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Message from the President

On celebrating the 10th Anniversary of the Hong Kong College of Paediatricians, I am thankful to our Fellows, Members and Associates for their invaluable contributions and active participation in the work and activities of the College. Under the able leadership of Professor C.Y. Yeung, my predecessor and Founding President, and the successive Councils, the College is growing from strength to strength. Within the last decade, our membership has increased from 233 to 547. Our College, with 412 Fellows, is the third largest college in the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine. This large workforce of trained paediatricians is playing an important role in providing a high standard of health care services to the children of Hong Kong.

In the initial years of its formation, the College concentrated on the setting up of and maintaining the standards of training, education and examination. Lately, the work of the Council has been closely following the direction of the resolutions of the strategic planning workshop, which was held in March 2000. The Council holds the view that every paediatrician should be adequately trained in general paediatrics and child health. Hence, the Education and Accreditation Committees have been given the responsibilities to revise the training curriculum so as to strengthen the training in primary child health and community paediatrics. I am grateful to the Secretary for Health and Welfare, the Director of Health and the Chief Executive of the Hospital Authority for their support in the College's training policy. To demonstrate the importance of training in this area the College has dedicated the 10th Anniversary Scientific Meeting with the theme of "Primary Health Care in Paediatrics". Our invited guests from the Mainland, Taiwan, Malaysia, Singapore, the United Kingdom and the U.S.A. will share with us their experience in the training of paediatricians in providing child health care in their communities.

Since our inception, the College has established increasing bonds with our Mainland and Taiwan counterparts. We have fostered cordial and working relationship with the Chinese Pediatric Society of the Chinese Medical Association and its branches in Guangdong, Shanghai, and Chongqing. My predecessor, the Vice-President and myself have frequent dialogues with our counterparts in the Mainland and Taiwan. Our biennial scientific meeting with the Guangdong Pediatric Society is ongoing since 1996 and this provides an opportunity of not only academic exchange but also mutual co-operation and understanding. Our College also participated in the First National Symposium on Pediatric Medical Education in Shanghai in 1999. A large contingent of our Fellows participated in the 10th Asian Congress of Pediatrics organised by the Chinese Taipei Pediatric Association in Taipei in 2000 and the 23rd International Congress of Pediatrics organised by the Chinese Pediatric Society in Beijing in 2001. Besides, individual training institutions and Fellows have made

regular contacts and exchanges with the institutions in the Mainland and Taiwan. Our College also extend our support and assistance to our paediatric colleagues in Macau SAR, in training and education whenever their need arises. Furthermore, we have established training fellowships which will be opened to young paediatricians of Chinese origin from any parts of the world.

Our traditional link with the United Kingdom has not diminished but in fact strengthened since 1997. Our collaboration with the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health (RCPCH) has reached new height this year by holding the Diploma in Child Health Examination jointly in Hong Kong for the first time, in addition to the regular joint Intermediate/MRCPCH/MRCP Examination. Representatives of our Examination Committee participate in the committees of the relevant examinations in the United Kingdom. I have the opportunity of meeting the President of RCPCH quite regularly, either in the United Kingdom or in Hong Kong to discuss issues of mutual interest. There will be further collaboration in training, education, surveillance and website links with RCPCH. Our co-operation with American institutions includes the annual Paediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS) Course held jointly with the Heart Institute for Children, Hope Children's Hospital, Illinois, U.S.A. This course is in high demand from our members, doctors of other disciplines and other healthcare professionals. The College is indebted to Dr. Alfred HuYoung for bringing this course to Hong Kong in 1999. The College was also pleased to welcome the first official visit of the American Academy of Pediatrics, led by Dr. Louis Cooper, President-elect and Dr. Joe Sander Jr., Executive Director in September this year. In addition to establishing a cordial relationship, we have initiated exchanges on publications. I look forward to other exchanges and collaboration in the future. The College also looks forward to developing closer relationship with our partners in the region, in particular the Chapter of Paediatricians of the Academy of Medicine of Singapore and the College of Paediatrics of the Academy of Medicine of Malaysia.

Locally, our College supports the work and activities of the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine and associates closely with the other 14 Academy colleges. The College chamber is located in the Academy building, and we utilize the facilities of the Academy for meetings, examinations and functions as much as possible. We support the scientific conferences of the Academy by inviting presidents of our sister organizations from the Mainland and overseas to attend. Our cordial relationship with the Hong Kong College of Physicians continues and the annual joint scientific meeting of the two colleges has been extended to include other Academy colleges and overseas colleges. I am appreciative of the co-operation and contribution of other colleges to our training and educational programmes and to our efforts to improve the well being of children.

I am pleased to report that our College has had a harmonious partnership with the long established Hong Kong Paediatric Society. A representative of the Society sits in the

Continuing Medical Education (CME) Subcommittee. The scientific activities of the Society are hence accredited for CME purpose. The Society together with our College jointly organised the 9th Asian Congress of Pediatrics in Hong Kong in 1997. It is gratifying to note that there were favourable comments from the 1,700 participants, who considered that the congress was one of the best in terms of organization, programme and scientific value. Together with the Society we have been publishing the "Hong Kong Journal of Paediatrics - New Series" since 1996. The editorial board is appointed by both parties and it was decided that commencing Year 2002, this half-yearly journal would be published quarterly. On behalf of the editorial board, I would like to appeal to our members for more contributions to the Journal. Trainees sitting the Exit Assessment are also encouraged to submit their dissertations to the Journal. The editorial board will pursue further co-operation with the editors of the Chinese Journal of Pediatrics, in addition to publishing the contents of the Chinese Journal of Pediatrics in our journal.

