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From the Editors

Hardwork came to fruition. Under the leadership of our president, Prof NK Leung, the Organizing Committee chaired by Prof TF Fok and the Scientific Committee chaired by Prof PC Ng, with the support of numerous colleagues and our staff, our 10th Anniversary celebrations and scientific meeting was a resounding success. Honoured guests, both local and from afar, witnessed the admission of our New Fellows and the conferment of Honorary Fellowship to Prof CY Yeung, and shared in the achievement of our College over the past ten years. The 2-day scientific meeting focussed on the timely subject of primary health care in Paediatrics and its interface with subspecialties. As our College moves on to meet the challenge of the next decade, the support and participation of Fellows, Members and Associates in College affairs is forever more important.

This year is drawing to a close. We will all remember the year 2001 in more ways than one. During this festive season, may we wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year and for all children in the world, peace in the coming year and the years to come!

Celebrations and Congratulations

Fellowship Admission Ceremony

We were honoured to have many distinguished guests present at our Fellowship Admission Ceremony:

Local representatives:

- Dr CH Leong, President of the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine
- Dr KH Lee, Chairman of the Medical Council of Hong Kong

- Dr Margaret Chan, Director of Health
- Dr William Ho, Chief Executive of the Hospital Authority
- Dr WL Lo, Honorable Member of the Legislative Council of Hong Kong
- Presidents and representatives of sister Colleges

Overseas and national representatives:

- Prof Wu Xiru, President, Chinese Pediatric Society, China
- Prof Calvin Sia, Chairperson, AMA Section Council on Pediatrics and representative of American Academy of Pediatrics, USA
- Prof David Hall, President, Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health, UK
- Prof Yeh Tsu Fuh, President, Taiwan Pediatric Association, Chinese Taipei
- Prof Boo Nem Yun, President, College of Paediatrics, Academy of Medicine of Malaysia, Malaysia
- Dr Ho Lai Yun, Chairman, Chapter of Paediatricians, Academy of Medicine, Singapore
- Prof Zhu Qirong, President, Shanghai Pediatric Association, China
- Prof Lo Wenyi, President, Guangdong Pediatric Society, China
- Dr Wong Fong Ian, Chief of Service, Department of Pediatrics, Centro Hospitalar Conde De Sao Januario, Macau

Both Dr CH Leong and Prof NK Leung addressed the audience. Prof NK Leung's presidential address is recorded in Appendix 1.

First Honorary Fellow - Prof CY Yeung

Our heartiest congratulations to Prof CY Yeung on the conferment of the first Honorary Fellowship of our College at our 10th Anniversary. Being the foundation President he has achieved the "mission impossible" at the birth of our College. Seeing his brainchild grow and develop must have brought him great joy and satisfaction. Prof Yeung's citation (Appendix 2) was

read by our vice president, Prof TF Fok at the conferment ceremony.

Council Members re-elected

Drs Chan Chok Wan, Chan Kwok Hing, Alex and Leung Ping, Maurice were re-elected uncontested, as Council members for another 3-year term. Congratulations! We thank them for their past contribution to the College and look forward to their continued service in advancing our College's goals and objectives.

New Fellows

The following Members were admitted as new Fellows of our College amidst the support, well-wishes and applause of their families and colleagues:

Dr Cheng Pik Shun
Dr Chu Wai Po
Dr Fung Wai Ching
Dr Hui Chun Ming
Dr Kong Chun Tat
Dr Kwok Shuk Kam, Louisa
Dr Lau Ka Fai, Tony
Dr Leung Cheuk Wa, Wilfred
Dr Li Albert Martin
Dr Luk Chi Kong, David
Dr Ma Che Kwan, Louis
Dr Mok Kwok Wing, Simon
Dr Sin Ngai Chuen
Dr Tse Yin Chu, Catherine
Dr Wai Shiu Fai
Dr Wong Lu Si
Dr Wong Sheh Wai
Dr Woo Lap Fai, Chris
Dr Yeung Man Chow

Anniversary Scientific Meeting

Two Hundred and twenty seven participants registered in our two-day scientific meeting with Dr Margaret Chan, Director of Health as officiating guest at the opening ceremony. There was a wealth of information exchange on the development of primary health care in Paediatrics between China Mainland, Taiwan, Malaysia, Singapore, UK, USA and Hong Kong. Mortality is no longer a sensitive measure of childhealth and a co-ordinated team approach is the key to success. Despite the geographic distance, we actually have more in common than differences. In fact, we are all heading in the same direction – early prevention and intervention which is worth much more than cure.

