachers!” saluted Dr Chow.

Hold fast to your belief

Reflecting on his service on the Editorial Board as the Chief Editor, Dr Chow found that the biggest challenge was to find out the right topic and relay them to the readers in a truthful manner. As the “bridge” between different parties, the Faculty News had to be responsible to the Faculty and all its readers. With this principle in mind, he would like to encourage readers, especially students, to hold fast to their belief in becoming caring healers who always put their patients’ interests in the first place.

Professor Chak Sing Lau

(Chief Editor 2006 – present)

MBChB (Dundee) 1985; MD Hons (Dundee) 1993
Professor, Department of Medicine
Assistant Dean (Education & Student Affairs),
Faculty of Medicine



On its tenth birthday, the HKU Medical Faculty News speaks to its current Chief Editor Professor CS Lau (劉澤星).

Taking up a new challenge

While recognising the achievements of his predecessors, Professor Lau plans to take the publication to a new level, one that is interesting and appealing to the broad readership of the Faculty News.

"I feel privileged for the opportunity to work as the current Chief Editor of the Faculty News. I am grateful for the efforts of my predecessors, editorial board members and administrative staff who have laid a very good foundation before me and allow me to bring the newsletter to the next level," Professor Lau said.

"Nowadays we are lucky to have many able administrative staff, a good production house and student representatives to help to put the Faculty News together. I believe my job should be more about setting goals, selecting interesting and relevant materials, giving directions and finding out what our readers want to know from the Faculty," commented Professor Lau.

However, one of the challenges the editorial board faces is the many events and developments that happen at the Faculty, and it is sometimes difficult to decide what and what not to include in the newsletter.

Athletic spirit inspires

Professor Lau, is not just a rheumatology expert but also a runner. He enjoys it as a hobby as well as exercises for the body and mind. "I am a slow runner but I enjoy running very much. It has taught me a lot, especially when I run long distance which requires a lot of preparation, endurance and determination. The sense of satisfaction that I get after running is so great that it gives me energy afterwards to get back to work.

"As a runner, I try different races, new routes and various terrains. Taking up the job as Chief Editor of the Faculty News is in a way similar. I am trying a different race and a new route. I like varieties and trying different things. I think the Faculty News should be more diversified to keep our readers amused," Professor Lau stated.



What the readers want

We want to look after the interests of all readers and as such we need to learn what they want to know from the faculty. Professor Lau and his team have started to formulate a plan to get readers' feedback and comments. "Adding a column **Letter to the Editor** is one possible way. Sending out a postal questionnaire and appealing on the web are the others."

Way forward

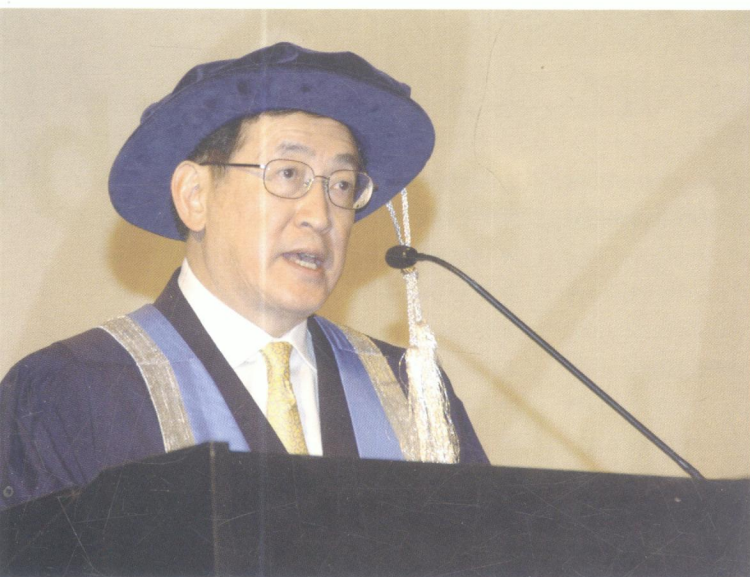
"The Faculty News has had great success in the past, but one must look ahead and think of further developments," remarked Professor Lau. "My team and I endeavour to maintain the Faculty News as an effective tool of communication as well as a high quality and interesting-to-read journal."

One of his ideas is to feature the soft and human side of Faculty teachers, staff and alumni. "We have many *crouching tigers and hidden dragons* in the Faculty," said Professor Lau. "And there are many talents to be revealed, such as dancing, playing musical instruments, opera singing, photography, sports, and a long list of other activities! For example, some of you may not know that our Dean is a harmonica expert." In addition, Professor Lau would like to feature and acknowledge the work of the administrative and technical staff in future issues.

Filled with passion and enthusiasm, Professor Lau has so much to share. Last but not least, he appeals to all teachers and friends of the Faculty: Be supportive of the Medical Faculty wherever you are and in as many ways as you can render. "This Faculty is about human values. We need to support each other in order to grow and achieve our mission of being one of the world's top medical schools."

Speech by Professor York Chow Secretary for Health, Welfare and Food

Faculty Graduation and Prize Presentation Ceremony 2006
Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre, November 19, 2006



Vice-Chancellor, Dean, Distinguished Guests, Friends and Colleagues,

Let me first congratulate all the graduands, awardees and your families. I feel both honoured and privileged to share your joy, and your achievements. For many students, being able to enter The University of Hong Kong, and particularly, the Li Ka Shing Faculty of Medicine, is already considered a great accomplishment. To graduate and receive the degree award is indeed a significant and memorable milestone in your life.

I was in the same position as many of you thirty-five years ago, when I was a MBBS graduate of the HKU. Apart from being able to walk with my head held high in front of the Vice-Chancellor and all my teachers in the presence of my parents, I also reflected on the years of learning and training, stress and hardship, teamwork and friendship.

University life in HKU will always be the most treasured memory for me, and, no doubt, for all of you too. I also remember that my parents gave me a solid gold plaque on my graduation day, with the engraving “濟世為懷” – I interpret that as “to serve and care for all with compassion and passion”. This plaque and motto has provided me with drive and strength ever since.

Many of you must have arrived this morning having just finished your long week's work, or you may have even come straight from night shift. The first few months of work as a medical intern, frontline nurse, or junior Chinese Medicine practitioner can be quite an experience. One often wonders about the difference between theory and practice. Why do only a few patients present with classical textbook symptoms? Why do none of them appear rational or receptive when one attempts to explain to them the cause of their symptoms and the recommended treatment? One wonders why some patients demand the unreasonable, or the unnecessary. Are they taking advantage of one's youthful face, inexperience and lack of confidence? As a young doctor back then, I share those feelings and appreciate those challenges. More importantly, we need to know why.

Healthcare professions are always considered the privileged and well-respected sector of the community. We are taught the meaning and importance of life, and provided with the knowledge and skills to maintain it. Our patients look to us for hope and cure, and for solutions for each of their symptoms. We are given the unique privilege of their confidence and access to their personal secrets and, in return, we are being entrusted to solve their health problems, and to relieve their pain and suffering.

From my experience and by observing successful clinicians, building a positive and trusting doctor-patient relationship with patients is more important than acquiring professional knowledge and skills. Like all relationships, it is a bilateral interactive process, requiring compassion, sincerity, sensitivity and tactful communication skills exercised by the healthcare professional. Being able to listen, comprehend and empathise with patients' sentiment will render the role of the carer much more effective. Explaining medical conditions with simple language that can be understood is essential. Patients only confide in a professional who is knowledgeable, caring, honest, and consistent. Practicing medicine and healthcare is indeed more an art than science.

Two thousand years ago, Hippocrates was already teaching his students to look presentable. He said, "The physician must have a worthy appearance; he should look healthy and be well-nourished, appropriate to his physique; for most people are of the opinion that those physicians who are not tidy in their own persons cannot look after others well. Further, he must look to the cleanliness of his person; he must wear decent clothes and use perfumes with harmless smells."

He also prescribed the oath which governed doctor-patient relationships: "Whatever houses I visit, I will come for the benefit of the sick, remaining free of all intentional injustice, of all mischief, and in particular of sexual relationships with both female and male persons, be they free or slaves."

In summary, the famous testament of Hippocrates contained both affirmations and prohibitions. It also contained pledges to the gods and to teachers as well as future students. The duties are to act with purity and holiness.

To follow the Hippocratic Oath to the letter in the twenty-first century might not be pragmatic, but the ethical principles remain perpetual. I learned from the Medical Council that its Code of Ethics is being revised to cope with our modern social environment. I sincerely hope the new Code will still contain the important clauses that safeguard patients' interests and responsibilities, and sustain the physician's unique role as the protector of health. No doubt other councils and boards from the health care professions will follow suit.