Hitherto, our College has only accredited training programme in General Paediatrics. Under the able leadership of Dr. Chan Chok-Wan, a Task Force for Higher Training of Paediatric Subspecialties has been formed and will make recommendations to the Council on higher training in paediatric subspecialties in Hong Kong. I look forward to receiving the report from the task force soon. I envisage that there will be extensive consultations and deliberations by our members. In recognizing the contribution of the paediatric subspecialty societies to the education and training of paediatricians in Hong Kong, the College has invited seven paediatric subspecialty societies to collaborate with the College in organizing our 10th Anniversary Scientific Meeting. I am pleased that they have all accepted our invitation. The Organizing Committee has included a symposium entitled "Paediatric subspecialty interfacing with primary health care" in the scientific programme and all seven organizations will participate in this session. I hope that there will be fruitful discussions on this subject.

The major role of the College is to ensure the highest standard of paediatric practice by our members. The basic and higher training programmes and the intermediate examination and the exit assessment are already in place to ensure that trainees receive the appropriate training and assessment before they are qualified to be a specialist in paediatrics. The work of the Accreditation, Education and Examination Committees, chaired by Dr. Chan Chok-wan, Professor Fok Tai-fai and Dr. Chiu Man-chun respectively, has been enormous in ensuring that the right standards are met and maintained. I am appreciative of the contribution of the different training institutions and their staff, and in this regard, I am grateful to the Director of Health and the Chief Executive of the Hospital Authority for allowing training activities and examination of the College to take place in their institutions. The Hong Kong Academy of Medicine requires all Fellows to undergo Continuing Medical Education (CME). Thus, it is gratifying to see that the majority of our Fellows are able to meet the CME requirement. It is the plan of the College to follow the Academy in moving

towards continuous professional development in due course. The College will, in the coming year, introduce clinical practice guidelines. The College always promotes good clinical practice and encourages practices that are evidence-based.

Besides providing health care services to the community, it is important that paediatricians should take the lead in promoting the well being of our children and protecting their interest. They must be bold enough to tell the Authority and the public the rights and the needs of children and their families. The Professional and General Affairs Committee, chaired by Dr. Betty Young, collects opinions from our members and deliberates on different health issues. Acting as a child advocate, the College has reflected to the relevant authorities the views on child safety, charter for children in hospital, smoking, air pollution, food and drug labeling, rehabilitation, physical activities and health care reform etc. In response to the document on Health Care Reform, the College has proposed a community-based integrated child health care model whereby there will be interfaces between primary, secondary and tertiary care; between the public and private sectors, and collaboration with social and educational providers. It is the firm belief of the College that children should be cared for by professionals who are trained and experienced in recognizing the needs and interests of children.

With the main aim to serve the community, the Hong Kong College of Paediatricians Foundation was incorporated in 1997. Its primary focus is on health education and promotion. A medical adviser system has been set up recently, with paediatricians acting as medical advisers to social welfare organizations. This system will be extended to primary schools in the near future. The Foundation has to raise funds in order to sustain such meaningful services. As an ex-officio member of the Foundation, I request for more support and contribution to the Foundation from our members.

The Council acknowledged the need to have a wider representation from our members and decided in 1996 to co-opt two young Fellows (Fellows within five years of their fellowship) into the Council every year. Such young Fellows proved to be extremely valuable in contributing to the work of the Council. Many of them have been subsequently recruited to serve various committees. This year, a Trainees' Committee was formed under the guidance of Dr. Chan Kwok-Hing, Chairman of the Membership Committee. It is anticipated that the structure will provide a forum for the trainees to discuss college matters, especially issues related to training. I was pleased to welcome the two trainee representatives who attended the Council Meetings and to have the opportunity to listen to the their views. The Council values the views of every member of the College, and considers that effective communication is of paramount importance. In this regard, the development of information technology and e-communication has been accorded high priority. Members can now have updated information about the activities of the College by access to the College web site, which is maintained by the Information Technology Committee, chaired by Dr. Chiu

Cheung-Shing. Members can also obtain useful information of other local and overseas organizations from the section of 'useful links'.

As the President of the College, I am proud to say that the College has evolved into a mature academic body within a period of ten years. Major systems are 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 to promote the study and research in liver diseases and related disciplines in children. I also wish to extend my heartiest congratulations to Dr. Patricia Ip for her exemplary work in child abuse. Dr. Ip was honoured with the C. Henry Kempe Award by the International Society for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect in 2000. Three of our Founding Fellows viz. Dr. Chan Chok-wan, Professor Yeung Chap-yung and myself were honoured with the award of "Outstanding Paediatricians of Asia" by the Association of Pediatric Societies of the Southeast Asian Region at the 10th Asian Congress of Pediatrics in Taipei in 2000. Hence, I am sure that increasingly, our Fellows will be recognized for their academic and professional achievements and their services to the community.

In the years to come, I anticipate that since more and more paediatricians are trained, they will serve not only the children of Hong Kong and China, but also the other parts of the world. It is my sincere wish that our College would continue to flourish and play a leading role in training, education and child advocacy. It is also my anticipation that our learned Fellows will continue to excel themselves in clinical practice, education, and research, and work closely with our national and international partners in ensuring the health and well being of all children of the world.

Prof. LEUNG Nai-kong President

Council's Report

At the Ninth Annual General Meeting of the College held on 30th November 2000, Professor NK Leung was elected as President for a second term, Professor TF Fok was elected as Vice-President, Professor Louis CK Low was elected as Honorary Secretary, Dr Federick WK Ko was elected as Honorary Treasurer and Professor CY Yeung was elected as the first Honorary Fellow of our College. Mr Peter Mark and Mr Walter Ma were appointed as Honorary Legal Advisor and Honorary Auditor of the College respectively. Dr Samantha PS Li, Dr CW Leung and Dr YC Tsao were co-opted as Council Members for a period of one year.

