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Message from the President

It has been a great honour for me to have served as the President of the Hong Kong College of Paediatricians for the past three years. I am very grateful for the unfailing support of Dr. Alex Chan, Dr. S. N. Wong, Dr. Frederick Ko, Council Members, Fellows, Members and Associates of our College. Your advice, comments and at times criticisms have helped me immensely in my efforts to carry out the duties as your President. It is very humbling for me to follow the footsteps of my predecessors Professor C. Y. Yeung, Professor N. K. Leung and Professor T. F. Fok who had done so much for the establishment and development of our College. It is with great pleasure that I pass on the helm to Professor P. C. Ng who will undoubtedly steer our College to new heights in the coming years.

Over the past three years, the Postgraduate Training Programme has been restructured to improve the history taking, counseling and clinical skills of our trainees. Mandatory structured training components like the Paediatric Advanced Life Support Course, Child Protection Course and training in Maternal Child Health/Child Assessment Service have been introduced. It is my hope that the Neonatal Resuscitation Programme and training in professionalism be given emphasis in the future. My appreciation goes to Dr. Alex Chan who has been the chair of the Education Committee. He has pushed through the educational reforms and planning of our continuing medical education programme. Our College has also organised Continuing Medical Education lectures this year for general practitioners in Macau on the invitation of Chinese Medical Association of Macau.

The Task Force on the Accreditation of Paediatric Subspecialties had been dissolved and the Working Group on the Accreditation of Paediatric Subspecialties has been established under the able leadership of Dr. C. W. Chan. The framework and procedures for subspecialty accreditation, the organizational structure of the various subspecialty boards under the Director of Subspecialty Boards (to be appointed) have been delineated and communicated to all our Fellows in an Open Forum on Paediatric Subspecialty Accreditation held on the 27th October this year. In addition, our College participated as one of the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine advisors to the Ministry of Health (MOH) of P.R. China to assist the MOH to establish a system of accreditation of professional specialty training in China. As President of the College, I visited the Children Hospital of Fudan University (CHFUF) together with Dr. C. K. Li to accredit the trainers, institution and programme of CHFUF in March 2009. The report was submitted to Professor J. F. Huang in Hong Kong on 24th June 2009. A system of assessment of candidates after completion of professional paediatric training in China is still to be implemented. Professor Hong Hsu, Vice President of the Children Hospital of Fudan University has recently communicated with me that doctors in

China would be interested to come to Hong Kong to observe the format of our Intermediate Examination. Arrangements will be made for them to come as observers during the February 2010 diet of the Joint Intermediate Examination/Membership Examination of the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health.

The Guangdong/Hong Kong Pediatric Exchange Meeting in June 2008 was expanded to include participation of doctors from Shanghai and Chongqing. The Hong Kong, Guangdong, Shanghai, Chongqing Pediatric Exchange Meeting will be held tentatively in Guangdong in June 2010. We have started organizing a Scientific Session before our Annual General Meeting/College Conferment Ceremony this year and hopefully, this will be an annual event of our College.

The proposed Centre of Excellence in Paediatrics (CEP) which is an initiative of the Chief Executive of the Hong Kong SAR Government, is in the final stages of approval for funding. The establishment of the CEP will be of great benefit to the children and adolescents and a great catalyst for paediatric subspecialty development in Hong Kong. Once again, I would like to encourage our young Fellows to look ahead and embrace this new development by exploring the possibility of overseas subspecialty training for two to three years. Such a move will entail some financial, personal and family sacrifice but I would suggest to them that this would be very worthwhile for their future in the long run.

I would like to extend my heart-felt thanks to our Committee Chairpersons, Dr. C. W. Chan (Accreditation), Dr. Alex Chan (Education), Professor P. C. Ng (Examination), Professor Y. L. Lau (Membership), Dr. L. Y. So (Professional and General Affairs), Dr. Paul Ko (Review), Dr. N. S. Tsoi (CME Subcommittee) and members of the various committees who have participated diligently to transact our College business and activities effectively. My special thanks go to Dr. S. N. Wong who has been a very conscientious and efficient Honorary Secretary of our College and I am delighted that he will continue to serve our College as the Vice-President. Dr. Vincent Leung, Chairman of the Hong Kong College of Paediatricians Foundation has been active as ever in the past three years in fund-raising and organizing for activities like the annual Neonatal Resuscitation Programme in Yunnan, Qinghai and Tibet, annual Mission to Cambodia and Sichuan Earthquake Relief Fund. In addition to all his hard work, he also provides plenty of fine wine to make such activities more enjoyable for the participants. A special tribute must go to Dr. Frederick W. K. Ko who has kept our College finances in excellent order through the crash of 2001, SARS, the financial boom of 2006/2007, financial tsunami in 2008 and Swine H1N1 Influenza in 2009.

Finally, I would like to wish our incoming Office Bearers and the new Council under the leadership of Professor P. C. Ng all the best for the coming three years.

Prof. LOW Chung-kai, Louis
President

Council's Report

The 17th Annual General Meeting of the College was held on 30th November 2008. Prof Lau Yu Lung, Dr Lee Wai Hong, Prof Ng Pak Cheung, Dr So Lok Yee and Dr Tam Yat Cheung were elected *ipso facto* to the five available vacancies of Council Members for the years 2008-2011. Mr. Chan Chi Hung and Mr. Walter Ma were appointed as Honorary Legal Advisor and Honorary Auditor of the College respectively. It was resolved that membership subscriptions of all categories in 2009 would remain unchanged as in 2008.

During the past year, the following colleagues were co-opted as Council Members: Dr Chow Chun Bong (as elected Council Member of the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine), Dr Leung Tze Ching, Vincent (as Chairman of Hong Kong College of Paediatricians Foundation) and Dr Ku Wai Hung and Dr Soo Man Ting (as young Fellows). The Chairpersons of standing committees remained unchanged as in 2008.

During the year 2008/2009, six Council Meetings were held in which all standing committees (Accreditation, Education, Examination, House, Membership, Professional & General Affairs and Review Committees) as well as the Hong Kong College of Paediatricians Foundation made their reports to the Council.

Training in Paediatrics and the Accreditation of Training

The accreditation of Basic and Higher Paediatric Training Programmes in General Paediatrics has been running smoothly in the past year. The Council has re-accredited all eleven Paediatric Training Institutes in September 2007 with effect from 2008 to 2013. All trainers were also re-accredited for the next two years (2010 – 2011). The Accreditation Committee and the Council also provided clarification to minor questions: In relation to accreditation of non-paediatric trainees (including trainees in Family Medicine programme) such that their elective periods in paediatric units were eligible for retrospective accreditation on a case by case basis. With the new curriculum of 3-month training each in MCHC and CAS from January 2009, the assessment sheet for the mandatory MCHC/CAS module was revised and those being assessed as grade E/F may be required to undertake remedial training. The Accreditation Committee had considered in detail the accreditation criteria for “Extended Hospital Activities Accreditable for College Training in Paediatrics” but the discussion was closed (with no recommendation) pending the progress of the future Centre of Excellence in Paediatrics.

The major activity for the past year was the progress in setting the system of accrediting subspecialty programmes. The Working Group on Accreditation of Paediatric Subspecialties has met and formulated the organizational structure for the administration of future subspecialties. The College Bye-laws have been revised by adding a section on "Subspecialty Affairs". The logistics of appointment of the Director of Subspecialty Boards, and the Committee for Subspecialty Boards were laid down, as well as the vetting procedures for applications for establishing Subspecialty Programmes. The College has also organized the 4th Open Forum to explain the guidelines and procedures for accrediting subspecialties to its Fellows, Members and Associates and to hear their opinions on 27th October 2009. So far no application for subspecialty programme accreditation has been received.