There are four other essential duties for the healthcare professional that I like to share with you. First, one should have a critical mind to question, and to take action to explore new grounds and innovative techniques to strengthen one's knowledge and skills. Continuous learning and research are essential. Secondly, one should take the lead to work in synergy with peers and other professions to strengthen the effects of healthcare, either through teamwork or partnerships. Thirdly, one should care for the younger generation of professionals, so that they can thrive and develop into even better professionals. Lastly, the healthcare professions should use their expertise and experience to benefit society at large, and one should be ready to step outside the institutions, clinics or hospitals to participate in the community, so that Hong Kong citizens and those elsewhere can benefit from your knowledge. At this point, I would request your support in implementing the Government's policy on anti-smoking. The Smoking (Public Health) (Amendment) Bill 2005 was recently passed in the Legislative Council and it will be enforced starting on 1st January 2007. Just Remember – don't smoke, don't let your children smoke, and help people to quit smoking.

Ladies and gentlemen, on behalf of all the graduands and their families, I would like to thank the Vice-Chancellor, Dean, Professors and teaching staff of the Faculty, for their dedication in developing the healthcare elites of tomorrow, for guiding them through the knowledge of the unknown, and inspiring them on their holy mission of caring.

I wish you all a healthy and successful career ahead.

Thank you.

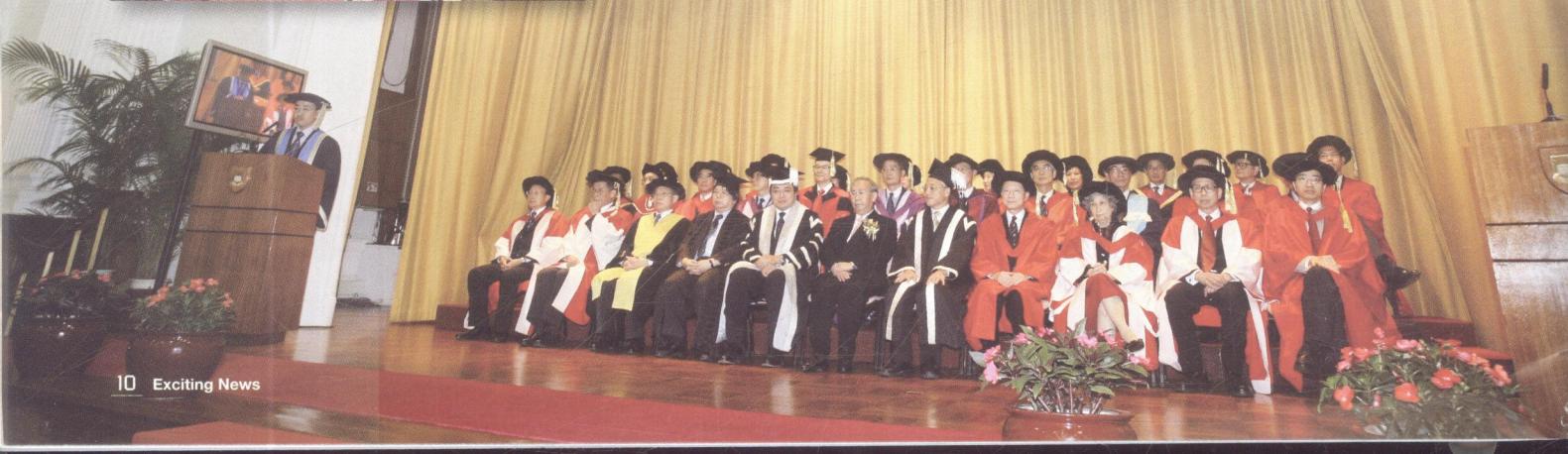
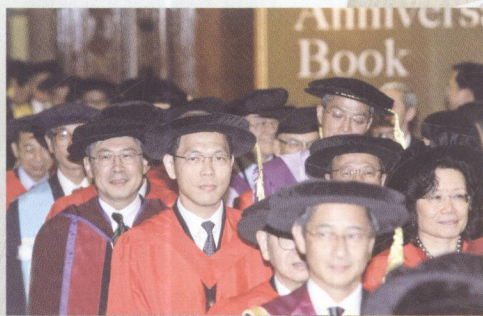
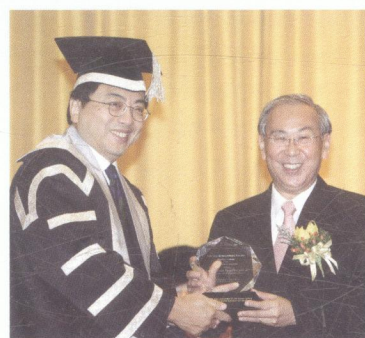
Celebrating 120 Years of Medical Education

The Medical Faculty will be celebrating her 120th Anniversary in 2007. In commemoration of this special occasion, the Faculty will be organising a series of activities next year, including Public Health Lectures, Alumni Day, Walkathon, Exhibition, Gala Dinner and many more.

Opening Ceremony cum Gold Medal Presentation

To kick off a year of celebrations, an Opening Ceremony cum Gold Medal Presentation was held on December 7, 2006 at the Loke Yew Hall. About 400 faculty staff, students, alumni and friends attended the ceremony to share the joy of the Faculty's celebration. The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Lap-chee Tsui (徐立之), and the Dean of Medicine, Professor SK Lam (林兆鑫), shared words of aspirations and visions with the audience and endeavor to turn the Faculty into one of the top 10 medical schools in the world.

On this special occasion, the Faculty presented Gold Medals to six distinguished alumni who have made landmark contributions to medical education, research and the profession locally and internationally. The Honourable Rafael Hui (許仕仁), GBS, JP, Chief Secretary for Administration, HKSAR, was the Guest of Honor and presented the medals to the six awardees: Professor Sir David Todd (達安輝), Professor Rosie Young (楊紫芝), Professor Yuet-wai Kan (簡悅威), Professor Che-hung Leong (梁智鴻), Professor Sheung-tat Fan (范上達), and Professor Kwok-yung Yuen (袁國勇). (More information on the achievements of the Gold Medal Awardees will be featured in the Anniversary Issue to be published in April, 2007)



120th Anniversary Medical Exhibition – A Time to Remember

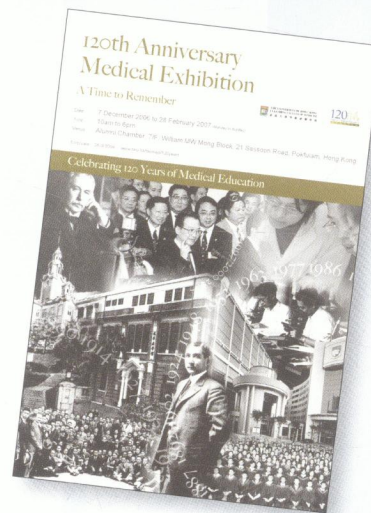
To showcase the Medical Faculty's thriving history, developments and achievements over the past 120 years, the 120th Anniversary Organising Committee is delighted to present a medical exhibition entitled "A Time to Remember", which features the Faculty's history and milestones, distinguished people, photo gallery as well as other memorable collections.

The exhibition's opening, officiated by Professor Lap-chee Tsui (徐立之), Vice-Chancellor of the University, Professor SK Lam (林兆鑫), Dean of Medicine and Professor Kin-hung Lee (李健鴻), President of The University of Hong Kong Medical Alumni Association, took place at the Alumni Chamber on December 8, 2006.



120th Anniversary Medical Exhibition – A Time to Remember

Date : December 7, 2006 – February 28, 2007
Time : 10:00 am - 6:00 pm
Venue : Alumni Chamber, 7/F. William MW Mong Block,
21 Sassoon Road, Pokfulam

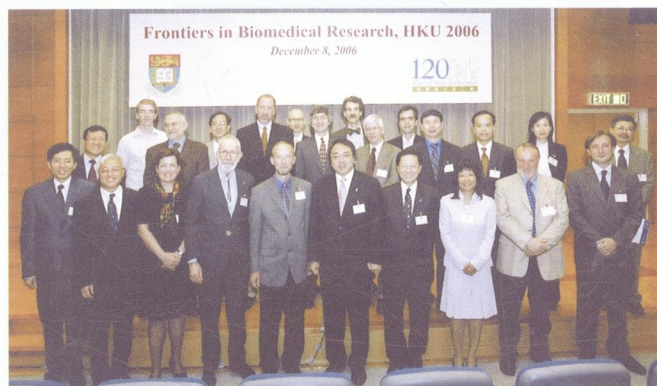


Frontiers in Biomedical Research HKU 2006

Following the Opening Ceremony cum Gold Medal Presentation held on December 7, 2006, the first scientific event to mark the year-long celebration of the Faculty's 120th Anniversary, entitled *Frontiers in Biomedical Research, HKU 2006*, was successfully held on December 8, 2006.