During the year 2000/2001, six Council Meetings were held during which the eight standing committees (Accreditation, Education, Examination, House, Information Technology, Membership, Professional and General Affairs, and Review Committees) as well as the Hong Kong College of Paediatricians Foundation made their reports to Council.

The HM Lui Memorial Fund

The HM Lui Memorial Fund has been established this year in memory of the late Mr HM Lui through a generous donation by the Providence Foundation Limited. The fund will be administered by the Hong Kong College of Paediatricians and by a Board of Trustees. The Board of Trustees consists of the President of the Hong Kong College of Paediatricians, the Honorary Treasurer of the College, the heads of the two University Departments of Paediatrics, Dr Arthur LS Lui and a paediatrician to be nominated by the Providence Foundation from time to time. The Board of Trustees is responsible for the investment of the Fund and the income so generated shall be used for the award of the HM Lui Fellowships and HM Lui Visiting Professorship. One or more HM Lui Fellowships will be awarded each year to a young Chinese paediatrician resident in Hong Kong SAR or Mainland China for training and research in the United Kingdom in paediatric hepatology, gastroenterology or any other paediatric subspecialty as advised by the Providence Foundation. The HM Lui Visiting Professorship would be awarded to a paediatric expert to enable him or her to conduct teaching and training in a paediatric subspecialty in Hong Kong SAR and Mainland China, preferably in the field of hepatology and gastroenterology. The HM Lui Memorial Fellowships and Visiting Professorship will be advertised locally and in Mainland China each year.

Accreditation of Training

A schedule of revisits of training centres had been drawn up and four training units would be revisited every year. The up-to-date guidelines governing Basic Training, Higher Training, Overseas Training and interruption of training have been widely advertised in the College

Newsletter and Website and trainees are strongly advised to consult these documents. (See details of the Report of the Accreditation Committee). The chiefs of service of training units are requested to submit a list of new trainees and data on trainers / trainees matching every 6 months to the College Secretariat to facilitate accreditation of training.

Several meetings of the Task Force for Training in Paediatric Subspecialties were held under the chairmanship of Dr CW Chan. An extensive Questionnaire for Subspecialty Development and Accreditation had been drawn up through the hardwork of the Chairman, Professors TF Fok, YL Lau, LCK Low, and Drs CB Chow, MP Leung and KL Yam. The purpose of the questionnaire is to seek the view of Fellows of the College on general development of subspecialties locally and overseas and on the criteria to be adopted for accreditation of the curriculum, training institutions, qualifications of subspecialty trainers, the need of supportive services in various subspecialties and the requirement of the trainees. It is envisaged that time will be required in the gathering of information for the formulation of the Guidelines and Accreditation of Training in a Paediatric Subspecialty. The Task Force will present its report in Council Meetings in future to keep Council Members updated on the progress of subspecialty accreditation.

At the Council Meeting in September 2001, it was resolved that retrospective accreditation of training (overseas or local applicants) should be allowed and an assessment fee would be charged for that purpose. The amount of the proposed fee will be recommended by the Accreditation Committee to Council for approval and this will be publicised in the College Newsletter and the College Website.

Educational and Professional Activities

The Education Committee continued to organize lectures and bedside teaching for Associates of the College. The Paediatric Update series of symposia focusing a paediatric imaging, adolescent medicine, substance abuse and parenting this year were very popular with Fellows and Members of the College. This year the Paediatric Advanced Life Support Course was held between 29th August to 2nd September 2001. This was well attended by our Fellows and trainees and health care professionals working with children. A Joint Scientific Meeting with the Hong Kong Colleges of Physicians, Family Physicians and Pathologists together with our College was held on 27th-28th October 2001.

Dr CS Ho had been delegated by the Hospital Authority Services Development Committee to draft a training curriculum for paediatricians working in primary health care services. Dr Ho will work closely with the College Education and Accreditation Committees so that the training of such paediatricians will conform to the present College training guidelines.

The working group on Clinical Practice Guidelines had organised groups of Fellows to

formulate guidelines on febrile convulsion, infantile gastroenteritis and bronchiolitis. The guideline on febrile convulsion had been completed. An Open Forum on Clinical Guidelines was held on the 25th February 2001 with presentations by Dr Barbara Lam, Professor Virginia Wong, Mr David Kan and Mr Chris Howse. The meeting was chaired by the President of our College and many views and concerns were raised. The legal standing of Clinical Practice Guidelines was energetically debated.

The Professional and General Affairs Committee had initiated a Health Promotion Programme for the community. Our College would continue to co-operate with the Council on Smoking and Health (COSH) to promote smoking prevention in Hong Kong and the effort had been coordinated by Dr CB Chow. Dr CB Chow and Dr Maurice Leung were invited to give expert advice to the Central Policy Unit of the Hong Kong Government on the promotion of exercise. A future programme would be initiated to target the problem of suicide in children and adolescents. The College also made a response to the Consultation document on health care reform - "Lifelong Investment in Health" by the Health and Welfare Bureau of Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region.

Problems with accreditation of CME applications were still encountered and Committee chairmen were requested to submit information on activities organized by them and that subspecialty societies should send in their CME applications at least 14 days before the event. The annual CME Report had been sent to the Academy and Fellows of our college participated actively in the CME programme and only 5 Fellows failed to acquire a minimum of 40 CME points during the 3-year CME cycle in the past two years.

A new Editorial Board for the Hong Kong Journal of Paediatrics for 2001 to 2004 was formed with Professor CY Yeung as the Chief Editor, Dr CB Chow, Professor TF Fok and Professor YL Lau as Associate Editors.