As at November 2009, the College has 214 accredited trainers and enrolled 104 Basic and 51 Higher Trainees which was increased compared with 71 Basic and 59 Higher trainees last year.

Education and Professional Activities

The following educational activities were organized by the College in the past year. All were well attended by the intended audience.

1. Three sessions of Paediatric Updates were held on 21st September 2008 (Case discussion), 3rd May 2009 (Nephrology) and 5th September 2009 (Clinical ethics).
2. Postgraduate Training Course for Trainees sitting the MRCPCCH Clinical/ Intermediate Examination from July 2008 to February 2009, and from July 2009 to February 2010. For the recent courses, all sessions were in the format of bedside teaching, communication and history taking skills. The starting time was postponed to 5:30 pm to enable most trainees to attend. The average attendance so far was 50%.
3. Paediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS) Course – jointly organized by PGA Committee with the Heart Institute for Children, Hope Children's Hospital, Illinois, USA, and Hong Kong Paediatric Nurses Association – was held on 3rd October to 7th October 2009 at Tang Shiu Kin Hospital. Two provider courses (with 83 attendants), and one renewal course (24 attendants) were held.
4. "Update Series on Child Health 2009" (jointly organized with the Hong Kong Paediatric Society): 4 sessions with 2 lectures each were held on 27th June, 11th July, 29th August, and 12th September 2009.
5. The third Child Protection Course, run by Dr Patricia Ip and MCCA colleagues on behalf of the College, will be held on 14th November 2009. The College has resolved that all trainees starting their basic training on or after 1st July 2009 will need to attend the course as a mandatory requirement for Fellowship application.

6. Annual scientific meeting will also be organized on 5th December 2009 just before the College Annual General Meeting and Fellowship Conferment Ceremony.

Colleagues from our College also gave lectures for the 2009 CME Programme of the Chinese Medical Association of Macau.

“The Hong Kong College of Paediatricians Prizes in Clinical Paediatrics” for the year 2008-2009 were awarded to Mr. Wong On Yat of The Chinese University of Hong Kong and Mr. Leung Siu Ting of The University of Hong Kong.

The College Council has also discussed the issue of accepting commercial sponsorships for its meetings. It was resolved that all educational grants should be unconditional and pooled in a central educational fund for use in College’s educational activities. The sponsorships would be de-linked from any advertisements especially by milk formulae companies.

The College CME programme has been running smoothly in 2009 but there remained the problems of Overseas Fellows and Active CME Point requirement. From January 2008, the Academy has approved parallel recognition for overseas Fellows who have their own Paediatric CME/CPD Programmes in their country of residence. Only 7 Fellows have done so, because some Overseas Fellows joined CME Programmes for General Practitioners (not Paediatrics). From January 2008, the Academy required 15 Active CME points per cycle. So far 136 Fellows achieved 5 or less Active points in 2008 (the first year of cycle). Several changes in CMECPD programmes were made to facilitate Fellows and ease the workload of the College Secretariat: Instead of requiring all Fellows to submit annual return forms each year, the College Secretariat will retrieve each Fellow’s CME profile from the Academy’s iCMECPD record, and inform him/her about CME compliance by email annually. For Fellows who had already achieved the 3-year cycle CME requirements (including 90 points total, 30 Cat A points, and 15 Active points), College will not process their further individual CME applications. The College Byelaws were amended in March 2009 to include the right for College to levy administrative fees for CME programme. However, since Academy will charge each Fellow for any late submission of CME points, the College will not make such charges in future.

Examinations

As before, the College has organized 3 Part I Examinations, 3 Part II (Written) Examinations and 2 Clinical Examinations in year 2009. The passing rates were as listed in the Examination Committee report.

For the Exit Assessment in December 2008 and June 2009, the passing rates were both 100% (compared to 100% and 92% in the past year). The Committee had discussed to standardize the questions and required standards of this Assessment. Although the RCPCH has introduced OSCE format for their ST7 Exit Examination, there was no plan of doing this in Hong Kong.

The passing rates of the 3 DCH Written Examinations in 2009 were 0%, 0%, 100% (as compared to 33%, 33%, 43% for last year). The DCH clinical examination had changed to OSCE format from 2006 and its passing rate was 73% in 2008.

From February 2009, a musculoskeletal (MSK) station has been introduced in the Clinical Examination to assess candidates' ability to examine joint and gait problems. Videos and explanation notes have been sent to all Training Units. Further training sessions on MSK, history taking and communication skills by UK examiners were organized for local candidates on 6th November 2009.

Dr WH Lee also represented our College to be the External Examiner in the Macau Paediatric Consultant Examination on 16th June 2009.

Community participation in issues of Child Health Interests

Through the PGA Committee, the College made responses to the government on issues related to children's health and welfare: In response to consultation from the government on the new HKSAR Report on the implementation of United Nations Convention of the Rights of the Child, Dr Patricia Ip attended a Legislative Council hearing on 18th May 2009 and the College submitted a written response on 30th May 2009.

The College also co-signed a petition (by the Alliance for Children's Commission) to the government expressing concern on tackling drug abuse among children and young people. These documents could be viewed on the College website.

Dr LY So and Dr SN Wong represented our College to attend an interview on RTHK on 18th September 2009 to introduce the work of the College to the public.

Collaboration with Ministry of Health (MOH) on Specialist Registration in Mainland China

Our College was one of the four pilot specialties selected by MOH to start the pilot programme of specialist training and registration in Mainland China. Our president and Dr CK Li represented our College to visit the Children's Hospital, Fudan University on 24th – 25th March 2009 and had compiled a report on the pilot scheme in paediatric specialty programme in China to the MOH.

Donations to victims in Sichuan Earthquake

The College would like to thank all Fellows who had contributed to the donation of \$365500 to the China Earthquake Relief Fund last year. The College and College Foundation cooperated with the Department of Applied Social Sciences of Hong Kong Polytechnic University to set up a Student Activity Centre at the Han Wang School, where the children of MianZhu county can receive social, physical and psychological support after the disaster. The donation was used to support the expenses for one year.

Membership

As at November, 2009, our College has 500 Fellows, 26 Overseas Fellows, 51 Members, 3 Overseas Members and 104 Associates. There was a net increase of 16 Fellows and 56 trainees locally.

Acknowledgement

The Council wished to thank the chairpersons and members of all Standing Committees, the Working Group on Accreditation of Paediatric Subspecialties, and the Hong Kong College of Paediatricians Foundation for their dedicated leadership and contribution; our secretariat team Ms. Christine Li, Connie Lui, Vanessa Wong (who joined us in September 2008) for their efficient service; all the Chiefs-of-service and Training Supervisors and the course teachers of training institutions for their support of postgraduate paediatric training course; all the examiners for their support in the Intermediate Examination/MRCPCH, Exit Assessment and DCH Examinations; and all invited speakers of College-held educational programmes.

Dr. WONG Sik-nin
Honorary Secretary

Hon. Treasurer's Report

Total Income for the Year 2008/2009 showed a drop of HK\$399,677 or a 10.3% decrease as compared to last year (HK\$3,477,931 vs HK\$3,877,608 of last year) even though our Subscriptions and Admission Fees had increased by 25% (HK\$974,880 vs \$781,920 of last year). The main reason of the drop was due to the decrement of \$357,809 (HK\$678,395 vs HK\$1,036,204 of last year) in the surplus on the H. M. Lui Memorial Fund Account due to the reduction of donations received (HK\$200,000 lesser) and the increased number of Fellowship Awards in the year.

Total Expenditures for Year 2008/2009 showed an increment of HK\$469,125 or approximately 20% increase as compared to last year (HK\$2,774,788 vs HK\$2,305,663 of last year). This was solely because we suffered an exchange loss of HK\$433,984 against Australian dollars in our investments during the financial period.

Operating Surplus for the fiscal year was HK\$703,143 as compared to HK\$1,571,945 of last year, a decrease of HK\$868,802 or 55%.