It is the 5th consecutive year that the Faculty organised a Research Symposium. Since the first Symposium in 2002, the event has become the annual flagship of the Faculty. The Symposium this year was organised along the five strategic research themes of the Faculty, which are Cancer, Healthy Ageing, Infection and Immunology, Public Health, and Reproduction & Development.

Building on the success in the past four years, the Symposium this year attracted over 900 participants at parallel lectures. 14 world



renowned experts shared their cutting-edge scientific research and insights with us. 23 local researchers presented their latest discoveries. The conference aims to achieve excellence through multi-disciplinary research.

Anniversary Events

Alumni Day	January 21, 2007
MGH-HKU-Nature China Forum: Molecular Medicine and Biopharma Opportunities	March 5-6, 2007
Sports & Family Fiesta	March 11, 2007
East - West Alliance Meeting	April 14-15, 2007
U21 Health Sciences Group Annual Conference & Workshop	September 26-29, 2007
Open Day	October, 2007
Walkathon	November 4, 2007
Frontiers in Biomedical Research HKU 2007	December 13, 2007
Gala Dinner	December 14, 2007

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

Coming Up

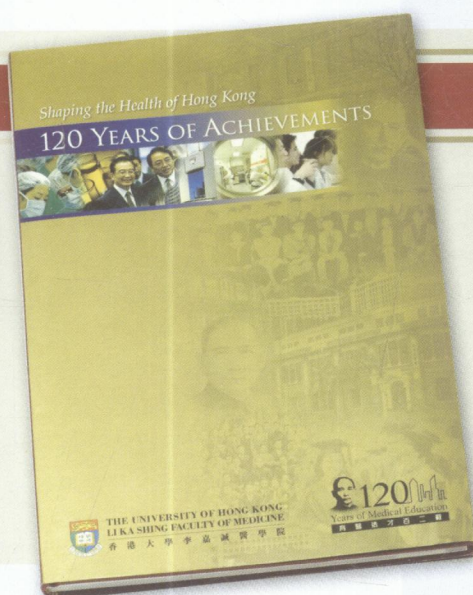
“Celebrating 120 Years of Medical Education: Explore the World of Medicine” Public Health Lecture Series

In commemoration of the Medical Faculty's pioneering role in medical education in Hong Kong for the past 120 years, the Faculty will be co-organising a public lecture series with the Hong Kong Public Libraries next year. Comprising a total of 12 lectures, this programme aims at providing the public a general picture on the development of Hong Kong's scientific research in medicine, and to foster the understanding on how our Faculty's medical education and research achievements help to promote health and well-being of the community.

The first lecture entitled **“Liver Transplant in Hong Kong: Who Lives, Who Dies?”** by Professor Sheung-tat Fan (范上達) will be held on January 6, 2007 from 10:00am to 11:30am at the Hong Kong Central Library. Information on the first six lectures is now available on the 120th Anniversary website.



Shaping the Health of Hong Kong 120 Years of Achievements



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This book is published to mark the 120th anniversary of the Medical Faculty and of the medical education in Hong Kong.

In 1887, the Hong Kong College of Medicine for Chinese was formally opened and held its inaugural ceremony with Patrick Manson as its first dean. When The University of Hong Kong was formally opened in 1912, the medical college was wholly absorbed into the Faculty of Medicine as the premiere faculty. Hitherto, medical education in Hong Kong had been raised to university level conferring degrees in medicine and surgery recognised by the General Medical Council. The Faculty hence evolved from a small-scale college into one of the leading medical institutions in the world.

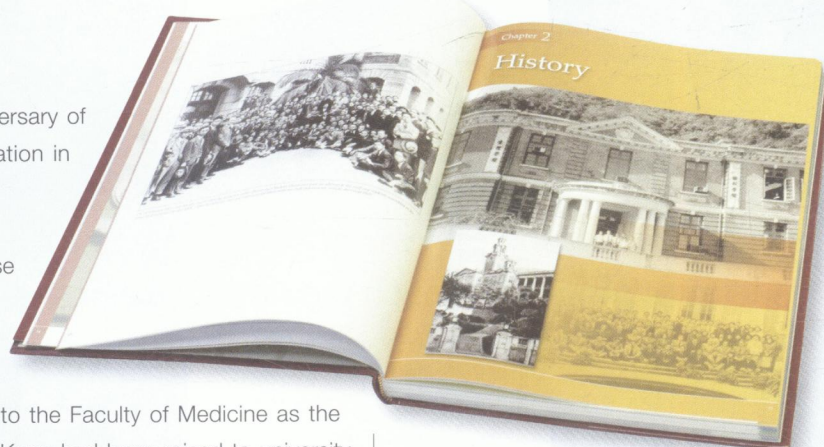
This book covers the establishment, development and achievements of the Faculty since 1887, as well as graduates' contributions to the community. It is also a book of collective memories for our teachers, students, alumni and friends.

Price: **HK\$200 per copy**

Early bird discount: 20% off regular price (valid until February 28, 2007)

Interested parties, please call (852) 2819 9994 or

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Information Day Showcases Excellence in Medical Training

The Faculty showcased the diversity and excellence of its medical training, research and services at the Information Day for Undergraduate Admissions 2006, which was held on October 21, 2006.

The Information Day is an annual event introducing the Faculty's programmes and facilities to the secondary school students as well as their parents and the general public. It also strengthens

the Faculty's link with schools, and promotes the outstanding achievements of the Faculty to the local community.

The event featured poster exhibitions, video shows, scientific and clinical demonstrations, interactive games and exchange with teachers and medical students. Through the rich array of programmes, visitors were able to have a thorough understanding on the Faculty's profile and achievements.

Admission talks were also organised for students who were dedicated to pursue or want to explore more on a medical career. Teachers from the Medical Faculty introduced the programme structure, teaching mode and admission criteria of the four curriculum offered by the Faculty, including the Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS), Bachelor of Nursing, Bachelor of Chinese Medicine and Bachelor of Science in Bioinformatics.

The event received enthusiastic response from over 4,000 visitors.



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

A platform-building initiative guided under the theme 'Multidisciplinary approach to mental healthcare' the 2006 International Forum on Community Psychological Medicine (IFCPM) attracted nearly 250 professionals from different disciplines including primary care doctors, psychiatrists, clinical psychologists, nurses, social workers, and occupational therapists to participate in the four-day conference and workshops held from October 7 – 10, 2006.

Apart from the collaborative effort among the four organisers: Family Medicine Unit and Department of Psychiatry, The University of Hong Kong; the Hong Kong Medical Association; and the Hong Kong Community Psychological Medicine Association, the IFCPM had also invited prominent scholars from overseas and the Mainland as well as numerous local speakers to share their views and expertise on issues related to community psychological medicine.

The intense exchange and discussion both on stage and floor during the conference witnessed a group of vibrant healthcare professionals who were taking significant steps to forge a multidisciplinary perspective and practice approach – an important theme translated into a position statement that was endorsed by various professional associations and colleges and supported by public healthcare authorities at the IFCPM. The Forum ended with a public lecture at the Hong Kong Central Library with a full-house audience of 300, and another 100 unable to get in.



Faculty Retreat on 3-3-4 Curriculum Reform

In the year 2012, undergraduate education in Hong Kong will move from three years to four years (3+3+4 academic structure reform), and that for professional degree programmes with an existing duration of more than three years, the curriculum will also be extended by one year accordingly.

With an aim of mapping out our development plan to align our undergraduate curricula with the new academic structure, a Faculty Retreat on Undergraduate Curriculum Reform was held at the Exhibition Area of William MW Mong Block on Friday, October 13, 2006. Fifty-six members of the Faculty participated in the event. Professor RYC Wong (王于漸), the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, and Mr HWK Wai (韋永庚), the Registrar, attended the Retreat to present to Faculty members the University's directions and policies on academic structure reform and to address members' questions on related



issues. Members discussed in groups two major aspects of undergraduate curriculum reform: the challenges posed by the reform in terms of education aims, curriculum components, and curriculum structure; and the action plan of the Faculty to carry out the reform according to agreed principles and directions in four areas, viz. planning and implementation, process and forms of engagement, infra-structure, and resource support. A report has been produced on the basis of the discussions at the Retreat which has been submitted to the University as the Faculty's response to the document 'Transforming Student Learning' published by the Steering Committee on 4-year Undergraduate Curriculum of the University.