Collaborating Societies and Study Group

We would like to thank the following subspecialty societies and study group. Without their collaboration, the scientific meeting would not have been so meaningful and successful. Healthcare financing is a major concern but much can be done to improve communication and co-operation.

- Hong Kong Paediatric Haematology and Oncology Study Group
- Hong Kong Paediatric Nephrology Society
- Hong Kong Society of Paediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition
- Hong Kong Society of Paediatric Respiriology
- The Hong Kong Society of Child Neurology and Developmental Paediatrics
- The Hong Kong Society of Neonatal Medicine
- The Hong Kong Society of Paediatric Endocrinology and Metabolism

Winners of Best Free Paper Presentations

The first prize went to Dr Albert Martin Li and his paper "Use of tonsil size in the evaluation of obstructive sleep apnoea. The second prize was won by Dr Leung Chuk Kwan, Lettie and her paper on "Antenatal hydronephrosis correlated with final outcome in local Chinese: minimal hydronephrosis is important". Well done!

Anniversary Dinner

One hundred and seventy guests, members and friends of our College enjoyed the sumptuous 10th Anniversary dinner at the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine. The exchange of souvenirs between our College and our overseas guests took place in the joyous and relaxed atmosphere created by our elegant and eloquent MC, Dr Lettie Leung.

10th Anniversary Monograph

Fellows, Members and Associates who attended our anniversary functions were the first to obtain a copy of the publication. All agree that it was a mammoth task well done, an accomplishment that would not have been possible without the diligence and co-ordination of Dr Jane Chang, editor-in-chief, and the editorial board members, especially our president, Prof NK Leung. For those who wish to share in the

reminiscence but has not had the fortune yet, you can bring the claim slip sent to you earlier to our College Office during office hours to receive your copy.

From IT Committee

Starting from November 2001, the IT committee has been sending fortnightly news to all members of our College in the email correspondence list. The news consists of three parts. The first part is "What's on" which consists of announcements of forthcoming College activities. The second part is "Computer tips" where we would share some tips on how to use your computer effectively and healthily. The final part is "CME Cat A activities in the next 2 weeks". A summary of all Category A accredited activities in the coming 2 weeks is prepared for your handy reference.

If you would like to receive the fortnightly news, you may send a message to the College secretariat and ask to be included in the email correspondence list. Alternatively, you may go to the College website: <http://www.paediatrician.org.hk> and click the "Tell us your email".

From the CME Subcommittee

Fellows whose CME cycle starts in January of each year should submit their Annual Return Forms on their CME points to the College Secretariat before the 31st January 2002.

The following documents are required:

- 1 The completed Annual Return Form
- 2 Photocopies of the pages in the logbook bearing the relevant CME activities for different categories
- 3 Attendance certificates for overseas activities or pre-approved special courses

Please send them by fax or mail to Hong Kong College of Paediatricians, Rm 808, Hong Kong Academy of Medicine Jockey Club Building, 99 Wong Chuk Hang Road, Aberdeen, Hong Kong.

HKJ of Paediatrics going Quarterly in 2002 – An Appeal for Contributions

Please note that the Hong Kong Journal of Paediatrics (New Series) will begin publishing as a quarterly journal in January 2002. The Editorial Board likes to appeal to all Fellows and Members of the College to support your own Journal by contributing articles of all kinds including data on original research, topical reviews, interesting case reports and other educational and professional-practical items. The success of The Journal depends heavily on your sustained support.

Response to Consultation Paper on Child Pornography

The Government recently put out a consultation paper soliciting views on legislation to prevent child pornography. The College is in full support of better protection of children from sexual exploitation and sexual abuse. We submitted a written response which could be found in Appendix 3.

