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Message from the President

“Our Commitment to the Children affected by SARS”

The recent outbreak of SARS has disrupted the integrity of many families in Hong Kong. 69 children from 40 families, aged from a few months to 17 years, have lost one or both of their parents. The loss of parent(s) will have long-term deleterious effects on the development of these children. Recently four senior lady officials have launched the “We Care Education Fund”, which aims at providing uninterrupted education to these children. I feel that this is the time paediatricians should show our concern and commitment to the well being of these unfortunate children by offering psychological, social and health support to them.

Following my appeal at the end of last month, I am pleased to announce that 28 Fellows have responded by offering various voluntary services and support care to these children. In addition they have also rallied the support of their spouses, children and friends with expertise in the fields of child care, education, social work, medicine, nursing, and law etc to take part in the voluntary services. This volunteer group has now about 50 members. I wish to express my sincere gratitude to these Fellows and their families and friends for their generous support to the College’s appeal and their commitment to the well being of the children affected by SARS, especially they understand that this is a long-term commitment. These children and their families will need long-term support.

I understand that there may be more Fellows who may wish to participate in this scheme, which has become part of the project of “We Care Education Fund”. You can contribute by

- 1 Providing long-term psychological and social support to these children and their families by yourself and your spouse and your friend(s)
- 2 Providing long term and continuous health and medical advice and care to these children on a voluntary basis
- 3 Providing peer companionship and social interaction with these children by your family by pairing with your children of similar age

Please respond by completing the form at **Appendix I**.

I hope that these voluntary services would result in establishing a close relationship between paediatricians and these children and their families. By nurturing the healthy and normal development of these affected children we hope that we could alleviate the effects of the trauma resulting from the loss of their parent(s).

“兒童及青少年 SARS 面面觀”

This is the first book on paediatric SARS and is written in Chinese by our paediatric colleagues of Princess Margaret Hospital (PMH). It is a documentation of the work and commitment of our colleagues in the fight against SARS at PMH. This collection of articles encompasses the experience of the 18 paediatricians, one obstetrician and one psychologist, who have taken part in the care of children and adolescents

inflicted by SARS. I congratulate the authors on this valuable publication, which contains a wealth of information on SARS. This information can now be shared among the majority of us who have little or no experience in dealing with SARS. I recommend this book to all child-care workers, teachers and parents in addition to all our fellow paediatricians.

Suspension of DCH Examination in September/October 2003

Due to the recent outbreak of SARS in Hong Kong, members of the Examination Committee have been concerned by the feasibility of holding the Joint DCH (Written) Examination on 4 September 2003 and the Joint DCH (Clinical) Examination on 15-16 October 2003. After consultation with the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health, it was decided to suspend the Joint DCH Examination to be held in Hong Kong in September/October 2003.

Professional & General Affairs Committee

PALS Course 2003

Paediatric Advanced Life Support Course 2003 is scheduled to be held **from 13th to 17th September 2003 (Saturday to Wednesday)** at the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine Jockey Club Building. The PALS Steering Committee has invited Dr. Alfred HuYoung, Pediatric Cardiology Associate of the Heart Institute for Children at Hope Children's Hospital, Chicago, USA and Dr. Arno Zaritsky, editor of the new PALS course content and Director of the Division of Pediatric Critical Care at University of Florida Medical Center to be our overseas speakers.

The response of application for PALS course was overwhelming last year. We received many positive feedbacks from participants. Please visit the College website <http://www.paediatrician.org.hk> for detail and try to register early this time.

Clinical Guideline

The Clinical Guideline for the Management of Acute Diarrhoea in Young Children was completed and endorsed by the Council in February this year. This is the result of hard work for over 1 year period from the guideline development panel, which consists of Dr. EAS Nelson (Chairman), Dr. WK Ko, Dr. E Kwan, Dr. SF Leung and Dr. KH Poon. The review panel members, Dr. CB Chow, Dr. WK Sin, Dr. YK Wong and Prof. CY Yeung have contributed their expert input leading to the final revised version. The guideline will be published in the July issue of the Hong Kong Journal of Paediatrics (New Series). It can also be downloaded from the Members Section of the College web site. Those who want to have a hard copy of the guidelines, please contact the College Secretariat for details.

Examination Committee

Examination Dates for Year 2003

Please refer to Appendix II

Exit Assessment

The next exit assessment will be held on **16th December 2003**. The deadline of the application is on **30th September 2003**. Please refer to **Appendix III** for application details and guidelines of the exit assessment.