Total net assets as at 31st March, 2009 was HK\$10,768,296 as compared to HK\$12,101,603 of last year, which included the devaluation on our available Financial Assets of \$2,036,450.

Overall, our financial status is still healthy and strong as we have over HK\$9M in our bank deposits and current accounts, as compared to HK\$7.4M of last year.

Taking this opportunity, I would like to extend my sincere thanks to Walter Ma & Company for auditing our financial report again this year.

Dr. KO Wai-keung, Frederick
Honorary Treasurer

Standing Committees

Accreditation Committee's Report

Chairman	Dr. CHAN Chok-wan
Hon. Secretary	Dr. LEUNG Ping, Maurice
Members	Dr. CHAN Kwok-hing, Alex
	Dr. CHIU Man-chun
	Prof. FOK Tai-fai
	Dr. HO Che-shun, Jackson
	Prof. LAU Yu-lung
	Dr. LEUNG Chik-wa, Paul
	Dr. LI Chi-kong (<i>from 19 Feb 2008</i>)
	Prof. NG Pak-cheung
	Dr. TSAO Yen-chow
	Dr. WONG Sik-nin
	Prof. LOW Chung-kai, Louis (<i>ex-officio</i>)

1. Meetings

Four meetings were held during the period October 2008 to September 2009 (97th to 100th meetings dated 9/12/2008, 10/2/2009, 15/6/2009 and 11/8/2009).

2. Accreditation of Institutions

2.1 Accreditation of a Hospital-based Paediatric Rehabilitation Programme in CMC

The Council (114th Council meeting on 15 May 2008) had resolved to accredit the CMC Paediatric Rehabilitation Programme as a module of Developmental Paediatrics for the purpose of General Paediatric Training. Effective from 15 May 2008, trainees may opt to do no more than 3 months in Basic Training and/or no more than 3 months in Higher Training. Accreditation Committee will review the CMC training programme in November 2009.

2.2 Accreditation as a Training Centre for Developmental Paediatrics - DKCAC

The Council (114th Council meeting on 15 May 2008) approved DKCAC's application for accreditation as a training centre for Developmental Paediatrics for the purpose of fulfilling the obligatory 6-month MCHC/CAS module in

Basic training. DKCAC would be accredited to provide 3 months of training in Developmental Paediatrics. The programme will be reviewed in December 2009.

3. Accreditation of Training Curriculum

3.1 Revised Community Paediatrician Training Programme in MCHC and CAS

The 6-month mandatory elective to MCH/CAS with revised training curriculum has started in January 2009. From January 2009 onward, a basic trainee will undergo 3 months training in MCH of FHS followed by 3 months training in CAS. The maximum number of trainees that FHS and CAS could accommodate is 12 per 6-month rotation.

3.2 Subspecialty Training within General Paediatrics – Accreditation Guidelines 7.4(a)(iii)

Council (114th Council meeting on 15 May 2008) had resolved to make changes to section 7.4(a)(iii) of the Accreditation Guidelines (concerning recognition of subspecialty team rotation for the purpose of General Paediatrics Training). Subsequent discussion in Council resolved that the existing version was good enough for the purpose of subspecialty rotations within General Paediatrics. The amended version of guideline section 7.4(a)(iii) would serve as an internal reference document within the College.

3.3 Child Protection Training

Council (120th and 121st meetings on 11 May and 9 July 2009) had approved child protection course to be a mandatory training in the 6-year training programme. This rule is to be implemented with effective from 1 July 2009. The new training requirement will be applicable to all new trainees joining paediatric training programme on and after 1 July 2009 and sitting the Exit Assessment in June 2015 and thereafter.

3.4 Accreditation Criteria for “Extended Hospital Activities Accreditable for College Training in Paediatrics” (EHA)

The Committee recommended and Council approved to close the discussion on this issue pending progress of the future Centre of Excellence in Paediatrics.

4. Accreditation of Trainers

4.1 Qualifications of Accredited Trainers

According to the Accreditation Guidelines

- 1) a Trainer for Basic Training Programme should be a College Fellow; and
- 2) a Trainer for Higher Training Programme should have a minimum of 3 years post-Fellowship experience in an accredited training centre.

4.2 Applications of New Trainers

Applications will be considered **ONLY** when the doctors have officially been admitted as Academy Fellows.

4.3 Trainers Status Update

Trainers status should be updated to be trainers in both Basic and Higher Paediatric Training Programmes upon application when they fulfilled 3 years of post-Fellowship experience.

4.4 Re-accreditation of Trainers

Trainers for the Basic Training Programme and the Higher Training Programme are accredited for a period of two years. Applications for accreditation or re-accreditation must be submitted with a brief updated curriculum vitae of each of the trainers.

5. Accreditation of Trainees

5.1 Subcommittee for Accreditation of Individual Training

The Subcommittee led by Dr Ho Che Shun, Jackson is responsible for assessing, accrediting and advising individual trainees in their training programmes, and to present the vetted programmes to the Committee for consideration and approval.

5.2 Remedial Training for MCH Training

Council (121st meeting on 9 July 2009) resolved that trainees with a failed assessment report in MCH and CAS training will require to undertake a remedial training period as recommended by MCH / CAS and endorsed by the Accreditation Committee. This remedial training rule will be applicable to all paediatric trainees undertaking mandatory training in child health related specialties, including MCH and CAS. A new Assessment Form for non-paediatric training (including training in MCH and CAS) will be used to better reflect the ratings and performance of trainees.

6. Recognition of Training undertaken by Family Medicine (FM) Trainees

At present, Family Medicine trainees undertaking training in paediatric units are counted as basic trainees within the trainers-to-trainees ratio but there was no stipulation on the content of their training curriculum in paediatric units. A survey to

all COSs and training supervisors revealed that the majority but not all of paediatric training units considered such trainees to have substantially similar training as other trainees in their Basic Paediatric Training Programme. At the 121st Council meeting (9 July 2009), Council resolved that training periods of non-paediatric trainees (including FM trainees) will be accredited by the Accreditation Committee on an individual case basis, with payment of a retrospective accreditation administration fee.

7. Basic Training in CAS/MCH during the period of Human Swine Influenza Pandemic

To respond to an enquiry from the HA COC Paediatric Training and Manpower Subcommittee about the training in CAS/MCH during the period of human swine influenza pandemic, the Council at the July 2009 meeting resolved that whatever deployment of staff would be made during the pandemic period, the College would recognize their training and no “make-up” classes would be required afterwards for the purpose of fulfilling the mandatory CAS/MCH elective requirement.

8. Updated Accreditation Guidelines as Official Internal Reference Document

An updated list of Accreditation Guidelines with Council approval dates had been made and endorsed by Council as an official internal reference document.

9. College Trainer and Trainee Statistics

As of November 2009, the College has in total accredited 214 Trainers in Paediatrics. The number of enrolled trainees is: 104 (Basic) and 51 (Higher). The overall trainer to trainee ratio is 1.4 to 1.

CONCLUSION

The past twelve months have been a memorable period of significant activities and progress for the Accreditation Committee, as evidenced by the work achieved throughout the period. We have successfully amended the 6-month mandatory modules on community child health during basic training in General Paediatrics into two sections, namely family health services and developmental paediatrics of 3-month each. We have also accredited the Child Assessment Service of the HKSAR Government Department of Health and the Duchess of Kent Child Assessment Centre and the Caritas Medical Centre Rehabilitation Programme of

the Hospital Authority as centres for the said Developmental Paediatrics training.

Council (120th and 121st meetings on 11 May and 9 July 2009) had approved Child Protection Course to be a mandatory training in the 6-year training programme. This rule is to be implemented with effective from 1 July 2009. The new training requirement will be applicable to all new trainees joining paediatric training programme on and after 1 July 2009 and sitting the Exit Assessment in June 2015 and thereafter.