Examination

From the second diet this year, the MRCPCH Part II / Intermediate Examination Written Examination will be separated from the Clinical Examination. The MRCPH Part II / Intermediate Examination Written Examination will be held in July and November each year and the Clinical Examination will be held in February and October each year in Hong Kong. After passing the Part II Written Examination, a candidate can have 3 attempts at the Clinical Part II Examination within 2 years.

A memorandum of understanding was drafted by the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health and the Hong Kong College of Paediatricians to host a Joint Diploma of Child Health Examination. The Written and Clinical Examination will be held once a year in Hong Kong initially. The United Christian Hospital and the Pamela Youde Nethersole Eastern Hospital

have been designated as examination centres. Successful candidates will be awarded DCH (Hong Kong) of the Hong Kong College of Paediatricians and DCH (International) of the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health. At present, only doctors who had undertaken at least 6 months of paediatric training in a centre recognised by the College will be admitted to the Joint DCH Examination.

The examination Committee introduced a new format of Exit Assessment from June this year putting more weighting on the assessment of clinical competence. In addition, each candidate will be assessed by two different panels of three assessors each on different parts of the Exit Assessment.

New Initiatives in the College

Under the able leadership of our President and hardwork of all standing Committees Chairmen, an Operation Manual of the College has been compiled. This important document will contain the terms of reference, organization and operation flow chart of the standing Committees and will help to ensure smooth functioning of the College.

The Information Technology Committee has been working with Medcom to enhance the format and layout of the College website. For communication, the College domain name will be www.paediatrician.org.hk. The committee is also working hard towards the establishment of a central College database and upgrading the communication infrastructure of the College Secretariat. A set of router and wireless network equipment had been installed in the College Chamber. The College has decided to distribute the Newsletter by electronic means whenever possible and Associates, Members and Fellows are requested to provide the College Secretariat with their up-to-date email address.

A Trainees Committee has been formed this year under the guidance of Dr Alex Chan and there are representatives from different training hospitals in Hong Kong. The purpose of this committee is to improve communication between trainees and the college and to promote fraternity. Two trainee representatives have been invited to sit in Council Meetings as observers so that they can convey the views and concerns of the trainees in College matters.

A delegation from the American Academy of Pediatrics, led by Professor Louis Cooper, President-Elect of AAP, and Dr Joe Sanders, Executive Director of AAP met with College Officers and Fellows on 1st September 2001. One positive outcome of the meeting will be the exchange of Journals and Newsletters between our two organizations.

The 10th Anniversary Celebration

The Hong Kong College of Paediatricians was inaugurated in 1991 and to commemorate the

tenth anniversary, our College will be holding the 10th Anniversary Scientific Meeting on 8th and 9th December 2001 at the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine Jockey Club Building under the chairmanship of Professor TF Fok. This will undoubtedly be the highlight of the educational activity of our College this year. The theme of the meeting will be "Primary Health Care in Paediatrics" with presentations by invited experts from China, the United States of America, United Kingdom, Taiwan, Singapore, Malaysia and Hong Kong. Seven subspecialty societies will participate as collaborative organizations and representatives of these societies will participate in a special symposium entitled "Paediatric Subspecialty Interfacing with Primary Health Care". In addition, there will be a free paper session.

A Tenth Anniversary Monograph of the Hong Kong College of Paediatricians will be published to commemorate this special occasion with Dr Jane Chang as the Chief Editor. The contents of the Monograph will contain congratulatory messages from the medical and health authorities, Presidents of Academic Colleges both locally and overseas, a history of the College and achievements of the College over the past ten years. There will be a section with photographs documenting the scientific and social activities of the College.

Membership

By the end of November 2001, there are 395 Fellows, 17 Overseas Fellows, 65 Members, 2 Overseas Members and 68 Associates.

Prof. LOW Chung-kai, Louis Honorary Secretary

Hon. Treasurer's Report

For the financial year 2000/2001, we had a surplus of \$830,261, an increase of 19% versus last year. The total revenue was \$1,418,012, an increase of 32% as compared to \$1,070,551 of last year. This was resulted from more admission and subscription fees received, increase in donations, improved bank interest income and a substantial profit generated from our PALS Course.

Expenditure for the year was \$587,751 compared to \$373,959 of last year mainly due to increase in conference expenses and salaries.

The balance sheet continued to be extremely healthy as we have a bank balance of \$3,872,499 in the total net assets of \$3,871,333.

We are very grateful to our generous donors as follows:

Abbott Laboratories Ltd. Bristol-Myers Squibb (HK) Ltd. Glaxo SmithKeine Co. Merck Sharp & Dohme (Asia) Ltd. Wyeth (HK) Ltd.

This is my first year acting as Honorary Treasurer, I wish to thank you all for your support and confidence extended to me during my authority.

Dr. KO Wai-keung, Frederick Honorary Treasurer

Standing Committees

Accreditation Committee's Report

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Prof. LEUNG Nai-kong (ex-officio) Prof. Louis LOW (since 19/06/2001)

Accreditation of postgraduate training for paediatricians in Hong Kong is under the care of the College Accreditation Committee whose terms of reference as stipulated in the Memorandum and Article stated that "its functions shall be that of assessing the suitability of the various units for training purpose and to advise the Council on the training in paediatrics and the development of paediatric subspecialties". It thus follows that accreditation includes assessment of training institutions, trainers and trainees.

The Committee held six meetings (from 58th to 63rd meetings dated 29/11/2000, 7/02/2001, 7/05/2001, 19/06/2001, 21/08/2001 and 16/10/2001) this year and all meetings were well attended by Committee Members. With the addition of one new member, the Committee deliberated a wide variety of events, conducted a diversified range of activities and made relevant recommendations to the College Council throughout the year. Below is a summary of important events achieved by the Committee.