Orientation for Research Postgraduate Students 2006



In the past five years, the Faculty witnessed an exponential growth in its population of research postgraduate students from 249 in 2001 to 499 today, a sharp increase by 80%. This trend is expected to sustain with the Faculty's continuous emphasis on training new blood in research. In 2006/07 alone, 164 new students have embarked or will embark their research pursuits here.

To welcome our new research postgraduate students and to

help them adapt to the new learning environment, the Faculty organised an orientation programme for them on September 22, 2006. It included a Safety Awareness Workshop, a tour of the Yu Chun Keung Medical Library, a visit to the Genome Research Centre and a Faculty Orientation Session.

During the orientation session, Professor YL Lau (劉宇隆), Associate Dean (Research), who have tremendous experience in supervising research postgraduate students, shared the secret to success with the students. He encouraged students to think out of the box on their research, and at the same time, strike a balance between their wild dreams and the reality of facing the need to complete their studies within a defined period of time.

Dr MH Sham (岑美霞), Assistant Dean (Research), shared with the students the expectations of the Faculty on research postgraduate students, the hardware and software in support of their research, and research ethics and safety issues, etc.

19th Annual Congress of Chinese Spine & Spinal Cord combined with 2nd International Spinal Cord Injury Treatments and Trials (ISCITT) Symposium

The 19th Annual Congress of Chinese Spine & Spinal Cord (ACCSSC) combined with Second International Spinal Cord Injury Treatments and Trials (ISCITT) Symposium was held at the Asia International Hotel, Guangzhou, China from November 2 – 5, 2006. It was the first time the conference was co-organised with the China Association of Rehabilitation of Disabled Persons-Sociation of Spinal Cord Injuries and the Nanfang Hospital, Southern Medical University. The conference was attended by 300 clinicians, scientists, physical therapists, nurses, researchers and postgraduates in the fields of spinal surgery, neuroscience, rehabilitation and Chinese medicine around the world. It addressed innovations and advances in the laboratory research, treatment and rehabilitation of spine and spinal cord injury. The conference started with a welcome dinner held on November 2, 2006. It was a wonderful night and all the guests enjoyed their first night in Guangzhou. Professor Jin Dadi (金大地), Chairman of the Conference Organising Committee, delivered his welcoming speech at dinner. We were much honoured that Dr Liao Xinbo (廖新波), the Deputy Director General of Department of Health of Guangdong Province and Mr Guo Deqin (郭德勤), Director of the Guangdong Disabled Persons' Federation, as well as other distinguished guests attended the dinner.

A lunchtime satellite symposium, conducted under the auspices of Pfizer Pharmaceuticals Limited, was held on November 3 and 4, 2006 as a part of the ACCSSC & ISCITT Symposium. Chaired by Professor Wise Young and Professor Jin Dadi, the lunchtime symposium focused on sharing the experience of managing spinal cord injuries between the east and west.

The next symposium of the China Spinal Cord Injury Network is to be held in 2008.



20th Anniversary Symposium Reproductive Medicine: Where we are heading

The Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, The University of Hong Kong and the IVF Centre, Hong Kong Sanatorium and Hospital had organised a scientific symposium on November 11-12, 2006 at the Cheung Kung Hai Conference Centre, Faculty of Medicine Building, The University of Hong Kong to celebrate the 20th Anniversary of their assisted reproduction programs. The symposium was officiated by Professor Ricky Man (文英强), Acting Dean of Medicine, The University of Hong Kong, Dr Kwong Kwok-hay (鄺國熙), Deputy Medical Superintendent, Hong Kong Sanatorium and Hospital, and Professor Leong Che-hung (梁智鸿), Chairperson, Council on Human Reproductive Technology, Hong Kong officiated at the opening ceremony. Fifteen world experts provided updates on the development of reproductive medicine. Over 240 delegates attended the Symposium.



13th Hong Kong International Cancer Congress & 3rd Annual Meeting of Centre for Cancer Research

The 13th Hong Kong International Cancer Congress was held in conjunction with the 3rd Annual Meeting of Centre for Cancer Research on November 15 – 17, 2006 at Cheung Kung Hai Conference Centre. The 2-day event

attracted over 700 participants from more than 10 countries. 12 international renowned scholars have been invited to deliver talks.

Altogether 27 medical and psychosocial oncology sessions took place during the 2-day programme. The presentations covered topics on leukaemia, head and neck cancer, radiology, immunotherapy, lymphoma, basic research as well as bereavement and palliative care etc. The Honourable Mrs Fan Hsu Lai Tai, Rita (范徐麗泰), GPS, JP, Chairman of the Legislative Council, was the Officiating Guest at the Opening Ceremony. It was followed by a keynote lecture entitled "Genetic and Pharmacogenetics in Childhood Acute Lymphoblastic Leukaemia" delivered by Professor Pui Ching-hon, Professor of Paediatrics & Chairman, Department of Oncology, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Memphis, Tennessee, USA.



Faculty Graduation and Prize Presentation Ceremony 2006

The Faculty held its Graduation and Prize Presentation Ceremony on November 19, 2006, at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre, conferring 22 degrees and diplomas. About 2,300 graduands together with their family and friends attended the Ceremony.

Professor York Chow (周一嶽), Secretary for Health, Welfare and Food, was the Guest of Honour and gave words of encouragement to our graduands and prize winners at the Ceremony.

In recognition of excellence in teaching and promotion of good teaching practices, three Faculty Teaching Medals were awarded this year, namely Professor LC Chan (陳立昌), Head of the Department of Pathology, Dr Cindy LK Lam (林露娟), Head and Clinical Associate Professor of the Family Medicine

Unit of the Department of Medicine, and Dr HH Tuen (段亨理), Honorary Assistant Professor of the Department of Surgery.

The newly established Faculty Outstanding Research Output Award, awarding to faculty researchers in recognition of their excellent research papers published in international journals was also presented at the Ceremony. Three groups of researchers represented by Professor Kathryn Cheah (謝賞恩), Dr Zhongjun Zhou (周中軍) and Dr George Lau (廖家傑) were given the awards for their respective papers published in Nature, Nature Medicine, and New England Journal of Medicine.

The 2006 Graduation Ceremony has spanned the number of medical alumni in the community to nearly 9,000 as the faculty approaches its 120th Anniversary.



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

School of Public Health research translated into smokefree legislation

On October 19, 2006, after several years of delay and many months of heated debates, the Legislative Council has passed the amendments to the Smoking (Public Health) Ordinance proposed by the Secretary for Health, Welfare and Food of the HKSAR Government. From January 1, 2007, smoking will be banned in most indoor workplaces including restaurants and karaoke bars for all ages, all schools and universities (indoor and outdoor), and beaches and parks (with limited smoking areas allowed), and some other public places. During this legislative process over several years, the research findings from our School of Public Health on mortality due to active and passive smoking and the related economic costs, and on mortality in catering workers due to secondhand smoke exposure in their workplaces have been frequently cited by the government, legislators, the mass media and members of the public. The most frequently broadcasted message was the Hong Kong Council on Smoking and Health campaign on "Secondhand smoke kills 1324 people in Hong Kong each



year", using the figure estimated from our 2005 British Medical Journal paper (McGhee SM, *et al*, 2005). We are very pleased that our research findings have been translated into tobacco control policy and legislation, for the protection of public health for all in Hong Kong and we will continue to work to ensure that the remaining gaps in Hong Kong's tobacco control are resolved in the near future.

Reception for Dr Cheng Yu Tung Fellows 2006-07

In 1998, the Dr Cheng Yu Tung Fellowship was established to support fellows from the People's Republic of China (PRC) to undertake clinical attachment, management and research training in the Faculty. Since the launch of the Fellowship scheme, a total of 141 Fellows had received support to undertake training or clinical attachment in the Faculty.