After many years of discussion, the Committee recommended and Council approved to close the discussion on “Accreditation Criteria for “Extended Hospital Activities Accreditable for College Training in Paediatrics” (EHA)’ pending progress of the future Centre of Excellence in Paediatrics.

We have also been actively supporting the work for the Working Group on Accreditation of Paediatric Subspecialties set up by the College Council in July 2008 for implementation of these Subspecialties in Hong Kong via establishing new accreditation criteria and relevant implementation procedures.

Work ahead is formidable and challenging but we are fortunate to have a competent and cooperative team of committee members, many of whom are also key figures at other standing committees of the College. This specially intended overlap enables the Accreditation Committee to work in good harmony and to interact efficiently with diversified functions of the College. The other assets of this Committee are the honour to have our College President and College Honorary Secretary sitting in our Committee. Their invaluable contribution is vital and essential for all the work we have achieved during the period of this report. We strongly believe that the successful fulfillment of our duties is dependent on the transparency, reliability and accountability of the Accreditation Committee, on effective communications with and support from all College Fellows and trainees, and good relationships with other sister colleges within the Academy. We are privileged to be able to serve at this important ground-breaking stage, and will strive to achieve our objectives with your valuable support!

Dr. CHAN Chok-wan
Chairman, Accreditation Committee

Working Group on Accreditation of Paediatric Subspecialties's Report

Preamble

The Hong Kong College of Paediatricians has a statutory responsibility to ensure the standard and quality of paediatric practice through a reliable system of training, accreditation, and continuous professional development. The programme in General Paediatrics has been running effectively for the past decade. With the advance in tertiary services and the planning of the future Centre of Excellence in Paediatrics, there is a need for a proper accreditation system of subspecialists. The College set up a Task Force for Accreditation of Higher Training of Paediatric Subspecialties in 2000, and through its hard work, has laid down the groundwork and guidelines for subspecialty accreditation.

In September 2008, the College Council has set up the Working Group on Accreditation of Paediatric Subspecialties to carry on the work of the Task Force. The terms of reference of the Working Group are:

- 1) To advise the College Council on accreditation of paediatric subspecialties in Hong Kong
- 2) To study the feasibility of implementation of paediatric subspecialties
- 3) To formulate an action plan
- 4) To assist in the implementation of paediatric subspecialties
- 5) To monitor outcome measures for success of implementation

The current membership of the Working Group include:

- Dr Chan Chok Wan (Chairman)
- Dr SN Wong (Honorary Secretary)
- College President (Prof Louis Low)
- College Honorary Secretary (Dr SN Wong)
- Professor and Chairman of Paediatrics, HKU and CUHK (2) (Prof YL Lau and Prof PC Ng)
- Chairman and Secretary of Accreditation Committee (Dr CW Chan and Dr Maurice Leung)
- Chairman and Secretary of Education Committee (Dr Alex Chan and Dr WH Lee)
- Chairman and Secretary of Examination Committee (Prof PC Ng and Dr Bill Chan)
- HA representatives (2) (Dr MC Chiu and Dr CB Chow)
- DH representatives (2) (Dr Shirley Leung and Dr Catherine Lam)
- Private Practice representatives (2) (Dr Daniel Chiu and Dr Alfred Tam)
- Council members (2) (Prof TF Fok and Dr Li Chi Kong)
- College Fellows (2 senior Fellows and 2 young Fellows) (Dr YC Tsao, Dr MY Cheng, Dr Ho Hok Kung and Dr Cheng Ling Ling)

With a broader representation by Fellows from all sectors and subspecialty interests, the Working Group will be able to provide impartial advice and facilitation of subspecialty accreditation. Furthermore, the Working Group will make announcements and seek wide consultation from all Fellows upon receipt of any application for subspecialty accreditation.

Progress Work of the Working Group

The Working Group held 3 meetings during the period September 2008 to September 2009 (1st – 3rd meetings dated 30/9/2008, 3/12/2008 and 14/4/2009).

Since the 3rd Forum on subspecialty development on 16 July 2008, the Working Group met further and finalized the logistics and process of vetting applications of paediatric subspecialties. The procedures were elaborated in the document “Procedures of Vetting Applications for Accreditation from Subspecialty Groups”. Colleagues can read this and all relevant documents on subspecialty accreditation from the College website www.paediatrician.org.hk.

In the Council meeting on 12 May 2009, the College Council has also endorsed an amendment of the Byelaws by adding a section on Subspecialty affairs, as follows:

Section 10. Subspecialty affairs: The College shall supervise paediatric subspecialty development through the accreditation, training and examination of each paediatric subspecialty in accordance to the Guidelines for Recognition of Academy College of the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine.

- (i) The Director of Subspecialty Boards shall be appointed by the Council to supervise all Subspecialty Boards and to carry out relevant duties as directed by the Council. He/she will be an ex-officio member of the Council and the interim Working Group on Accreditation of Paediatric Subspecialties.*
- (ii) A Committee for Subspecialty Boards shall be formed to assist the Director of Subspecialty Boards in his/her duties. The membership of the Committee will comprise the chairpersons of Accreditation, Education, and Examination Committees, the chairperson of each established Subspecialty Board, one representative each from the Hospital Authority, Department of Health, the two Universities, Fellows in private practice, as well as one senior Fellow and one junior Fellow appointed by the Council.*
- (iii) A Subspecialty Board shall be formed for each accredited subspecialty in accordance to the Guidelines on the Criteria for the Accreditation of a Paediatric Subspecialty Training Programme of the College.*
- (iv) The term of office of the Director, Committee for Subspecialty Boards, and Subspecialty Board members shall normally be three years or as directed by the*

Council. Members of the Committee shall be eligible for re-appointment, but the Director of Subspecialty Boards shall hold office for no more than a cumulative total of two terms.

The Council at the 120th and 121st meetings on 11 May and 9 July 2009 agreed to make announcement for the appointment of Director of Subspecialty Boards. The Working Group had drafted a proposed procedure stating the criteria for nomination and the mechanism for such an appointment, pending approval by the Council.

Up till now, the College has not received any applications from any subspecialty groups. The Working Group reiterated that subspecialty development was not mandatory and only subspecialties which were mature and ready would be accredited. Accreditation of subspecialty should be stringent and responsible. The following criteria should be considered for defining a subspecialty, namely 1. parallel cases in other places, 2. appropriateness and relevance of the training programme, 3. sustainability, 4. mechanism for monitoring, 5. external assessors' views.

With the planning of the Centre of Excellence in Paediatrics (CEP) by the Hong Kong Government, there is urgency for our College to prepare for the tertiary subspecialty services in it. Thus, the College has planned to organize an Open Forum to all College Fellows on 27 October 2009. This is to update all Fellows on the background and progress of subspecialty work, and to make known about the open invitation for nomination of the post of Director of Subspecialty Boards.

The Working Group would like to take this opportunity to show our appreciation to the guidance of our College Presidents: Professor Leung Nai Kong, Professor Fok Tai Fai and Professor Louis Low; support from the College Council and members of the Working Group; active participation from the Chiefs of Service and Training Supervisions as well as all College Fellows. All these set momentum and direction for the work of the Working Group which ultimately enables us to achieve our mission. To all their contributions, we say thank you and we look forward to their continual support in the future.

Dr. CHAN Chok-wan
Chairman, Working Group on Accreditation
of Paediatric Subspecialties in Hong Kong

Standing Committees

Education Committee's Report

Chairman	Dr. CHAN Kwok-hing, Alex
Hon. Secretary	Dr. LEE Wai-hong
Members	Dr. CHENG Chun-fai
	Dr. CHEUNG Pik-to
	Dr. CHU Wai-o, Reann
	Dr. LEUNG Sze-lee, Shirley
	Dr. LI, Albert Martin
	Prof. Nelson, Tony
	Dr. TSOI Nai-shun
	Dr. YAU Fai-to
	Dr. YOUNG Wan-yin, Betty
Immediate Past Chairman	Prof. LOW Chung-kai, Louis

The Education Committee continued to organize regular educational and training activities in the past year. With the collaboration and support of colleagues, these activities have been conducted very smoothly.