1) Accreditation of Institutions

Up to the time of report, the Committee has successfully accredited 14 training institutions in General Paediatrics under the Hospital Authority and 2 services (Child Assessment Service and Clinical Genetics) under the Department of Health. Each of the institutions or services was assessed by a team of at least two members, designated by the College Council, using a comprehensive set of objective criteria for accreditation. Successful institutions were recommended to the College Council for official accreditation and awarded with Accreditation Certificates.

Each accredited institution is to be re-visited and reviewed by the Accreditation Committee at least once every five years according to the accreditation regulations of the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine. We plan to re-visit four accredited institutions this year using a new set of criteria apporved by the College Council based on local needs and references adopted from Academy sister colleges. The criteria will consist of two categories: the basic requirements and the optional items.

At the same time, the Committee is beginning to accredit child-health related training centres not belonging to our college for elective training at both the basic and the higher training modules. We shall start with field visits to the Family Health Service of the Department of Health centre by centre. For those training centres belonging to Academy Colleges, such as Child Psychiatry, ENT, Accident and Emergency Medicine, Ophthalmology and others, the College Council resolved that the Accreditation Committee needs not visit them because they have been formally accredited by their respective Colleges. Trainees, however, would be requested to submit their training programme for provisional approval by the Committee and final endorsement by the College Council. The Accreditation Committee stresses the importance of inclusion of child-oriented training during these elective periods.

2) Accreditation of Trainers and Trainees

Basic and higher trainees have to be Associates and Members of the College respectively. They have to strictly follow the training curriculum as prescribed by the College Education Committee. Trainees, who take up elective training in child-health related specialties, propose to go for overseas training, contain interruptions in their training programmes, or join the training programme after being partially trained overseas, would have to apply to the Accreditation Committee for special approval. Those who follow the recommended training curriculum in college accredited institutions in Hong Kong need only to have their rotational training modules reported to the Accreditation Committee periodically through their training supervisors or chiefs of service.

3) Accreditation of Training Curriculum

a) New Accreditation Guidelines for Training in Paediatrics

This document drafted by the Committee and approved by the College Council was submitted to the College Education Committee for publication in March 2001. The same document was also posted at the College Homepage, announced at the College Newsletter, communicated to all COS's, training supervisors and registered trainees of the College for universal publicity in April 2001.

b) Strict Enforcement of Guidelines on Higher Training

In the early years, accredited institutions and trainees found it difficulty to compile with certain guidelines laid down by the College, e.g. the obligatory 6-month rotation at another training institution. By adopting a more flexible

and temporary approach, the Accreditation Committee with the endorsement of College Council had introduced a number of interim measures. However, in order to upkeep the standard of accreditation and the accountability of the College, the College Council has resolved to strictly enforce all requirements of the training programme for trainees who commence their training *after 1st July 2000*, while the flexible approach for those who commence training *before 1st July 2000* would cease to function by *30th June 2001*. The resolution has been announced by the College Honorary Secretary to all Chiefs of Service on *31st May 2001*.

The College Council also supported the Committee's proposal to continue adopting a flexible approach to overseas higher training arranged before 31/5/2001 (the date when formal announcement on strict adherence to higher training requirements) even though this might have violated the rule of 12-month limitation to one subspecialty.

The Council further agreed to the Committee's proposal that candidates who failed to comply with the guidelines set for higher training but were accepted to attend but failed the Exit Assessment in June 2001 before the cessation of the flexible rules, would be allowed to re-sit future Exit Assessments without the need to fulfill the training discrepancy.

c) Training in mixed neonatal and infant wards

The Council resolved that a ward admitting essentially neonates with occasional infants should be classified as a neonatal ward and training would be recognized as training in neonatology. For wards which were age-oriented, COS's were advised to rotate their trainees through all wards to ensure coverage of all age groups to comply with general paediatric training requirement. (74th Council Meeting dated 23/07/2001)

d) ICU as a subspecialty in higher training

The Council resolved that ICU should be regarded as a subspecialty in higher training (74th Council Meeting dated 23/07/2001)

e) Discrepancy between Day and Night duties during training

The Council resolved that the principal day-time assigned ward duties of a trainee would be assessed as the recognized training in that subspecialty irrespective of day-time general paediatric outpatient and night-time on-call duties. (73rd Council Meeting dated 15/05/2001)

f) Rotation of Higher Training in another Institution

The Council resolved that all trainees could have their 6-month rotation training being attached to more than one institution. (74th Council Meeting dated 23/07/2001)

g) One Set of Accreditation Criteria for Local and Overseas Trainees

The College Council stresses on the importance of equality on accreditation criteria for both local and overseas trainees. Both have to be supported by log data, declaration and supervisor's support.

4) Accreditation Affairs for Individual Trainees

a) Culminative List of Accredited Overseas Paediatric Training Institutions The Committee is currently preparing this list based on information collected from trainees after overseas training. This list would serve as a useful reference

for future trainees intending to spend part of their training abroad.

b) Subcommittee on Accreditation of Individual Training in Paediatrics

This Subcommittee recommended by the Accreditation Committee and approved at the 74th College Council Meeting dated 23/07/2001, was specially established to assist individual trainees in their training and accreditation process both locally and overseas. Membership consists of Dr. Winnie Yam Ka Ling (Convenor), Dr. Ho Chi Shun, Professor Lau Yu Lung, Dr. Maurice Leung and Dr. CW Chan. This represents another effort by the Committee to provide timely help and advice to individual trainees within the College.