At the Reception of Dr Cheng Yu Tung Fellows for 2006-07 held on November 27, 2006, the 9th batch Fellows had the chance to thank Dr Cheng (鄭裕彤) personally for his generosity. Professor SK Lam (林兆鑫), Dean of Medicine, Professor YS Chan (陳應城), Chairman of Committee of Management, and supervisors of some of the Fellows were present to express their gratitude to Dr Cheng and Dr YK Sun (孫耀江), the Donor's representative in the Committee of Management, for their continued support to the Fellowship Scheme. This year, two honorable guests were



also invited to give addresses at the Reception: Professor JCY Leong (梁智仁), President of the Open University of Hong Kong and Ex-chairman of the Committee of Management; and Mr Mo Jin Qiang (莫錦強), Deputy Director General, Education of Science and Technology Department, Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in the HKSAR.

In his inspiring speech, Dr Cheng encouraged the Fellows to promote collaboration between Hong Kong and the Mainland in medical education and research. The current Fellows

then introduced themselves and thanked Dr Cheng and Dr Sun for giving them the precious training opportunities at HKU. In addition, Dr Jin Ou (金歐), a Fellow in 2002/03 shared her experiences of being a Dr Cheng Yu Tung Fellow. Like 25 other ex-fellows, Dr Jin has proceeded to higher degree studies at the University upon completion of her Fellowship training.

Orientation Programme 2006

Executive Committee, Medical Society, HKUSU

The Orientation Programme is one of the first activities that freshmen will attend once they enroll in the university. This Orientation Programme aims to give freshmen a warm welcome to the new environment and familiarise them with everything around them. Carrying the theme 'Family', this year's programme aimed at letting freshmen feel like being home in the university and bringing out the theory '醫護一家' – to create a rapport between students from different curricula within the faculty, forming a foundation for better cooperation at work in the future.

The programme consisted of four main events: Tea Gathering, Orientation Day, Orientation Camp for each curriculum, and High Table Dinner. The Tea Gathering was the first chance for freshmen to meet each other, and also to meet the senior students who would be tutoring them throughout the programme. A 'Sassoon Road Orientation' was also part of the gathering which helped freshmen to familiarize themselves with the campus and landmarks around it.

The Orientation Day consisted of two main activities, with the first one being the 'Main Campus Orientation'. This activity aimed at introducing the main campus to our freshmen, since nursing and Chinese medical students would be having lessons there while medical students rarely have the chance to walk around Main Campus. The second activity was the traditional 'Are You Sick?' game, where freshmen had to collect symptom cards by getting through different tasks, and to figure out the hidden diseases from the symptom cards they had in hand.

The Orientation Camp lasted for three intensive days during which freshmen received a taste of university life. During the camp,



freshmen were divided into ten groups and they all had to work together to fulfill different missions. For example, preparing a drama and figuring out a murder plot. In addition, there was a society game aimed at reinforcing the five elements of university students' life (study, hall, society, romance, part-time job); during which freshmen could decide to develop in any direction they like but they had to learn how to strike a balance among those elements. Other activities included traditional games like camp fire and water battle.

The concluding final event of the Orientation Programme was the High table dinner which was held on October 4, 2006, providing a chance for freshmen, especially those who are not living in halls, to experience one of the most significant traditions of The University of Hong Kong. We were honored to have Dr Ko Wing-man (高永文) and Dr Lo Wing-lok (勞永樂) as our special guests for the dinner who also shared their invaluable experience with our freshmen.



“We Want New API” — Anti-Pollution March by MBBS III Students

Christy Lam (MBBS III)



Air pollution is a longstanding and severe problem in Hong Kong. It threatens not only visibility but also causes serious harmful effects on the health of our citizens. From our Community Medicine teaching we learnt that polluted air actually kills over 1,000 people a year in Hong Kong, whereas road accidents claim less than 200 lives. Air pollution is not just an environmental or economical problem, but a significant health issue that we should join our hands to tackle.

On December 3, 2006, 50 fellow classmates assembled at the Old Star Ferry Pier to participate in our self-initiated anti-pollution petition.

Wearing masks and black T-shirts and holding banners that wrote, “Don’t forget our blue sky,” and “Air pollution affects our children”, we marched from the Old Star Ferry Pier to the Central Government Offices and distributed health-related leaflets along the way, calling on the officials and the citizens to concern about the lethal effects of air pollution and to take timely action to improve the situation. At the government headquarters, we handed the government representative a pictorial petition.

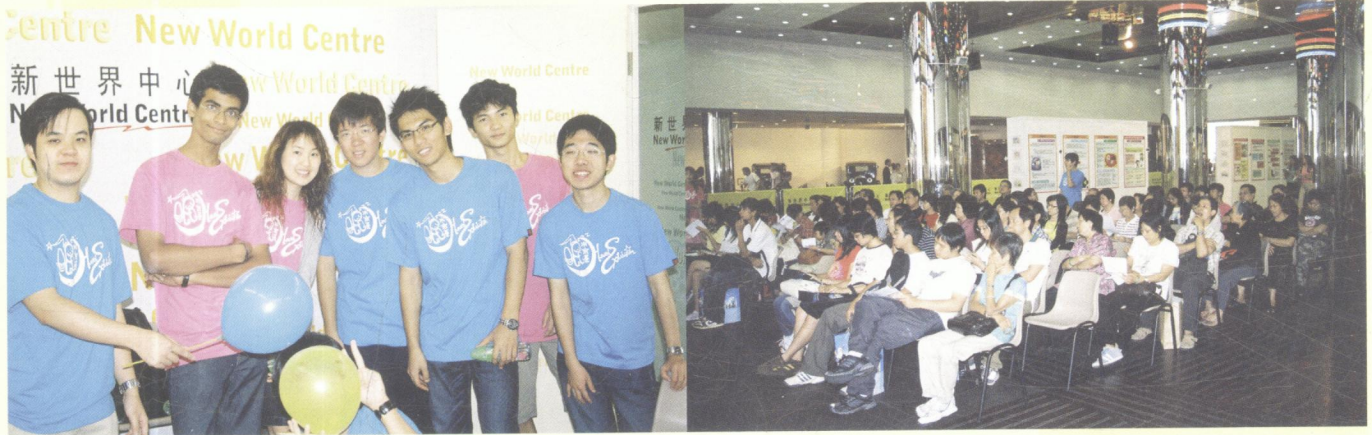
While the public relies on the Air Pollution index (API) from the government as the scientific and official reflection of air quality, it is regretful for us to know that our government has been adopting a standard that is outdated and lenient, basing on the European Air Quality Guidelines set in 1987. There is a great discrepancy between our current API and the latest World Health Organisation (WHO) Air Quality Guidelines issued in October 2006. With the colourful words on our black T-shirts that read “WE WANT NEW API”, we urged the government to review and revise the air quality objectives. We strongly recommended the government to adopt the latest WHO standard, so that the public could have a clearer picture of the problem.

As medical students, we should not just confine ourselves to the lecture theatre and the library. While we are busy equipping ourselves to cure and to save, we should never forget the importance of public health education as “prevention is the best cure”. Distributing leaflets to the pedestrians, voicing out to the press and appealing to the government, we wish to bring an impact to speed up the corrective action to the problem. May we all not forget the beautiful and clear harbour view under the azure sky that we all take pride in and cooperate together to resume its beauty.



Health Exhibition 2006

Health Exhibition Committee, Medical Society, HKUSU



The Health Exhibition is the largest annual activity organised by HKU medical students. This exhibition, since its inception, has served to raise awareness among the general public regarding various aspects of medicine and health. Over the past 19 years, this event has established a proud tradition of broadening the horizons of the general public through the medium of high quality information. This year's Health Exhibition was equally successful in this regard.

The increasing incidence of sleep deprivation as well as misconceptions on sleep related issues in Hong Kong indicates a paucity of generally available information regarding sleep. With the title 'The Best of Rest is Sleep', this year's Health Exhibition focused on several aspects of sleep medicine including the

physiology and hygiene of sleep along with clinical aspects of sleep disorders. The exhibition was widely advertised by the media. The huge turnout to the event served as a testament to the relevance of topic and the efficiency of publicity.

The exhibition was held for two consecutive weekends, from October 21-22 at Tsuen Wan Town Hall and from October 28-29 at New World Centre in Tsim Sha Tsui. In addition to the exhibition, we were honoured to have three eminent specialists in sleep and its disorders, namely Professor MSM Ip (葉秀文), Dr KF Chung (鍾家輝) and Dr SD Koo (古修齊) to speak to the public. Children were also able to enjoy themselves and learnt about the importance of sleep through games and art.

Barbecue Party of Madam Ho Residence for Medical Students

Philip Sham (MBBS V)



The Barbecue party for students living in the Madam Ho Residence for Medical Students (RMS) was held on October 24, 2006. The night was full of joy and happiness. Special thanks were given to Professor CS Lau, Master of RMS for his support, and the Medic Festival 2006 Organising Committee, Medical Society, HKUSU for their help in organising this party.