The following is a summary of the activities.

1. Postgraduate Paediatric Training Course

The Postgraduate Paediatric Course was held between 18th July 2008 and 13th February 2009. It consisted of fourteen sessions of bedside teaching and eleven sessions of communication workshops. 32 trainees enrolled in the Course. Attendance was fairly stable. The average attendance rate was 50%. Feedback gathered from participants revealed that the Bedside Teaching sessions were generally better received, and difficulty in obtaining release from duties had prevented some trainees from attending the course in time. Dr Cheung Pik To, the Course Coordinator, has modified the Course this year aiming at increasing participation. Most teaching sessions will start at 5:30pm, half an hour later than that of last year. The option of running the Course over a longer period will be explored.

2. Paediatric Update Series

Both Updates last year were conducted in Grandrounds format, with case-based presentation, invited commentaries and open discussion. The seminars were inspiring

and thought-provoking. The clinical cases presented were very interesting and sparked enthusiastic discussion amongst the audience.

Paediatric Update No. 1 on 18th May 2008

Paediatric Grandrounds: Challenging Clinical Problems

Chairperson: Dr Alex CHAN

Coordinator: Dr CHEUNG Pik To

Cases and Presenters

- i. A Teenage Girl with Warty Lesions at the Perineum
Dr NG Chi Hang, Dr LEUNG Ying Kit
- ii. A Toddler with Recurrent Vomiting
Dr Mark CHAN

Attendance: 5 non-college presenters/discussants, 64 Fellows,
1 Member/Associate, 2 visitors

Paediatric Update No. 2 on 21st September 2008

Paediatric Grandrounds: Challenging Clinical Problems

Chairperson: Dr Alex CHAN

Coordinator: Dr CHEUNG Pik To

Cases and Presenters

- i. A Child with Skeletal Dwarfism
Dr CHIU Wah Keung
- ii. Suicidal Attempt in a Teenager with Epilepsy
Dr CHAK Wai Kwong

Attendance: 4 non-college presenters/discussants, 53 Fellows, 1 Member/Associate

An Update on Paediatric Nephrology was held on 3rd May 2009. Dr Wong Sik Nin was the principal speaker.

3. Paediatric Advanced Life Support Course (PALS) 2008

The PALS Course jointly organized by our College, the Heart Institute for Children, Hope Children's Hospital, Illinois, USA and the Hong Kong Paediatric Nurses Association was held between 30th October – 2nd November 2008. It was well attended by 110 participants,

including 43 doctors and 70 nurses. The venue has been moved from the Academy Building to the A & E Training Centre of Tang Shiu Kin Hospital for its convenient location and cheaper costs. PALS is a prerequisite for application for Membership of the College. Refresher Course is recommended for our Fellows and trainees who need to keep their knowledge and skills in resuscitation constantly updated.

4. Child Protection Course 2008

The 2nd Child Protection Course was conducted on 13th December 2008 by Dr Patricia Ip, the Course Coordinator, with the assistance of several Medical Coordinators on Child Abuse. The full day programme combined lectures, case discussions and role play. 21 applicants were accepted. Priority was given to College trainees as the Course has been made as a mandatory part of the 6-year paediatric training. The possibility of starting an additional higher level course will be considered.

The 7th Guangdong-Hong Kong Paediatric Exchange Meeting

On 28th June 2008, College hosted the 7th Guangdong-Hong Kong and 1st Hong Kong Guangdong Shanghai Chongqing Paediatric Exchange Meeting in the Academy of Medicine Building. It was a huge success with over 100 participants from Hong Kong, Guangdong, Chongqing and Shanghai. There were 18 keynote lectures delivered by speakers from the four cities. A total of 88 posters were presented at the Meeting.

Annual Scientific Meeting

An annual scientific meeting will be held in December 2009 before the College AGM.

Macau CME Programme

At the invitation of the Chinese Medical Association of Macau, College has contributed 6 speakers to give six 2-hrs lectures for the 2009 Macau CME Programme. The target audience were primary care doctors of Macau. The CME Programme is still in progress.

The Education Committee would like to thank our guest speakers, committee members and colleagues for their tireless efforts, enormous contributions and active participation in making College's various educational activities so meaningful in the past year. The Committee also hopes colleagues will make full benefit of these training and activities.

Dr. CHAN Kwok-hing, Alex
Chairman, Education Committee

CME subcommittee's Report

This is the twelve year since College CME programme started in 1997 and the first year of the three year cycle of 2008 to 2010. There were concerns on the more stringent requirement by College. While Academy only requires Fellows' compliance over a 3 years cycle, our College requires yearly minimum and annual submission of ARF by Fellows. Workload on secretarial staff was also very heavy. With endorsement of council, the changes are now adopted to as follows:

- College will not charge for late annual return but instead the Academy will be responsible.
- Instead of annual compliance, 3 year cycle will be used according to Academy guideline.
- To decrease secretarial workload, the College will not process any individual active CME application once a Fellow reaches the 3 year cycle requirement.
- Instead of annual ARF submission by Fellows, the College secretariat will retrieve Fellow's CME profile from the Academy's iCMECPD and update their compliance by e-mail or letter annually.

The Academy has approved the College to allow parallel recognition for overseas Fellows who have their own Paediatric CME/CPD Program in their country of residence with effect from 1 January 2008. The overseas Fellows only need to submit the evidence of fulfillment of their country Paediatric CME/CPD program in lieu of the College Annual Return Form. So far, 7 overseas Fellows had acquired parallel recognition status. This is the first year of the first cycle with active CME / CPD requirement by the Academy. A total of 136 Fellows had acquired less than 30 or less than 5 active CME points for the first year. Of which, the majority do not have adequate active CME points. The CME subcommittee will work hard to facilitate Fellow's compliance in this area. Dr. Sam Lau has joined the subcommittee to provide more opinions from the private sector. This year, 11 Fellows have not submitted their ARF despite reminder.

A total of 82 activities providing 200 Cat A CME points were organized by the Hong Kong College of Paediatricians, the Hong Kong Paediatric Society and 11 subspecialty paediatric societies or study groups. In addition, we have accredited a total of 617 meetings (2,698 Cat A points) submitted by non-paediatric medical associations and individual Fellows for local and overseas conferences. The paediatric units of 14 public hospitals/institutes have continued to run regular CME meetings giving a total of 683 Cat B CME points this year. In addition, two private study groups and 12 private hospitals continued to have regular programmes, providing a total of 74 meetings with 115 Cat B CME points. This year, 22 Fellows and 266 Fellows had claimed Cat C (publications) and Cat D (self-study) CME points respectively and we have also accredited a total of 453 meetings (1,746 Cat E points) submitted by non-paediatric medical associations and individual Fellows for local and overseas conferences.