5) Communication Network within the College

Communication with all personnel involved with training within the College is always regarded with top priority in the operation of the Accreditation Committee. This is effected via direct communication with individual training supervisors and chiefs of service of training institutions through the College Newsletters and the College Website as well as dissemination of the newly amended Guideline for Training issued jointly with the College Education Committee. A meeting between the Collegial Standing Committees (including the Accreditation Committee) and all COS's and Training Supervisors to discuss overall training issues has been successfully held on 29/10/2001 and views were extensively exchanged with fruitful results.

6) Division of Labour between Collegial Standing Committees

It was suggested and approved by the College Council that there should be clear division of labour between Collegial standing committees in order to conserve resources and to avoid duplication of duty. The following resolutions were made:

- a) The Education Committee would set up training programmes
- b) The Accreditation Committee would accredit training modules/centres
- c) The Membership Committee would vet individual's full basic training programme (including the Log Book)
- d) The Examination Committee would vet the individual's full higher training programme (including the log sheet and the write-ups)

7) Preventive and General Paediatrics in the Community

With the input of experts from UK and the mainland of China, the College Council hosted a round table discussion on the 4th November 2000 and concluded that community paediatrics is a job description for a post and not a subspecialty. The College Council thus resolved that the term would be deleted from the list of paediatric subspecialties previously approved by the College. Currently the Hospital Authority

of Hong Kong had designated a central pool of medical officers for assignment to different training centres, aiming at training them up for paediatric primary care with focus on health-related areas which they called as "community paediatricians". However it was resolved at the 74th Council Meeting 23/07/2001) that this is only to be used as a term for ease of negotiation and that it does not imply our official adoption of its being a subspecialty within paediatrics.

With the increasing emphasis on preventive and primary child health care by the College, it is mandatory that the current training curriculum in general paediatrics be strengthened in these aspects, especially in areas such as breastfeeding, immunization, parenting, behavioural and developmental paediatrics. Child health related specialties such as Paediatric Psychiatry, Ophthalmology, Otorhinolaryngology, Emergency Medicine and others may have to be included in the training programme. The Accreditation Committee has taken relevant measures to provide optional modules to equip trainees with sufficient knowledge and experience so that they could provide primary and secondary level cares in these areas after completion of their general paediatric training. This will fulfill local service needs and be in line with world trends in paediatrics. At the same time, the Committee is working closely with the College Education Committee on an overall new general paediatric training programme to further follow the vision of the College Council.

8) Higher Training in Paediatric Subspecialties

Since the inauguration of the College in 1991, there have been persistent demands for higher training and accreditation in paediatric subspecialties. At the early stage of establishment, the College Council had resolved not to initiate the move on the grounds that it should concentrate all manpower and resources to consolidating general paediatric training and establishing a solid foundation for future subspecialty development. With this initial goal being achieved, a Task Force for Higher Training in Paediatric Subspecialties was appointed by the College Council on 4th May 2000, with membership from the College Accreditation, Education, Membership, Examination and Review Committees, as well as representatives from the Department of Health, the Hospital Authority, University Departments of Paediatrics, and College Fellows. This diversified composition ensures that needs and concerns of this project are comprehensively and adequately represented. The Task Force was designated the duty to study the current status of paediatric subspecialties and to make recommendations to the College Council on development of higher training in paediatric subspecialties in Hong Kong. The Task Force is currently focussing on primary issues such as the modalities to be included for accreditation, service needs, problems in implementation, potential risks of suboptimal accreditation, and relationship with the Specialist Register (The Hong Kong Academy of Medicine and the Medical Council of Hong Kong). Extensive consultation will be made to College Fellows as well as international experts for comments and guidance. A final report will be submitted to the College Council for consideration. No definitive date for implementation of subspecialty training has been set as yet.

9) Manpower Survey for College Trainers and Trainees

During the year 2001, the Accreditation Committee with the mandate from the College Council effected a Manpower Survey which revealed that the College has in total accredited 162 trainers in paediatrics and enrolled 51 basic and 65 higher trainees (an overall trainer: trainee ratio of 1.4 to 1.0). The results were submitted to the Education Committee of the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine for planning and projection of future manpower requirement for medical specialties to be used as reference for all key stakeholders within Hong Kong.

10) Age Limit of Children served by Paediatricians

At the recommendation of the Committee, the College Council at its 72nd Meeting dated 14/03/2001 approved that the age of children served by paediatricians should be up to 18 years old.

11) "College Operation Manual" and "Trainees' Accreditation Information"

The Accreditation Committee through the dedicated effort of Dr. Winnie Yam Ka Ling contributed to the College Operation Manual and designed a set of accreditation information and log sheet for trainees' use.

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 are especially encouraged to witness the accomplishment of accreditation activities at institution, trainer and trainee levels, as well as adoption of the Committee's policy recommendations by the College Council. We are pleased to observe commencement of networking between different paediatric departments and child health services within the HKSAR. This collaboration between various institutions well serves to maximize manpower and resources and also supports the missions of paediatric training and accreditation. The future offers even more challenges for the Committee, especially in the areas of subspecialty higher training and quality assurance of training programmes. Strengthening of our training in general paediatrics, primary care and preventive paediatrics will continue to be viewed with importance. Work ahead is formidable, 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. 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 groundbreaking stage, and will strive to achieve our objectives with your valuable support!

> Dr. CHAN Chok-wan Chairman, Accreditation Committee

Standing Committees

Education Committee's Report

Chairman Prof. FOK Tai-fai Hon. Secretary Dr. LEE Wai-hong

Members Dr. AU YEUNG Cheuk-lun, Henry

Dr. LAM Cheung-cheung, Barbara

Dr. LEUNG Ping, Maurice Dr. LEUNG Sze-lee, Shirley Prof. SUNG Yn-tz, Rita Dr. WONG Sik-nin Dr. YAU Fai-to, Adrian Dr. YOUNG Wan-yin, Betty

1. Committee meetings

The Committee had held five meetings in the year.