Programme Sub-Committee of the Medical Alumni Association 2006-2008

The University of Hong Kong Medical Alumni Association (HKUMAA) aims to enhance the bonding between medical alumni. One of the means is to provide more opportunities for alumni to meet on social occasions. The Executive Committee therefore invited graduates from various classes to form a Programme Sub-Committee to initiate activities for members as well as all medic alumni, staff and students. The following alumni have been appointed as members of the Sub-Committee:

Chairman

Professor Nai-kong Leung (梁乃江) (MBBS 1966)

Secretary

Dr Lai-yin Chong (莊禮賢) (MBBS 1979)

Members

Dr Edmund Cho-kwan Chan (陳祖鈞) (MBBS 1986)

Dr Kingsley Hau-ngai Chan (陳厚毅) (MBBS 2000)

Professor Tak-mao Chan (陳德茂) (MBBS 1985, Ex-officio)

Dr Ying-kei Chan (陳英琪) (MBBS 1991)

Professor Shew-ping Chow (周肇平) (MBBS 1968, Ex-officio)

Dr Alvin Kwan-ho Kwok (郭坤豪) (MBBS 1988)

Dr Robert Chi-lim Law (羅致廉) (MBBS 1973)

Professor Kin-hung Lee (李健鴻) (MBBS 1958, Ex-officio)

Dr Raymond Hang-wun Li (李幸奐) (MBBS 1997)

Professor Raymond Hin-suen Liang (梁憲孫) (MBBS 1979)

Dr Kathleen Pik-han So (蘇碧嫻) (MBBS 1971)

Dr Sam-fung Tsang (曾三峰) (MBBS 1994)

The Sub-Committee met twice in August and November this year and discussed the programmes for the Medical Alumni Day and the Sports & Family Fiesta, to be held on January 21, 2007 and March 11, 2007 respectively. The Subcommittee welcomes ideas and suggestions from fellow alumni.

Alumni's Achievements

120th Anniversary Gold Medals

Congratulations to the following alumni who have been awarded Gold Medals from our alma mater on the occasion of the Faculty's 120th Anniversary:



Professor Sir David Todd (達安輝)

MBBS 1952, MD 1958

Professor Rosie Young (楊紫芝)

MBBS 1953, MD 1959

Professor Yuet-wai Kan (簡悅威)

MBBS 1958, DS 1980

Professor Che-hung Leong (梁智鴻)

MBBS 1962

Professor Sheung-tat Fan (范上達)

MBBS 1976, MS 1992, MD 1998, DS 2005

Professor Kwok-yung Yuen (袁國勇)

MBBS 1981, MD 1998

Congratulations to the following alumni who have been recently conferred honorary degree/fellowship by tertiary institutions:

Professor Rosie Young (楊紫芝) (MBBS 1953, MD 1959) has been conferred an Honorary Doctor of Science by the City University of Hong Kong in November 2006.

Professor Kin-hung Lee (李健鴻) (MBBS 1958) has been conferred an Honorary University Fellowship by The University of Hong Kong in December 2006.

Reunions



Class 1956 Golden Jubilee Reunion

Class 1966 – 40th Anniversary Reunion at the Medical Alumni Chamber



Medical Alumni Day

In celebration of our alma mater's 120th anniversary, HKUMAA will organise a Medical Alumni Day on January 21, 2007. It will be a memorable occasion to share the joy of the Faculty and its graduates, and an excellent opportunity to renew ties and share fond memories with classmates and friends. All alumni and their family members are welcome.

Medical Alumni Day

Sunday, January 21, 2007

3:30 pm

Registration

4:00 pm

Opening Ceremony

4:15 - 5:45 pm

- Guided tours (highlights: 120th Anniversary Medical Exhibition, Clinical Skills Training Centre, Anatomy Museum)
- Talks on MBBS Curriculum & Alumni Travelogue
- Children's Corner

6:15 pm

Wine-tasting (to be held at Loke Yew Hall)

7:00 pm

Dinner (to be held at Loke Yew Hall)

Invitation to the HKU Medical Alumni Day 2007

Dear Alumni,

We would like to invite all alumni, their families and friends to the Second HKU Medical Alumni Day to be held on Sunday, January 21, 2007 at the Faculty Building and at Loke Yew Hall.

This is the second Medical Alumni Open Day since the establishment of the HKUMAA and the opening of the new Faculty buildings on Sassoon Road. Our First Open Day in 2005 has proven to be a marvelous and memorable occasion. We all had an enjoyable time visiting the new facilities of our Faculty and meeting up with old classmates and new friends.

This time the programme is going to be even more exciting. The Faculty tour will feature the Medical Exhibition on the 7th floor (Alumni Chamber). This is jointly organised by the HKUMAA and the Faculty as part of the 120th Anniversary Celebration. We have tried various means to literally dig up ancient photos showing alumni in their younger days - I'm sure many would insist that these photos were taken not that long ago. This exhibition should be on the 'must do' list of all alumni.

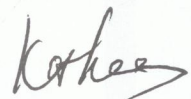
As in the past, the Clinical Skills Training Centre should prove attractive too. We will be able to see how future doctors are being taught.

The wine tasting and celebration dinner of the Alumni Day will be held in the Loke Yew Hall, as you may remember that the Foyer of the Faculty building was not big enough to hold all the participants last time. And of course there will be entertainment programmes, some of which will be performed by our alumni with many talents.

As places are limited, I urge everyone to act early and speedily. Please complete the enclosed Registration Form and return it to us before January 10, 2006.

Looking forward to seeing many of you soon.

Yours sincerely,



Professor Kin-hung Lee
President, HKUMAA

Class 1956 & Class 1981



The two classes hosted their reunion dinners at the Dynasty Club on October 14, 2006.

Class 1981 Silver Jubilee Reunion



Donations

Dr Tam Sai-kit	HK\$ 5,000,000	In support of research on spine surgery of the Department of Orthopaedics & Traumatology
Sun Chieh Yeh Heart Foundation	HK\$ 1,200,000	In support of relocation and expansion of Sun Chieh Yeh Cardiac Rehabilitation Training Laboratory
Professor & Mrs Lam Tai-hing	HK\$ 1,000,000	In support of epidemiological and public health research, especially the HKU School of Public Health, Public Health Research Centre – Guangzhou, University of Birmingham collaborative Guangzhou Biobank Cohort Study and related programmes
Lo Ka Chung Charitable Foundation Ltd	HK\$ 1,000,000	In support of research on early detection of aerodigestive cancers undertaken by Professor BCY Wong and Dr B Lam
Onshine Securities Ltd	HK\$ 1,000,000	In support of clinical and research pursuits in neuro-oncology
Ms Tam Fung-king	HK\$ 1,000,000	In support of research work and future development in healthcare of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology
The Hung Hing Ying and Leung Hau Ling Charitable Foundation	HK\$ 550,000	In support of the T-cell lymphoma NCI Project conducted by the Division of Haematology and Oncology
Simon K Y Lee Foundation Ltd	HK\$ 500,000	In support of research on intestinal ulcer conducted by the Division of Gastroenterology and Hepatology
The Shun Tak District Min Yuen Tong of Hong Kong	HK\$ 500,000	Third and fourth yearly installment of a four-year donation of total HK\$1,000,000 for setting up the Gastrointestinal Motility Laboratory
Dr The Hon Woo Pak-chuen	HK\$ 500,000	In support of cardiology research projects undertaken by Professor HF Tse
Pneumoconiosis Compensation Fund Board	HK\$ 366,050	First Installment in support of a research project “The role of oxidants and antioxidants in the pathogenesis of silicosis” conducted by Professor M Chan
Professor Chan Tai-kwong	HK\$ 250,000	In support of research project conducted by Professor RTF Cheung
ARIUS Research Inc	HK\$ 249,200	In support of research on “Novel therapeutic strategy against HCC metastasis” by Dr TKW Lee
Capital On Investment Ltd	HK\$ 200,000	In support of a research project undertaken by Dr WM Lui of the Division of Neurosurgery
L & T Charitable Foundation Ltd	HK\$ 200,000	In support of research in kidney disease undertaken by the Division of Nephrology
Wealthy Creative Health Food Ltd	HK\$ 169,960	In support of academic and research pursuits of Dr JMC Luk
Leading Force Ltd	HK\$ 120,000	In support of academic and research pursuits of the Division of Head and Neck Surgery
St. Jude Medical (HK) Ltd	HK\$ 116,700	In support of cardiac pacing research undertaken by Professor HF Tse
Miss Ho Ka-wai	HK\$ 100,000	In support of education and training of medical and nursing staff of oesophageal surgery
Leung Chik Wai Charitable Trust	HK\$ 100,000	In support of research on Parkinson’s disease by Dr SL Ho
Otsuka Pharmaceutical (HK) Ltd	HK\$ 100,000	In support of research on medical treatment of intracranial arterial stenosis conducted by Professor RTF Cheung
PricewaterhouseCoopers Ltd	HK\$ 100,000	In support of cerebrovascular research conducted by Professor RTF Cheung
Dr Wong Yat-kiu, Buddy	HK\$ 100,000	In support of the Wong Hau Yuen Distinguished Visiting Scholarship in Surgery
Yvonne Industrial Co Ltd	HK\$ 100,000	In support of research and development of the Division of Head & Neck Surgery

Congratulations

Professor PC Sham (沈伯松), has been promoted to Chair Professor of Psychiatric Genomics in the Faculty.