In 2008-2009, the CME subcommittee membership is as follows:

Chairman: Dr. TSOI Nai-shun (HK Paediatric Society)
 Hon. Secretary: Dr. LAM Shu-yan, David (Membership Committee)
 Members: Dr. CHAN Kwok-hing, Alex (Education Committee)
 Dr. CHIU Cheung-shing, Daniel
 Dr. HO Che-shun (Accreditation Committee)
 Dr. Sam LAU
 Dr. LEE Wai-hong (ex-officio Education Committee)
 Dr. LEE Ngar-ye, Natalie
 Dr. LOW Chung-kai, Louis (ex-officio Education Committee)
 Dr. TSE Wan-ting, Philomena
 Dr. WONG Sik-nin (ex-officio Education Committee)
 Dr. YAM Man-ching
 Dr. YUEN Hui-leung

Summary of CME Activities Accredited (2008)

	Meeting organized	CME points approved
Local Cat A activities (total)	699	1,773
Automated subspecialty societies	72	143
Individual applications	20	150
Hong Kong College of Paediatricians	10	57
Non-paediatric Medical Associations	597	1,423
Cat B Activities	707	798
Private Practice Paediatricians	21	28
HA hospitals regular activities	633	683
Private Hospitals	53	87
Cat C	22	159
Cat D	206	1,736
Cat E	453	1,792
Individual applications	14	46
Non-paediatric Medical Associations	439	1,746

Overseas Activities	110	1,390
Cat A from Overseas Study Group	8	92
Cat B from Overseas Study Group	8	12
Cat E from Overseas Study Group	3	34
Individual Cat A/E applications	91	1,252

Note: total of 96 local CME applications rejected

		Date of Commencement of CME cycle	No. of Fellows	Total CME pts less than 30 or 5 Active in 1 st year	Total CME pts less than 30 in 1 st year	Less than 5 Active CME pts in 1 st year
Local	Fellows	01-01-2008	487	136	47	120
	Fellows	01-07-2008	5		0	0
Overseas	Parallel Recognitions	01-01-2008	7			
	Non-parallel recognitions	01-01-2008	16		4	5

Dr. TSOI Nai-shun
Chairman, CME Subcommittee

(The draft of this report was submitted to, and endorsed by, CME Subcommittee by circulation on 15th October, 2009 by Dr. Tsoi Nai Shun.)

Standing Committees

Examination Committee's Report

Chairman	Prof. NG Pak-cheung
Hon. Secretary	Dr. CHAN Hin-biu, Bill
Members	Prof. LAU Yu-lung
	Dr. LEE Wai-hong
	Dr. LEUNG Chi-Wai
	Dr. TSE Wing-yee, Winnie
	Dr. William WONG
Ex-officio Members	Dr. YOUNG Wan-yin, Betty
	Dr. WONG Sik-nin

1. Examination Committee Meetings

Four Examination Committee Meetings were held in 2008-09. The Coordinators for different examinations were appointed as follows: Dr. Chan Hin Biu and Dr. Betty Young for DCH Part IA and DCH clinical examination; Prof. Y L Lau and Dr. Leung Chi Wai for MRCPCH Part IB; Prof. P C Ng, Dr. W H Lee and Dr. Winnie Tse for MRCPCH Part II written and Clinical examination of the Joint MRCPCH / Intermediate Examination, and; Dr. Chan Hin Biu for Exit Assessment. Within the year, there were a total of 11 examinations / assessments held, including three Part IA & IB Examinations, three Part II written Examinations, two Part II Clinical Examinations, two Exit Assessments, and one DCH Clinical Examination.

2. Joint Intermediate / MRCPCH Examinations

Prof. P C Ng, Dr. Chan Hin Biu, Prof. Y L Lau, Dr. W H Lee, Dr Leung Chi Wai and Dr. Betty Young represented the College to attend the respective RCPCH Examination Part I and Part II Board meetings in UK. Through these meetings, they obtained first hand information on the rules and the latest development of different aspects of the examinations. The Committee has recruited three new MRCPCH examiners, Dr Leung Chi Wai, Dr Daniel Ng Kwok Keung and Dr Winnie Tse Wing Yee and their applications have been approved by the RCPCH.

The MRCPCH clinical examination, which has taken the format of OSCE, has run smoothly and successfully in the past 5 years. A musculo-skeletal (MSK) station has been introduced

in February 2009 to assess candidates' ability to test locomotor function, including various joints and gait.

The RCPCCH has implemented a new rule for retaking MRCPCCH Part I examination in September 2008. All candidates, regardless of when and where they sat their Part I, need only to retake the Part IB. Also, from October 2008, examination results are available online for candidates to view.

Results of MRCPCCH Examinations:

Part I Examination (13 January 2009)

	<i>Pass /attendance</i>	<i>Pass rate</i>
IA	6/20	30 %
IB	4/31	13 %

Part I Examination (12 May 2009)

IA	6/9	67 %
IB	17/22	77 %

Part I Examination (8 September 2009)

IA	14/31	45 %
IB	7/30	23 %

Part II Examination (10 December 2008)	4/12	33 %
Part II Examination (15 April 2009)	4/19	21 %
Part II Examination (19 August 2009)	18/22	82 %
Part II Examination (16 December 2009)	Pending	Pending

Clinical Examination (11-12 November 2008)	6/17	35 %
Clinical Examination (24-25 Feb 2009)	2/9	22 %
Clinical Examination (3-4 Nov 2009)	pending	pending

Examiners for the February 2009 MRCPCCH Clinical Examination at Prince of Wales Hospital and Princess Margaret Hospital included: Dr. Leena Patel (Senior Examiner), Dr. Ted Wozniak, Dr. Joanna Walker, Dr. Li Chi Kong (Host Examiner), Dr. Chan Hin Bui, Dr. William Wong, Dr. Betty Young, Dr. Chiu Man Chun (Host Examiner), Dr. Chan Kwok Yin, Dr. Chow Chun Bong and Prof. Virginia Wong.

Examiners for the November 2009 MRCPCH Clinical Examination at Queen Mary Hospital and Queen Elizabeth Hospital included: Dr. Janet Anderson (Senior Examiner), Dr. Mike Hall, Dr. Janet Nicholls, Dr. Tsoi Nai Shun (Host Examiner), Dr. Ha Shau Yin, Dr. Leung Chi Wai, Dr. Wong Sik Nin, Dr. Ng Yin Ming (Host Examiner), Dr. Cheung Kam Lau, Dr. Winnie Tse and Dr. Yau Fai To.

3. Exit Assessment

Two Assessments were conducted, one in December 2008 and one in June 2009. Both were held at the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine Jockey Club Building. There will be a change in the examination format in December 2009 so that the assessment time for dissertation will be reduced to 10 minutes, whereas the assessment time for service-related issues will be increased to 15 minutes.

The results of the two Assessments were as follows:

	<i>Pass/attendance</i>	<i>Pass rate</i>
Exit Assessment (16 December 2008)	5/5	100 %
Exit Assessment (16 June 2009)	11/11	100 %

Assessors for Exit Assessment in December 2008 included: Dr. Chau Kai Tung, Dr. Ha Shau Yin, Dr. Huen Kwai Fun, Dr. Lee Wai Hong, Prof. P.C. Ng, Dr. Winnie Tse Wing Yee.

Assessors for Exit Assessment in June 2009 included: Dr. Chan Kwok Yin, Dr. Cheung Pik To, Dr. Chow Chun Bong, Dr. Kwong Ngai Shan, Dr. Leung Chi Wai, Prof. Lau Yu Lung, Dr. So Lok Yee, Dr. Wong Sik Nin, Prof. Virginia Wong, Dr. William Wong, Dr. Betty Young, Dr. Yuen Hui Leung.

4. Diploma of Child Health

The DCH clinical examination has also changed to the OSCE format similar to that of the MRCPCH clinical examination. The Pamela Youde Nethersole Eastern Hospital had successfully served as the host centre for the DCH clinical examination in November 2009.

Results of DCH Examinations

	<i>Pass/attendance</i>	<i>Pass rate</i>
Clinical Examination (13 Nov 2008)	8/11	73 %
Part IA (13 January 2009)	0/2	0 %
Part IA (12 May 2009)	0/1	0 %
Part IA (8 September 2009)	4/4	100 %
Clinical Examination (5 Nov 2009)	Pending	Pending

Examiners for the November 2009 DCH Clinical Examination at PYNEH included: Dr. Janet Anderson (Senior Examiner), Dr. Mike Hall, Dr. Janet Nicholls, Dr. Betty Young (Host Examiner), Dr. Chan Hin Biu and Dr. Kelvin Liu.