2. Operational Manual

An operational manual for the Committee was compiled in January 2001. A year plan of operations was drawn up. The CME Subcommittee had also compiled its own operational manual.

3. Paediatric Update Series

Four seminars were conducted in 2001:

11.2.2001	Update No. 1 - Paediatric Imaging Part II: The Child
22.4.2001	Update No. 2 - Adolescent Medicine
3.6.2001	Update No. 3 - Substance Abuse
2.9.2001	Update No. 4 - Parenting

Update No. 1 was a sequel to last year's immensely popular update seminar on Neonatal Imaging, and attracted a record turn out of 278 persons.

Update No. 2 addressed an important area of clinical practice for paediatricians with the raising of paediatric admission age to 18 in Hospital Authority Hospitals.

Update No. 3 on Substance Abuse was organised with the kind assistance and generous support of Action Committee Against Narcotics. The speakers and their subject matter were truly multi-disciplinary. The presentations were excellent and addressed a timely issue, drawing on the work and experience of a rich blend of law

enforcement administrator, chemist, social worker, outreach worker, psychiatrist and paediatricians.

Update No. 4 on Parenting was given by eminent clinical psychologosts and was very well received by paediatricians.

All the seminars received enthusiastic audience participation. Medical students, nurses, general practitioners and specialists from other Colleges had also been attracted to attend these seminars, reflecting their broad educational appeal.

4. Postgraduate Paediatric Course

The 2001 Course adopted the changes in teaching format evolved over the years. While small group bedside clinical teaching remained as the mainstay, didactic lectures were reduced with increased number of interactive sessions to promote the active learning role of course participants.

The Course spanned 25 weeks. There were 49 sessions, with 7 lectures, 8 interactive oral sessions, 5 case studies, 6 slide quizzes, 6 workshops on clinical data and 17 bedside teaching sessions. Commencing on 30th March the teaching was conducted in sixteen sites with the recruitment of 3 additional hospitals this year. Twenty four trainees attended the Course. Three more trainees without Part 1 were later admitted as observers. The Course concluded on 21 September.

5. College Lectures, Workshops & Courses

Three College Lectures were held. Dr Robert Reece, Director of Massachusetts Society of Protection Against Cruelty to Children, delivered a talk on "Review of Recent Medical Literature in Child Abuse" on 9th April 2001.

Prof Allan Becker, President of Canadian Society of Allergy & Immunology, delivered a Dinner Lecture on "The Young Child with Mild Asthma - do we know who to treat & how to treat?" at Sheraton Hotel on 11th October.

Dr Rae Yeung from Division of Rheumatology, Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto, gave a talk on "Kawasaki Disease - on our way to unraveling its pathogenesis" at Queen Elizabeth Hospital on 28th November.

The 3rd Paediatric Advanced Life Support Course was organised by the Professional and General Affairs Committee during 28th August to 2nd September, with Provider & Instructor Courses conducted by the guest team from Hope Children's Hospital of Illinois led by Dr Alfred Hu Young & Dr David Jaimovich in conjunction with the local faculty comprising Dr K L Cheung, Prof M Leung, Dr A Tam, Dr N S Tsoi and the local instructors. The Course was extremely well received.

6. Scientific Meetings

A Joint Scientific Meeting with the Hong Kong Colleges of Physicians, Family Physicians, and Pathologists was held at the Academy on 27th-28th October. The theme of the meeting was on Infections Diseases and Ambulatory Medicine.

The Tenth Anniversary Scientific Meeting of our College would be held on 8-9 December, with a theme on Primary Health Care in Paediatrics.

7. Continuing medical Education (CME)

7.1 The membership of the Subcommittee for 2000 was as follows:

Chairman Dr. WONG Sik Nin
Vice Chairman Prof. Rita SUNG

Secretary Dr. LEE Chi Wai Anselm

Members Dr. Alex CHAN (Rep/Membership Committee)

Dr. Daniel CHIU

Prof. FOK Tai Fai (ex-officio)

Dr. LAU Wai Hung

Dr. LEE Wai Hong (ex-officio)

Dr. Natalie LEE

Dr. Maurice LEUNG (Rep/Accreditation Committee) Dr. William WONG (Rep/HK Paediatric Society)

Dr. YUEN Hui Leung

7.2 Accreditation of CME Activities of 2000

A record high of more than 2600 credit hours of CME activities was logged in 2000

Of these, 1622 credit hours were Category A CME activities as follows:

- College CME Activities	140
- HK Paediatric Society	25
- Paediatric Subspecialty Societies (10)	140
- Non-Paediatric Organisations	453
- Individual applications	823
- Paediatric Departments	136

For Category B activities, a total of 765 credit hours were accredited for 17 paediatric units and 2 private study groups.

Many Fellows had publications but few had applied for accreditation. 47 Fellows had participated in self-study programmes as Category D activity..

7.3 CME Performance of Fellows

Overall performance of our Fellows in 2000 was very good

All nine Fellows who had completed their CME cycle (Jan 1998 - Dec 2000) satisfied CME requirement

Of the 41 Fellows who had completed their second CME year (starting Jan 1999), 88% had submitted their Annual Return Forms and 35 (85% of those

registered) had satisfied the minimum requirement

Of the 289 Fellows who had completed their first CME year (starting Jan 2000), 91% had returned their Annual Return Forms and 260 (90% of those registered) had satisfied the minimum requirement

A random audit on the 2000 Annual Return Forms from 5% of Fellows was conducted and all were found to have complied with the College CME Guidelines.