The following academics have been promoted to Professors:

Professor RTF Cheung (張德輝), Department of Medicine

Professor SSM Chung (鍾森文), Department of Physiology

Professor R Fielding, Department of Community Medicine

Professor SL Ho (何樹良), Department of Medicine

Professor ECW Hui (許志偉), Li Ka Shing Faculty of Medicine

Professor GM Leung (梁卓偉), Department of Community Medicine

Professor NG Patil, Department of Surgery

Professor PCY Woo (胡釗逸), Department of Microbiology

Achievements

Dr PSL Beh (馬宣立), Associate Professor of the Department of Pathology, has been honoured as Honorary Fellow by the Hong Kong Jockey Club Centre for Suicide Research and Prevention.

Professor DTM Chan (陳德茂), Personal Professor of the Department of Medicine, and **Professor BCY Wong** (王振宇), Professor of the Department of Medicine, have been awarded the Outstanding Research Award 2005-2006 by the University Research Committee.

Professor PCY Woo (胡釗逸), Professor of the Department of Microbiology, **Dr JD Huang** (黃建東), Assistant Professor of the Department of Biochemistry, **Dr A Xu** (徐愛民), Assistant Professor of the Department of Medicine, have been awarded the Outstanding Young Research Award 2005-2006 by the University Research Committee.

Professor CH Cho (曹之憲), Chair Professor of the Department of Pharmacology, has been elected as President of the Gastrointestinal Pharmacology Section of the International Union of Basic and Clinical Pharmacology from 2006-2010.

Professor ST Fan (范上達), Chair Professor of the Department of Surgery, has been elected as a member of the Chinese Academy of Engineering. He has also been awarded the honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters Honoris Causa by DePaul University, Chicago, Illinois, United States.

Professor CL Lai (黎青龍), Chair Professor of the Department of Medicine, has been awarded the Outstanding Research Student Supervisor Award 2005-2006 for his contributions to supervising his research students.

Professor TH Lam (林大慶), Chair Professor of the Department of Community Medicine, has been reappointed as the Vice-Chairman of the Hong Kong Council on Smoking and Health for a period of two years with effect from 1 October 2006.

Dr TKW Lee (李健華), Postdoctoral Fellow of the Department of Surgery, has been awarded the 2006 Hong Kong Young Scientist Award (Life Sciences panel) by the Hong Kong Institute of Science for his dedicated research work on understanding of the molecular mechanisms involved in the metastasis of hepatocellular carcinoma (HCC).

Professor SY Leung (梁雪兒), Professor of the Department of Pathology, has been awarded the Croucher Senior Medical Research Fellowship 2007-08.

Professor SW Tang (鄧兆華), Chair Professor of the Department of Psychiatry, has succeeded in the bidding for the 2010 CINP conference to be held in Hong Kong. CINP is a major international organisation for psychiatrists, neurologists and neuroscientists. The bi-yearly international conference generally attracted psychiatrists and neurologists around the world in the thousands. The 2010 event will be the first time for this conference to be held in Asia except Japan.

"Nano Biomechanics of Type II Collagens in Human Intervertebral Discs", the collaborative research conducted by **Professor KDK Luk** (陸颺驥), Chair Professor of the Department of Orthopaedic and Traumatology, **Professor AHW Ngan** (顏慶雲), Professor of the Department of Mechanical Engineering, **Dr KMC Cheung** (張文智), Associate Professor of the Department of Orthopaedic and Traumatology, **Dr WW Lu** (呂維加), Associate Professor of the Department of Orthopaedic and Traumatology, **Dr D Chan** (陳振勝), Assistant Professor of the Department of Biochemistry, and **Dr DK Aladin**, postgraduate student of the Department of Orthopaedic and Traumatology, has been selected for Best Paper Award in the "Best Young Engineers Papers Competition" of the Biomedical Engineering Conference 2006.

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Dr ACK Chung (鍾志剛) joined the Department of Medicine as Research Assistant Professor in August 2006. He received his PhD from the University of Oklahoma, USA. Then he joined the Baylor College of Medicine as a Post-Doctoral fellow and promoted to instructor in 2002. Over the past 14 years, his research field has been focusing on the mechanism of nuclear receptors in different biological functions. Using genetic and molecular approaches, he demonstrated that GCNF, a nuclear receptor, plays an important role in body axis formation, brain and germ cell development. Currently, he is studying the role of a nuclear receptor coactivator in diabetic nephropathy.



Dr BJ Cowling joined the Department of Community Medicine as Research Assistant Professor in October 2006. He obtained his BSc in Mathematics and PhD in Statistics from the University of Warwick, UK. Upon graduation, he spent a year as a Research Statistician in Imperial College London, before moving to Hong Kong. His primary research area is medical statistics with a special interest in infectious disease epidemiology. His current work includes a large scale study on influenza transmission in the community.



Dr RP Curtain has taken up the post as Manager of the Genome Research Centre in September, 2006. Previously he served at the Griffith University, Genomics Research Centre, Australia for close to 10 years, where he also completed his PhD in Human Molecular Genetics. His role included management of the facility, designing experimental protocols and diagnostic tests, genetic analysis and DNA sequencing research. Dr Curtain moved to Singapore after his term at Griffith University, from here he ventured into the business - side of biotechnology. He became regional manager for a biotech company that served Singapore, including the Singapore Biopolis, and also the Asia Pacific region. Dr Curtain's interests lie in developing strong relationships and collaborations between the business community and biotech research.



Dr YYC Lo (盧宛聰) joined the Family Medicine Unit in October 2006 after working at the University Health Service, HKU for more than 2 years. She completed her training in Family Medicine in Hong Kong. She enjoys teaching and is interested in a wide range of research areas including community research, qualitative research and medical education research.

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Dr PMT Ling (凌明達) has been appointed as Research Assistant Professor in the Department of Anatomy in July, 2006. He received his PhD degree from the Department in 2003 and was awarded the Dr KP Stephen Chang Gold Medal for his thesis, Dr Ling was then appointed as Postdoctoral Fellow upon his graduation. His research has been focusing on the study of mechanisms responsible for the development of hormone refractory prostate cancer. He is also interested in identifying novel therapeutic targets for developing effective treatment strategy against prostate cancer using both prostate cancer cell line and xenograft as models.



Dr ACY Lo (勞卓妍) joined The Eye Institute as Assistant Professor in September 2006. She obtained her Bachelor Degree (with Distinctions) in Chemistry from the University of Hawaii at Manoa and her PhD degree in Neuroscience from the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine. Her main research interest is neuroprotection in human diseases such as retinal diseases and stroke. Her programme of research focuses on the investigation of mechanisms controlling retinal and neuronal degeneration in experimental animal models and on the development of new molecular and cellular therapeutic approaches. Her current work includes neurotrophin gene therapy in a mouse model of diabetic retinopathy.



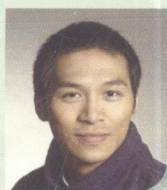
Dr JCM Ho (何重文) joined the Department of Medicine as Clinical Assistant Professor in May 2006. He graduated from The University of Hong Kong (HKU) in 1993 and received training in internal medicine and respiratory medicine at Queen Mary Hospital as Associate Consultant before joining HKU. He also received training in the Department of Cancer Biology at the Cleveland Clinic Foundation, USA in 2000. His main research interests include treatment for advanced non-small cell lung cancer, antioxidants in lung cancer, lung cancer genetics and respiratory infections including SARS. He has published more than 40 articles in peer-reviewed journals and book chapters.