Address by the President – Fellowship Admission Ceremony

8 December 2001

Dr. CH Leong, President of the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine, Dr. KH Lee, Chairman of the Medical Council of Hong Kong, Dr Margaret Chan, Director of Health, Dr William Ho, Chief Executive of the Hospital Authority, Dr WL Lo, Honorable Member of the Legislative Council of Hong Kong, Presidents and Representatives of overseas and national postgraduate academic institutions, Presidents and Representatives of local Academy Colleges, Distinguished Guests, Fellows, Members, Associates, Friends and Colleagues,

On behalf of the Council of Hong Kong College of Paediatricians I wish to thank you for participating in today's Ceremony of Admission of New Fellows and the Conferment of Honorary Fellowship. My sincere congratulations go to all the new Fellows who will be admitted shortly. You have now completed your training programme in paediatrics. You will be eligible for the Fellowship of the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine, and for registration with the Hong Kong Medical Council as a specialist in paediatrics. Our College will rely on you to uphold the standard of paediatric practice and to protect the interests of the children of Hong Kong. We look forward to seeing you participating in the Continuing Medical Education programme.

My special congratulations go to Professor YEUNG Chap Yung, who will soon be conferred the Honorary Fellowship of the College. Professor Yeung's contributions to the College are well known and enormous and the Fellowship is just a small way to show the appreciation of the College to Professor Yeung.

This year is our College's 10th Anniversary. Under the able leadership of Professor CY Yeung, my predecessor, and the successive Councils, the College is growing from strength to strength. Within the last decade our total membership has increased from 233 to 547 and the Fellowship number has increased to 412. As the President of the College I am proud to say that the College has evolved into a mature academic body. Major systems are now in place and the standards of education and assessments have been developed. This is due to the combined effort of the Council, committees and subcommittees, and all our Fellows, Members and Associates. I wish to express my gratitude to those colleagues, who have given me and my predecessor, their advice, guidance and support. In particular I wish to record my sincere thanks to a Fellow whose family, through the Providence Foundation, has made a generous donation of three million Hong Kong dollars to establish the H.M. Lui Memorial Fund in the College this year to promote the study and research in liver diseases and related disciplines in children.

Our College is currently revising the training curriculum so that our Fellows could be better trained to serve the children of Hong Kong, in providing primary, secondary or tertiary care to them. In our response to the Consultation Document on Health Care Reform: 'Lifelong Investment in Health' earlier this year, our College stressed on the importance of primary-secondary-tertiary service interface, **as well as** public and private interface. We **firmly** believe that children should be cared for by professionals who are trained and experienced in recognizing the needs of children.

The College values the collaboration of the seven Subspecialty Paediatric Societies in organising the Anniversary Scientific Meeting entitled 'Primary Health Care in Paediatrics', which is being held in the Academy building today and tomorrow. My special thanks go to our learned friends from the Chinese Mainland, Taiwan, Malaysia, Singapore, the United Kingdom and the USA for joining us today and for their contributions to the Scientific Meeting. It is indeed an honour of the College to have so many leading paediatricians from the different parts of the world joining us today. We shall continue to work in partnership with our guests for the advancement of paediatrics and child health.

Dear Friends and Colleagues, on this auspicious occasion of the College's 10th birthday, I sincerely wish that our College would continue to flourish and play the leading role in training, education and child advocacy. I also sincerely wish that in the coming decades our learned Fellows would continue to excel themselves in clinical practice, education, and research, and team up with our national and international partners in ensuring the health and well being of all children of the world.

Leung Nai Kong, President

**Citation of Prof CY Yeung on the Conferment of Honorary Fellowship
read by Vice President, Prof TF Fok**

Professor CY Yeung

Professor Yeung graduated from the University of Hong Kong in 1961 and received his postgraduate training in Paediatrics in the University Department of Paediatrics, Queen Mary Hospital, and also in the Institute of Child Health, Great Ormond Street, and Hammersmith Hospital, London. In 1970, 2 years after his return from Hammersmith, he was appointed to the position of Consultant paediatrician in-charge of the newly established Paediatric B Unit, Queen Elizabeth Hospital. After serving in QEH for 2 years, his passion for new challenges brought him to Canada where he held a number of important positions, including the Associate Directorship of the Neonatal Unit, McMaster University Medical Centre. After working in Canada for 8 years, his fervent desire to serve his home town brought him back to Hong Kong to take up the Chair of the Department of Paediatrics, the University of Hong Kong, a position which he held from 1980 till his retirement in 2000.