5. Chairman's message

The Chairman and members would like to welcome Dr. Wong Sik Nin, Dr. William Wong and Dr. Leung Chi Wai who have joined the Examination Committee earlier this year.

Thanks to all the host centres, the MRCPCH and DCH examinations ran very smoothly in Hong Kong. The Examination Committee will continue to organize training sessions on a regular basis for local trainees on different OSCE stations. On 6th November 2009, the training session was focused on the History, Communication and MSK stations. Dr. Janet Anderson, Dr. Mike Hall and Dr. Janet Nicholls were the UK instructors. These training sessions have proven to be particularly useful for new trainees, who would benefit considerably from knowing what to expect of them at different stations. As the 'other' station would be converted to the MSK station, a DVD on pGals has been distributed to all COS and training supervisors in Hong Kong. Hopefully, all trainees should be able to perform a competent musculo-skeletal examination. Upon request from the RCPCH, Hong Kong Centres (both MRCPCH and DCH) will contribute MCQs for discussion with UK examiners after each clinical examination. The RCPCH has formulated new guidelines for selection and subsequent approval of new clinical examiners for MRCPCH and DCH examinations, and the process is expected to be much more stringent than before. The RCPCH has also set up an Exit Examination in UK consisting of 10 stations. The format would be different from those of the MRCPCH Clinical Examination. So far, there is no plan to adopt the same format by the Hong Kong College of Paediatricians.

Above all, the Chairman and members would like to thank Prof. Fok Tai Fai and Dr. Li Chi Keung, who have retired from the Committee, for their invaluable contributions and support to the Examination Committee throughout these years.

Prof. NG Pak-cheung
Chairman, Examination Committee

Standing Committees

House Committee's Report

Chairman	Prof. LEUNG Nai-kong
Hon. Secretary	Dr. HUEN Kwai-fun
Members	Dr. KO Po-wan
	Dr. KO Wai-keung, Frederick
	Dr. LEUNG Cheuk-wah, Wilfred
	Dr. LI, Albert Martin
	Dr. WONG Sik-nin
	Dr. WOO Lap-fai, Chris

Terms of Reference

1. To oversee the management of the College Chamber including the Secretariat and its facilities
2. To take charge of the issuance of the College Newsletters and other materials as directed by the Council
3. To procure benefits for the members of Hong Kong College of Paediatricians not covered by other committees
4. To promote the use of information technology in the College and to maintain the College website

College Chamber and Secretariat

The College Secretariat is now served by a team of three dedicated secretaries who are providing effective and efficient services to the Council and her committees, the Hong Kong College of Paediatricians Foundation, H.M. Lui Memorial Fund and the Hong Kong Journal of Paediatrics.

Information Technology

The Information Technology System and computer equipments are operating effectively. The College website contains good source of information on the College including the most up-to-date CME activities. Resources have been allocated by the Council to upgrade the website in the coming year.

Newsletter

The College Newsletters are being published bi-monthly and provide updated information on the Council and its Committees. The newsletters are sent to the majority of members by electronic means. The Editorial Board of the College Newsletter includes Professor Leung Nai Kong, Dr. Li Albert Martin, Dr. Wong Sik Nin and Dr. Woo Lap Fai.

Benefits for Members

Members continue to enjoy special discounts on the purchase of books and petrol, and special arrangements with travel agents.

Prof. LEUNG Nai-kong
Chairman, House Committee

Standing Committees

Membership Committee's Report

Chairman	Prof. LAU Yu-lung
Hon. Secretary	Dr. LEE Kwok-piu
Members	Dr. CHAN Kwok-chiu
	Dr. HO Che-shun, Jackson
	Dr. KO Wai-Keung, Frederick
	Dr. KWAN Kwok-fan
	Dr. KWONG Ngai-shan
	Dr. LI Chi-kong
	Dr. SO Lok-yee

In the year 2008/2009, 1 Associate resigned with 45 Associates admitted to the College. 11 Members were enrolled from existing Associates. 1 Member transferred to Overseas Member. 2 Fellows deceased and 1 Fellow resigned with 16 Members passed the Exit Examination and were elected as Fellows. 1 Overseas Fellow resigned but 1 Fellow transferred to as Overseas Fellow.

Presently, our Memberships are as follows:

Fellows:	500
Overseas Fellows:	26
Members:	51
Overseas Members:	3
Associates:	104
Total Membership:	684

Prof. LAU Yu-lung
Chairman, Membership Committee

Standing Committees

Professional and General Affairs Committee's Report

Chairman	Dr. SO Lok-yee
Hon. Secretary	Dr. LEUNG Cheuk-wa, Wilfred
Members	Dr. CHENG Chun-fai
	Prof. CHEUNG Pik-to
	Prof. HON Kam-lun, Ellis
	Dr. IP Lai-sheung, Patricia
	Dr. KO Po-wan
	Dr. LAM Cheung-cheung, Barbara
	Dr. LEUNG Tze-ching, Vincent
	Dr. LI Chi-him
	Prof. LOW Chung-kai, Louis
	Dr. YOUNG Wan-yin, Betty

Three meetings were held in 2009.

Clinical Practice Guidelines

Professor Ellis Hon became the new convenor of the Working Group on the Development of Clinical Practice Guidelines from August 2009.

Paediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS) Courses

Two Provider and One Renewal Courses were held during 3rd October to 7th October 2009 jointly by our College, Hong Kong Paediatric Nurses Association (HKPNA) and the Heart Institute for Children, Hope Children's Hospital, Illinois, USA. The courses were also accredited for continuous nursing education in addition to CME points from various Academy Colleges. The venue was changed to A & E Training Centre in Tang Shiu Kin Hospital which was very well-equipped and also enabled a reduction in the registration fee. A total of 83 completed the Provider Courses and 24 completed the Renewal Course.

The faculty members were as follows:

Overseas:	Dr. HUYOUNG, Alfred	
Local:	Dr. CHEUNG Kam-lau (<i>coordinator</i>)	Dr. LEUNG Ping, Maurice
	Dr. CHIU Wa-keung	Dr. MIU Ting-yat
	Dr. HON Kam-lun, Ellis	Dr. SO Lok-yee
	Dr. HUI, Henry	Dr. TSOI Nai-shun
	Dr. HUI Yim-wo	Dr. WONG May-ling
	Dr. KWAN Yat-wah	Dr. YAM Man-ching
	Dr. KU Shu-wing	Dr. YUNG Tak-cheung

Experienced nurses from HKPNA also acted as assistant instructors.

Child Health and Public Issues

In response to a consultation from the government on HKSAR's report on the implementation of United Nations Convention of the Rights of the Child, Dr Patricia Ip represented the College to a Legco hearing on 18/5/09. A written submission on this matter was sent on 30/5/09.

The College, being a member society of the Alliance for Children's Commission, co-signed a petition to the government in August 09 concerning tackling drug abuse among children and youth. While casting doubt on the School-based Drug Testing Scheme, the Alliance urged the government to develop a comprehensive mechanism to fight against drug abuse.

Social Function

Launch trip to Lai Chi Wo on 14 December 2008 was attended by 42 participants.

The social programme for this year will be a trip to Mai Po followed by seafood dinner in Lau Fau Shan, to be held on 29 November 2009.

Dr. SO Lok-yee
Chairman, Professional &
General Affairs Committee

Standing Committees

Review Committee's Report

Chairman	Dr. KO Yiu-shum, Paul
Hon. Secretary	Dr. CHANG Kan, Jane
Members	Dr. CHENG Man-yung
	Dr. CHIU Lee-lee, Lily
	Prof. YEUNG Chap-yung
	Prof. YUEN Man-pun, Patrick

As there were no issues to be discussed, no meetings were held for year 2008-2009.