Dr CBY Pang (彭碧瑤) joined the Department of Diagnostic Radiology as Clinical Assistant Professor in July 2006. She received her MBBS from HKU in 1999. She underwent her specialty training at Queen Mary Hospital and attained Fellowship of Royal College of Radiologists before joining the University. Dr Pang's special interests include oncology imaging and thoracic radiology.



Dr M Yang (楊默) joined the Department of Paediatrics and Adolescent Medicine as Research Assistant Professor in August 2006. He received his medical degree and neurology training from Zhongshan Medical University and Graduate School of Peking Union Medical College in 1984 and 1990 respectively. He then obtained PhD degree in Hematology from The University of New South Wales in 1997. Afterwards, he completed his postdoctoral training and worked as a Scientific Officer at The Chinese University of Hong Kong before joining HKU. His research interests include the biology of blood stem cells and hematopoietic growth factors, especially on thrombopoiesis and TPO.



Dr KWK Yeung (楊偉國) has been recently appointed as Research Assistant Professor in the Department of Orthopaedic and Traumatology. Dr Yeung received his bachelor degree from the City University of Hong Kong in 1998 and was then admitted to the HKU Faculty of Medicine for post-graduate study. He finished his MPhil and PhD degrees in 2001 and 2005 respectively and joined the Department of Orthopaedic and Traumatology as Post-doctoral Research Fellow as well as Honorary Assistant Professor in June 2005. Dr Yeung has published more than 20 peer-reviewed journal papers in top-journals of the field together with more than 10 full patents in various countries.



Dr R Zhang (張榮信) joined the Department of Medicine as Research Assistant Professor in September 2006. He received his BS in Biology from Inner Mongolia University in 1993 and PhD in Genetics from Nankai University in 1999. Afterwards, he was appointed as Postdoctoral Associate and Instructor in the Department of Surgery at Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, USA before he joined HKU. His research interests include dendritic and T cell differentiation, cancer immunology and cancer gene therapy, dendritic vaccine and virus-like particles vaccine for HIV and cancer.



Dr ZJ Zhang (張樟進) joined the School of Chinese Medicine as Associate Professor in September 2006. He received his BMed from Shanghai University of Traditional Chinese Medicine in 1985 and his PhD in Neurosciences from Xi'an Jiaotong University College of Medicine in 1991. He was appointed as Associate Professor and Vice Chairman of the Department of Human Anatomy at Xi'an in 1993. In 1994, he moved to USA and worked at Vanderbilt University as Research Fellow, and then at Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences as Research Assistant Professor. Dr Zhang has served as principal investigator and directed several basic and clinical studies funded by national and international foundations. His current research interests focus on developing more effective treatment strategies against major psychiatric disorders, including the use of Chinese medicine, acupuncture, and other alternative medicines.



Dr GQ Zhou (周光前) is newly appointed as Research Assistant Professor in the Department of Orthopaedics and Traumatology. Dr Zhou received his doctoral degree in Molecular Immunology at Umea University, Sweden, and postdoctoral training in the Weatherall Institute of Molecular Medicine, Oxford University, where he became interested in the fundamental biology of adult stem cells. Prior to his current post, Dr Zhou was a lecturer at the Queen's University of Belfast, UK, working with regulation of musculoskeletal and mesenchymal stem cells. Dr Zhou will continue his interests in stem cell biology related to diseases of the musculoskeletal and other systems.

Dr MM Garcia-Barcelo, Assistant Professor, Department of Surgery

Dr Y Zhang (張艷波), Assistant Professor, School of Chinese Medicine

Hello

Goodbye

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

Professor CY Lo (盧寵猷), Professor, Department of Surgery

Dr WW Mak (麥惠南), Manager, Genome Research Centre

Forthcoming Events

Postgraduate Diploma in Diagnosis and Therapeutics in Internal Medicine (PDip IntMed&Therapeutic)

Date : January 2007 - December 2008 (2 year part-time programme with 12 modules of academic study)

Information : www.hku.hk/medicine

Hong Kong Surgical Forum – January 2007

Date : January 12-13, 2007

Venue : Underground Lecture Theatre, New Clinical Building, Queen Mary Hospital, Pokfulam, Hong Kong

Information : Forum Secretary, Department of Surgery

Tel: 2855 4885 / 2855 4886 Fax: 2819 3416 Email: hksf@hkucc.hku.hk

Website: www.hku.hk/surgery

G B Ong Lecture – Live Surgery: A New Specialty

Date : January 13, 2007

Orator : Henri Bismuth, Professor Emeritus, Faculty of Medicine Kremlin Bicetre, Paris South University, Paris, France

Venue : Underground Lecture Theatre, New Clinical Building, Queen Mary Hospital, Pokfulam, Hong Kong

Information : Forum Secretary, Department of Surgery

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Pre-Hospital Trauma Life Support (PHTLS) Provider Course

Date : January 20 & 28, 2007

February 24-25, 2007

March 3 & 11, 2007

April 21-22, 2007

Venue : Hong Kong St. John Ambulance Association, St. John Tower, 2 MacDonnell Road, Hong Kong

Information : Senior Training Officer, Hong Kong St. John Ambulance Association

Tel: 2530 8016 Website: www.hku.hk/surgery

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

Date : January 29 - February 2, 2007

Organiser : The Department of Pathology (ASI Director: Professor Irene Ng)

Venue : Lecture Theatre 1, Cheung Kung Hai Conference Centre, G/F, William MW Mong Block, 21 Sassoon Road

Information : Ms Cherry Lee

Tel: 2855 4875 Fax: 2872 5197 Email: lfee@hkusua.hku.hk

Remarks : The morning lectures will be open to all who are interested

12th Medical Research Conference

Date : February 3, 2007

Venue : Lecture Theatre 1, Cheung Kung Hai Conference Centre, G/F, William MW Mong Block, 21 Sassoon Road

Information : Ms Denise Yu, Department of Medicine

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9th James Gibson Lecture

Date : February 5-9, 2007

Orator : Professor Xin Lu, Director of Research of the Ludwig Institute for Cancer Research (LICR) London Branch, Associate Director James R Kerr Program China (an International LICR program)

Venue : 1/F, Lecture Theatre, University Pathology Building, Queen Mary Hospital

Information : Mr Raymond Ho, Department of Pathology

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Advanced Trauma Life Support (ATLS) Student Course

Date : February 9-11, 2007

April 27-29, 2007

Venue : Skills Development Centre, Department of Surgery, University of Hong Kong Medical Centre, Queen Mary Hospital, Pokfulam, Hong Kong

Information : Programme Manager, Department of Surgery

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

Date : February 25-28, 2007

Venue : Hong Kong Convention & Exhibition Centre

Information : Dr KY Leung / Ms Veronica Cheng (Conference Secretariat)

Tel: 2734 3312 Fax: 2369 0327 Email: isuog2007@pctourshk.com

2nd Symposium on Healthy Ageing: "Meeting the Challenges of an Ageing Population"

Date : March 3-4, 2007

Venue : The Ballroom, Sheraton Hong Kong Hotel & Towers, Tsimshatsui

Information : Miss Alison Chu, Research Centre of Heart, Brain, Hormone and Healthy Aging

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Advanced Medical Life Support (AMLS) Provider Course

Date : March 24-25, 2007

Venue : Skills Development Centre, Department of Surgery, University of Hong Kong Medical Centre, Queen Mary Hospital, Pokfulam, Hong Kong

Information : Programme Manager, Department of Surgery

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The 34th Dr S T Huang-Chan Memorial Lecture – The myelin basic protein gene can regulate Ca⁺⁺ homeostasis in the immune and nervous systems with different functional consequences

Date : Mid-April, 2007

Orator : Professor Anthony T Campagnoni, Professor of Neuroscience, Neuropsychiatric Institute, Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA, Los Angeles, California, USA

Information : Ms Annie Kwan, Department of Anatomy

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The 4th Hong Kong International Orthopaedic Forum "Musculoskeletal problems in the skeletally immature – a global perspective"

Date : April 21-22, 2007

Venue : Cheung Kung Hai Conference Centre, G/F, William MW Mong Block, 21 Sassoon Road

Information : Ms YN Chang, Department of Orthopaedics and Traumatology

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Advanced Trauma Care for Nurses (ATCN) Provider Course

Date : April 27-28, 2007

Venue : Skills Development Centre, Department of Surgery, University of Hong Kong Medical Centre, Queen Mary Hospital, Pokfulam, Hong Kong

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