In his twenty years of service as the Head of a university Paediatric department, Professor Yeung's contribution to Paediatrics in Hong Kong was enormous. Under his leadership, his department flourished in teaching, patient service, and research. Having contributed to hundreds of scientific publications, he is a well recognised authority in many areas in Paediatrics, especially in neonatal jaundice and disease epidemiology of Chinese children. Being a visionary, he saw the importance of structuralising paediatric training, and led a working group of Paediatric unit heads to formulate the basis of our local paediatric training programme even before the formation of the College. He was the foundation president of our College. Under his 6 years of presidency, our College grew in size and strength, and revolutionised the training of paediatricians in Hong Kong.

Being a man of distinguished academic achievements, Professor Yeung is a scholar of national and international acclaim. He is serving as honorary consultant, external examiner and/or visiting professor to a large number of universities and children hospitals in Chinese Mainland, as well as in overseas countries including Australia, Canada, Malaysia, Singapore, and the United States of America. He is the Editor in chief of the Hong Kong Journal of Paediatrics since 1995, and a member of the editorial boards of numerous journals in China, UK, USA, Australia and New Zealand. Despite his busy schedule with his academic and professional activities, he has taken time to take an active part in community services, and has been the advisor and office-bearer of a number of charitable and governmental organisations, as well as patient groups, including the Thalassaemia Foundation of which he was a founding member and vice chairman.

Professor Yeung has received numerous scholarships, awards and honours for his contribution to the field of paediatrics. To name but a few, he was made an Honorary Life Member of the Hong Kong Paediatric Society in 1991. At the international level, he was elected an Honorary Member of the American Pediatric Society in 1992, an Honorary Fellow of the Philippine Pediatric Society in 1997, and, as a testament of his distinguished achievements, he was named one of the Outstanding Pediatricians of Asia by the Association of Pediatric Societies of the Southeast Asian Region in year 2000.

Mr President, Professor Yeung is a Paediatrician and an academician who has made enormous contributions to the advancement of Paediatrics both locally and internationally, and to our College as the foundation president. I request you to admit him to the honorary fellowship of our College.

Response to Government Consultation Paper on Child Pornography

In response to the Hong Kong SAR Government's Consultation Paper on Proposed Legislation for the Prevention of Child Pornography, the Hong Kong College of Paediatricians, noting the significant harmful effect of sexual exploitation and sexual abuse on children, strongly supports legislations that protect children from all forms of sexual exploitation and sexual abuse as depicted in Article 34 of the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC).

According to the CRC, a child is defined as "being below the age of 18 years". Hence all individuals less than 18 years old should receive similar and the higher level of protection, instead of having differential treatment for those "under the age of 16" and "between 16 and 18" in both child pornography and child sex tourism.

Apart from what were listed in paragraph 10, child pornography could mean not only "visual depiction" but any means of depicting or promoting sexual exploitation of a child including written or audio material.

The College supports the proposed legislation against the possession of child pornography as the production of child pornography is a form of exploitation and abuse of children, and child pornography could aggravate paedophiliac practice.

Protection of children from pornographic material including that transmitted via internet needs urgent government attention. Strategies need to be in place to prevent children falling prey to sexual exploitation and to rehabilitate victims of exploitation.

Continuing Medical Education Category A Activities

Only CME activities organized by the HK College of Paediatricians, paediatric societies and institutions are listed below. Please refer to the College homepage for the full list of activities and Category B activities.