Dr. KO Yiu-shum, Paul
Chairman, Review Committee

NEW FELLOWS, MEMBERS AND ASSOCIATES

**The following doctors were elected as
Fellows of the Hong Kong College of Paediatricians
in 2008/2009**

<i>DR CHAN, BOSCO</i>	陳欣永醫生
<i>DR CHAN SIN HANG, JUNE</i>	陳善珩醫生
<i>DR CHEN HAY SON, ROBIN</i>	陳義舜醫生
<i>DR CHIK KAR KI</i>	戚嘉琪醫生
<i>DR CHOW CHIN PANG</i>	周展鵬醫生
<i>DR CHUNG WAY LUEH</i>	鍾緯略醫生
<i>DR FU YU MING</i>	符儒明醫生
<i>DR FUNG TSUI HANG, SHARON</i>	馮翠姮醫生
<i>DR KOH, CARLINE</i>	許上冕醫生
<i>DR LEE PUI WAH, PAMELA</i>	李珮華醫生
<i>DR LO PUI WAN, HENNY</i>	盧佩雲醫生
<i>DR LUK HO MING</i>	陸浩明醫生
<i>DR TING YAN WING, DANIEL</i>	丁恩榮醫生
<i>DR WAN HOI SHAN</i>	尹海珊醫生
<i>DR WONG CHIN PANG</i>	黃展鵬醫生
<i>DR WONG MAN YEE</i>	黃敏儀醫生

Hong Kong College of Paediatricians Foundation

Chairman	Dr. LEUNG Tze-ching, Vincent
Vice-Chairman	Dr. KO Wai-keung, Frederick (<i>ex-officio</i>)
Hon. Secretary	Dr. CHANG Kan, Jane
Hon. Treasurer	Dr. LAU Ding-yue, Daniel
Executive Committee	Dr. CHAN Man-cheung, Caleb
	Dr. CHENG Chun-fai
	Prof. LEUNG Nai-kong
	Prof. LOW Chung-kai, Louis (<i>ex-officio</i>)
	Dr. NG Kwan-wai, Alan
	Dr. TAM Yat-cheung, Alfred
	Dr. YU Chau-leung, Edwin

Our foundation continued with our activities in our efforts to promote child health and education in Hong Kong, China and Cambodia. We carried out our annual Cambodia medical mission, held our 4th annual Neonatal Resuscitation Program (NRP) in Kunming, Yunnan and raised donations for the victims of 512 Sichuan Earthquake and the Hua Xia Foundation Scholarship Fund. The Executive Committee met six times as well as small group discussions over the past year.

Cambodia Medical Mission 1/11/08 -7/11/08

This year, 2 paediatricians Dr. Lee Tat Lin and Dr. Herman Tang, 3 dentists and 2 physicians represented our foundation to carry out our annual medical mission to Cambodia. The team carried out free consultations to the poor at the Kam Pong Thom District Hospital so that free medical investigations can be carried out if required. Our Foundation donated an additional US\$1,000.00 to cover the investigation costs as well as the transport fee for the patients.

The Hua Xia Foundation Charity Walk 21st Dec. 2008.

Our Foundation and the Faculty of Health and Social Sciences of the HK PolyTech University co- sponsored the Charity Walk at the Peak on Sunday, 21/12/08. This was attended by a few hundred nurses, students, doctors and their family and children. The Deputy Director General of the Ministry of Health and the Executive Director of the HK and Macau Affairs Bureau of Beijing attended the opening ceremony. Mr. Lam Shui Lun, the Secretary for Constitutional Affairs of the HKSAR officiated the opening ceremony. In spite of the economic downturn \$463,527.00 was raised for the Hua Xia Foundation Scholarship fund. Our fellows and their friends raised over \$100,000.00

At a prize giving ceremony held on 15th May 2009 our Foundation was given a Group Gold Award and Dr. Leung Cheuk Wah, Dr. Vincent Leung were given Personal Gold Awards and Dr. Eligina Poon a Personal Silver Award.

Sichuan Earthquake Relief Fund

In response to the devastating earthquake in Sichuan on 12th May 2008, under the leadership of our College, our fellows have raised \$370,500.00 to help the children of the disaster area.

We were able to co-operate with the Department of Applied Social Sciences of the Hong Kong Polytechnic University to set up a Student Activity Centre at the HanWang School (with 1700 students) in MianZhu. Our donated funds will provide for the setting up of the activity centre, salary for social workers, occupational therapists and psychological counselors, as well as daily expenses to cover all the activities of the centre for one year. The aim is to provide social, physical and psychological support to the children of MianZhu county.

NRP course in Yunnan 26/7/09-2/8/09

Our Foundation held its 4th NRP course in Kunming, Yunnan with the participation of 10 fellows and their spouse including Dr. Cheung Kam Lau, Dr. Yam Man Ching, Dr. Yau Man Mut, Dr. Chan Lik Man, Dr. Lilian Wong Hiu Lei, Dr. Wilfred Leung Cheuk Wa, Dr. Eligina Poon Yee Ling, Dr. and Mrs. Ellis Hon Kam Lun, Dr. Tsoi Nai Shun and Dr. Vincent Leung held a two day NRP course for 94 doctors from all across Dali and NuJiang. The course took place at the Seagull Hotel of Kunming. Although we have shipped the resuscitators, endotracheal tubes, aspirators, laryngoscopes etc. to be donated to each doctor and the hospitals participating in the program, a new regulation from the central government prevented the local Ministry of Health from clearing customs and the equipment has to be redirected back to HK. We shall continue with our efforts to have the equipment donated in due course.

After the course our group travelled to LiJiang and Dali where we visited the local Maternal and Child Health Hospitals. A seminar was held at each hospital in order to have a better understanding of the health and child care of the rural areas and to help them improve their resuscitation skills.

The participating doctors from HK donated RMB 1,000.00 towards the purchase of equipment for our NRP course.

Conjoint Program for NRP with the Ministry of Health in Yunnan

Our Foundation signed a formal agreement with the Ministry of Health of Yunnan to carry out our NRP program for three years from 2009-2011. The aim is to reduce neonatal mortality and morbidity in the whole of Yunnan through the teaching of neonatal resuscitation and the donation of essential equipment to each of the rural hospitals in the whole of Yunnan. The local medical authority will provide board and lodging for the participating doctors.

We have received a generous donation of \$100,000.00 from the YS Liu Foundation to support our NRP course in Kunming.

Our Foundation would like to offer our sincere thanks and appreciation to Dr. Jane Chang Kan who served as our Hon. Secretary for 10 years from 1999-2009 and to Dr. Federick Ko Wai Keung who served as our Vice President for nine years from 2000-2009.

Our foundation is also much indebted to our fellows and members, their spouses, advisors, donors, sponsors and related parties for their generous support without which our programs would not have been possible.

Dr. LEUNG Tze-ching, Vincent
Chairman



The College Council and the Newly Admitted Fellows at the Admission Ceremony on 29th November, 2008.



Honorable Guests, Presidents of Hong Kong Academy of Medicine, Sister Colleges and College Council at the Fellowship Admission Ceremony on 29th November, 2008.



Dr Vincent Leung, Chairman of HK College of Paediatricians Foundation, received the “Top Personal Gold Award” for the most funds raised at the Hua Xia Charity Walk held on 21st December 2008 from Ms Dong Cui Di, Division Chief, Education, Science and Technology Department, Liaison Office of the Central Peoples’s Government in Hong Kong SAR.



Our Examination Committee, Local Examiners and the RCPCH Examiners, Dr. Janet Anderson, Dr. Janet Nicholls and Dr. Mike Hall discussed MRCPCH & DCH Examination results and contributed questions to the Colleges’ questions banks.