Hong Kong College of Paediatricians Foundation (HKCPF)

Cambodia Medical Mission Trip

Fellows of Hong Kong College of Paediatricians Foundation and Members of Hong Kong College of Paediatricians are welcome to join a Cambodia Medical Mission Trip:

Date: 30th September 2003 to 7th October 2003

Charge: HK\$4,400.00 per person (airfare and accommodation)

HKCPF Representative: Dr. Frederick Ko Wai Keung

Objective: 1. Lectures and talks to medical personnel in Cambodia
2. Joint consultations with local doctors for children in Cambodia

Those who are interested, please contact Dr. Frederick Ko or fill in reply slip (**Appendix IV**) and fax back to College Secretariat.

CME Category A Activities

Listed below are CME Category A activities organized by the HKCPaed and various paediatric societies and institutions. For the complete list of Category A activities and Category B activities, please refer to the homepage of the HKCPaed.

The accuracy of the information has been checked according to the details submitted by the responsible organizers. *Members and fellows are reminded to enquire the contact person listed below for last-minute alterations.*

June 2003	
9 th Jun (Mon) CME Cat. A 2 pts	Topic: 1. Autologous stem cell transplantation for autoimmune diseases 2. Treatment with rasburicase for hyperuricaemia complicating acute lymphoblastic leukaemia Venue: Room 3, G/F, Block M, Queen Elizabeth Hospital Time: 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm Speakers: 1. Dr TL Lee 2. Dr Anselm CW Lee Organizer: HK Paediatric Haematology & Oncology Study Group Enquiry: Ms Anita Lee, Tel: 26321144
10 th Jun (Tue) CME Cat A 2 pts	Topic: Pamela Youde Nethersole Eastern Hospital & Stanford University School of Medicine Medical Teleconference Programme – Topics in Neonatology Venue: Lecture Theatre, Multicentre Block B, Pamela Youde Nethersole Eastern Hospital Time: 7:30 am – 9:30 am Organiser: Department of Paediatrics & Adolescent Medicine, Pamela Youde Nethersole Eastern Hospital Enquiry: Ms Erica Chung, Tel: 25956410
12 th Jun (Thu) CME Cat. A 1 pt	Topic: Childhood Exanthem Venue: Function Room A, The Hong Kong Medical Dr Li Shu Pui Professional Education Centre, 2/F, Chinese Club Building Time: 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm Organizer: HKMA Enquiry: Dr Louis TC Shih, Tel: 25278285

26 th Jun (Thu)	Topic: Education Programme for Management of Disabled Children
CME Cat. A 1 pt	Venue: Room 01, Multicentre Block B, Pamela Youde Nethersole Eastern Hospital Time: 4:30 pm – 5:30 pm Organizer: Comprehensive Paediatric Rehabilitation Centre, PYNEH Enquiry: Suki Tsang, Tel: 25956860

July 2003	
14-17 th Jul (Mon-Thu)	Topic: Griffiths Mental Development Scales Training Course
CME Cat. A Max 18 pts	Venue: Children's Habilitation Institute, The Duchess of Kent Children's Hospital at Sandy Bay Speakers: Dr Winnie Goh, Ms Connie Leung Organizer: Department of Paediatrics, University of Hong Kong Enquiry: Ms Joyce Tsang, Tel: 29740277

21 st Jul (Mon)	Topic: 1. Infant Formula and Feeding Relations 2. Management of Failure to Thrive
CME Cat. A 2 pts	Venue: Lecture Theatre, G/F, Block A, Queen Elizabeth Hospital Time: 7:30 pm – 9:30 pm Speakers: 1. Ms Peggy Lee 2. Mr Kenneth Yeung Organizer: HK Society of Paediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology & Nutrition Enquiry: Dr Leung Ying Kit, Tel: 27710698

Appendix I

To : Professor Leung Nai Kong
President
Hong Kong College of Paediatricians

REPLY SLIP

(By e-mail to hkcpaed@netvigator.com or fax to 2785 1850)

“We Care Education Fund”

I wish to participate in the following voluntary services :
(Please tick and delete where appropriate)

1. Provide long-term psychological and social support to these children and their families by me and /or my spouse and/or my friend(s)

2. Provide long-term and continuous health and medical advice and care to these children on a voluntary basis

3. Provide peer companionship and social interaction with these children by my family by pairing with my children of similar age

Name _____ Date _____

District of Work _____

District of Residence _____

Contact telephone number _____

E-mail number _____

Name of my Spouse _____ Area of Experience _____

Name of my Friend _____ Area of Experience _____

Age of my Children _____

(Please complete where appropriate)

Appendix II

Dates of Examinations / Exit Assessment for the latter part of Year 2003 :

	Examination	Date
1.	Joint MRCP(UK)/MRCPCH/Intermediate Examination Part II Written Examination	12 th August 2003 (Tue)
2.	MRCPCH/Intermediate Examination Part I Written Examination	23 rd September 2003 (Tue)
3.	MRCP(UK)/MRCPCH/Intermediate Examination Part II Oral & Clinical Examination	13 th -14 th October 2003 (Mon & Tue)
4.	Joint MRCP(UK)/MRCPCH/Intermediate Examination Part II Written Examination	9 th December 2003 (Tue)
5.	Exit Assessment	16 th December 2003 (Tue)