December 2001	
14th – 17th Fri – Mon CME Cat A Max. 18 pts	<p>Topic: 2nd International Huaxia Congress of Endocrinology</p> <p>Venue: (Please check with organizer/enquiry)</p> <p>Organizer: HK Society of Endocrinology, Metabolism and Reproduction, the HK Society of Paediatric Endocrinology & Metabolism, and Diabetes HK</p> <p>Enquiry: Conference Secretariat, Tel: 23699052</p>
15th Sat CME Cat A 2 pts	<p>Topic: Update Series on Child Health 2001 IV</p> <p>1. What is new about Influenza?</p> <p>2. Sports Health & Injuries in Children</p> <p>Venue: Ballroom, 3/F, Sheraton Hong Kong Hotel</p> <p>Time: 1:30 pm – 5:00 pm</p> <p>Speakers: 1. Dr Chan Kay Sheung, Paul 2. Prof Chan Kai Ming</p> <p>Organizer: Hong Kong College of Paediatricians & The Hong Kong Paediatrics Society</p> <p>Enquiry: Mrs Christine Leung, Tel: 28718871</p>
17th – 20th Mon – Thu CME Cat A 4 pts per day Max 16 pts	<p>Topic: Paediatric Imaging Workshop</p> <p>Venue: Days 1 & 2: Lecture Room, Block M, Queen Elizabeth Hospital Days 3 & 4: G2, Room 10, Block G, Princess Margaret Hospital</p> <p>Time: 11:20 am – 4:00 pm</p> <p>Speaker: Dr Isky Gordon</p> <p>Organizer: Queen Elizabeth Hospital & Princess Margaret Hospital</p> <p>Enquiry: Dr Lai Wai Ming, Tel: 29901111</p>
18th Tue CME Cat A 2 pts	<p>Topic: Antiviral Therapy</p> <p>Venue: D Ground, Multifunction Room, Queen Elizabeth Hospital</p> <p>Time: 7:30 pm – 9:30 pm</p> <p>Speaker: Prof Allan Lau</p> <p>Organizer: HK Paediatric Society</p> <p>Enquiry: Ms Yvonne So</p>
20 th Thu CME Cat A 1 pt	<p>Topic: Paediatrics in the Community</p> <p>Venue: Conference room, 3rd floor Block P, United Christian Hospital</p> <p>Time: 3:15 pm – 4:15 pm</p> <p>Speaker: Dr Lorna Bray</p> <p>Organizer: Dept of Paediatrics & Adolescent Medicine, UCHI</p> <p>Enquiry: Carmen Chui, Tel: 23794861</p>
20 th Thu CME Cat A 1 pt	<p>Topic: Education Programme for Management of Disabled Children</p> <p>Venue: Nethersole Community & Patient Resource Centre, Room 052, 1st Floor, Main Block, Pamelar Youde Nethersole Eastern Hospital</p> <p>Time: 4:30 pm – 5:30 pm</p> <p>Organizer: Comprehensive Paediatric Rehabilitation Centre, PYNEH</p> <p>Enquiry: Ms Erica Chung, Tel: 25956410</p>

January 2002	
18th Fri CME Cat A 2 pts	<p>Topic: 1. Ketogenic Diet for Epilepsy 2. Summary: 7th Congress of the Asian PanPacific Society of Gastroenterology, Hepatology & Nutrition (poster)</p> <p>Venue: Block A, Ground Floor, Lecture Theatre, Queen Elizabeth Hospital</p> <p>Time: 7:30 pm – 9:30 pm</p> <p>Speaker: 1. Dr KH Poon, Ms Cecilia Leung, Ms Helen Shiao, (TMH) 2. Dr K Tse (TMH); Dr CH Ng (QEH)</p> <p>Organizer: HK Society of Paediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology & Nutrition</p> <p>Enquiry: Dr Leung Ying-Kit, Tel: 27710698</p>
18th – 20th Fri – Sun CME Cat A Max 14 pts	<p>Topic: Perinatal Medicine in the 21st Century</p> <p>Venue: 18/1: Lecture Theatre, 6/F, Professorial Block, Queen Mary Hospital 19-20/1: Underground Lecture Theatre, Queen Mary Hospital</p> <p>Organizer: Departments of Obstetrics & Gynaecology and Paediatrics, The University of Hong Kong</p> <p>Enquiry: Dr. Barbara Lam, Tel: 28553485, Fax: 28184290</p>