Appendix III

EXIT ASSESSMENT OF THE HONG KONG COLLEGE OF PAEDIATRICIANS

1. The Exit Assessment for Members for consideration of elevation to Fellowship of the College will be held twice a year in June and December. Only Members who would have completed their Higher Training by 30th June or 31st December would be allowed to apply for the Exit Assessment in June and December respectively.
2. With effect from the 1st October 1998, Members of the College who have completed their three years of Higher Training and any medical practitioners registered in Hong Kong who have acquired the necessary qualifications (**Appendix III A**), experiences and training recognized by the Hong Kong College of Paediatricians for higher training in paediatrics will have to sit and pass the Exit Assessment of the College before consideration of elevation to the Fellowship of the Hong Kong College of Paediatricians.
3. The Exit Assessment would take the form of an oral assessment without a clinical examination and each assessment will usually not last for more than an hour.
4. The Board of Examiners will be appointed by the College for each candidate and will consist of three assessors who are not trainers/supervisors of the candidate during his/her higher training.
5. Date of next Exit Assessment: **16th December 2003**
6. Deadline of Application : **30th September 2003**
7. Assessment Fee : HK\$4,000
8. Application forms are available from The Secretariat of the Hong Kong College of Paediatricians (Tel: 2871 8871/Fax: 2785 1850), and applications should be returned to the Hong Kong College of Paediatricians, Room 808, Hong Kong Academy of Medicine Jockey Club Building, 99 Wong Chuk Hang Road, Hong Kong.
9. The completed application form should be submitted with :
 - (i) Certified true copies of certificates:
 - 1) Annual Practising Certificate (current year)
 - 2) Primary medical qualification
 - 3) Certificate of an overseas higher qualification recognized by the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine (**Appendix III A**)
 - 4) The letter from Prof. Louis C.K. Low stating the date of commencement of the candidate's Higher Training (for Hong Kong trainees only)
 - 5) Certificate of Intermediate Examination OR Membership Certificate issued by the Hong Kong College of Paediatricians (for Hong Kong trainees only)
 - (ii) 2 photographs certified by one of the proposers
 - (iii) 3 dissertations with one from each of the following categories:
 - a) Research project/study
 - b) Reviews of literature of a clinical problem
 - c) Case report

However, full research study can replace any one of the other two categories. Research protocols are not acceptable as submission for the purpose of the Exit Assessment.

Dissertations comprising only of original research or critical review are also acceptable.

- d) For candidates re-sitting the Exit Assessment, the previously submitted dissertations with revision can be used.
- (iv) Log sheets of higher training and assessment by Trainers and Supervisors for local trainees
- (v) For overseas applicant, documentation of retrospective accreditation of paediatric training undertaken by the applicant by the Accreditation Committee of the Hong Kong College of Paediatricians must be submitted.
- (vi) A cheque of \$4,000.00 for the Exit Assessment made payable to the “Hong Kong College of Paediatricians”.

A receipt would be issued upon submission of an application but only applications with the completed submissions of documents required elaborated in point 9 would be processed.

Appendix III A

**Hong Kong Academy of Medicine
Internationally Recognized Overseas Higher Qualifications**

COLLEGE	QUALIFICATION	
Paediatricians	1. Diplomate of the American Board of Paediatrics	DAB Paed
	2. Fellow of the Royal Australasian College of Physicians	FRACP
	3. Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians (Canada)	FRCP(Canada)
	4. Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians (Edinburgh)	FRCP(Edin)
	5. Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians (Glasgow)	FRCP(Glas)
	6. Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians (Ireland)	FRCP(Ire)
	7. Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians (London)	FRCP(London)
	8. Member of the Royal College of Physicians (Edinburgh)	MRCP(Edin)
	9. Member of the Royal College of Physicians (Glasgow)	MRCP(Glasg)
	10. Member of the Royal College of Physicians (Ireland)	MRCP(Ire)
	11. Member of the Royal College of Physicians (London)	MRCP(London)
	12. Member of the Royal College of Physicians (UK)	MRCP(UK)
	13. Fellow of the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health	FRCPCH
	14. Member of the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health	MRCPC

Appendix IV

**Hong Kong College of Paediatricians Foundation
Cambodia Mission Trip**

REPLY SLIP

(Fax: 2785 1850 or e-mail: hkcpaed@netvigator.com)

I am interested to join the Cambodia Medical Mission Trip. Please send me more information.

Name: _____

Hospital/Institution: _____

Day Contact Telephone No.: _____

Fax/ e-mail: _____