7.4 Operational Issues

- a. Workflow within the Subcommittee was reviewed and streamlined to shorten processing time for accreditation applications
- b. Application forms for accreditation of CME activities were made available on the College Homepage
- c. Submission of accreditation application by email was now made possible
- d. A set of working guidelines on accrediting CME activities was adopted
- e. The principles for accreditation of the in-house postgraduate activities undertaken by Overseas Fellows in paediatric training centres overseas as Category B programmes were endorsed by Council
- f. The Paediatric Department of Tseung Kwan O Hospital was accredited for Category B CME meetings

8. Ongoing Issues

Issues such as the revision of Basic and Higher Training guidelines, the training curriculum for Primary Care Paediatrics, the potentials for development of webbased CME, are some of the ongoing issues awaiting further study

9. Acknowledgments

The Committee wishes to record a note of sincere appreciation and thanks to our guest speakers & sponsors for their most valuable contribution:

Overseas: College Lecture: Prof Allan Becker [Sponsor: MSD]

Prof Robert Reece [Sponsor: HA]

Prof Rae Yeung

PALS Course: Dr Alfred Hu Young

Dr David Jaimovich

Local: 1.Ms Becky Chan 8. Prof Lee Shiu Hung 14. Prof Ng Ho Yee 2. Dr Chan Fu Luk 9. Dr Lee Tak Shing Dominic 15. Mr David Simpson 16. Dr Lawrence Tan 3. Dr Anida Chong 10. Mr S C Leung 4. Dr Susan Fung 11. Dr Kitty K L Lo 17. Prof Sandra Tsang 5. Dr Khong Pek Lan 12. Prof Joyce Ma 18. Dr Agnes Tse 6. Dr Wendy W M Lam 13.Prof Constance Metreweli 19. Mr Charles Wong

7. Mr Joseph Lau

College Lecture and Seminars, 2001

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3 rd Paediatric Advanced Life Support Course (Instructor & Provider Courses) (organised by Professional and General Affairs Committee)	 Paediatric Update 4: Parenting Challenges to Parenting: the Local Scene Models & Programs in Parent Education: Theory & Practice Need for Early Identification & Intervention: Paediatrician's Role 	College Lecture The Young Child with Mild Asthma	Joint Scientific Meeting with the Hong Kong Colleges of Physicians, Family Physicians and Pathologists: Infections Diseases & Ambulatory Medicine Influenza in Hong Kong Children Aeroallergens and Childhood Asthma Autistic Spectrum Disorder in Children	College LectureKawasaki Disease: On our way to unraveling itsPathogenesis	8-9 Dec Tenth Anniversary Scientific Meeting Primary Health Care in Paediatrics
29 Aug to 2 Sept	2 Sept	11 Oct	27-28 0ct	28 Nov	8-9 Dec

Standing Committees

Examination Committee's Report

Chairman Dr. CHIU Man-chun

Hon. Secretary Prof. LOW Chung-kai, Louis

Members Prof. FOK Tai-fai

Dr. LEE Kwok-piu
Dr. LEE Wai-hong
Prof. LEUNG Nai-kong
Dr. YOUNG Wan-yin, Betty
Prof. YEUNG Chap-yung
Prof. YUEN Man-pan, Patrick

1. Five Examination Committee Meetings were held in 2001 (up to October) on 11/1, 14/3, 4/5, 23/7, 14/9 to discuss the Joint Intermediate / MRCP / MRCPCH Examination, appointment of examination centres and examiners, format of Exit Examination and conducting Joint DCH Examination with Royal College of Paediatrics & Child Health(RCPCH). Two Joint Intermediate / MRCP / MRCPCH Examinations, two Exit Assessments, and the first Joint DCH Examination were held during the year.

2. Joint Intermediate / MRCP Examination

Two Part I Examinations were held in January and July; and two Part II Examinations were held in February and October 2001.

Part I on 30th January

No. of candidates: 14

No. of pass: 4 (pass rate: 28.6%)

Part I on 25th September

No. of candidates: 12

No. of pass: 3 (pass rate: 25 %)

Part II: Written on 9th January

Clinical on 20th -21st February

Local Examiners: -

at Prince of Wales Hospital: -

Prof. Patrick Yuen (host), Prof. P.C. Ng, Dr. Alex Chan at Princess Margaret Hospital Dr. M.C. Chiu (host), Dr. C.K. Li, Prof. Virginia Wong Overseas Examiners:- Dr. J.R. Sibert, Dr. P.J. Smail, Dr. B.M. Holland No. of candidates:- 18
No. of Pass: 9 (pass rate: 50%)

Part II: Written Exam. on 5th July No. of candidates:- 19

> No. of Pass: 14 (pass rate: 73.7 %) Clinical Exam. on 15th-16th October

Local Examiners:

at Queen Mary Hospital:-

Prof. Y.L. Lau (host), Prof. R. Sung, Prof. T.F. Fok,

at Queen Elizabeth Hospital:

Dr.W.H. Lee (host), Dr. C.B. Chow, Dr. C.S. Ho

Overseas Examiners:

Dr. G. Clayton, Dr. A. Boon, Dr. G. Perham, Dr. P. Todd

No. of candidates: - 14

No. of Pass: 8 (pass rate: 57.1%)

The Part I Examination had been taken over by the Royal College of Paediatrics & Child Health from the Royal Colleges of Physicians, whereas the Part II Examination was still jointly run by the former and latters.

Prof. Louis Low and Dr. Chiu Man Chun were representatives of our College to attend the MRCP (UK) Part I and Part II Boards respectively.

As from May 2001, the Written Section of Part II has been delinked from the Clinical Section. Candidates passing the Written Section are entitled to be allowed 3 attempts of the Clinical Section within 2 years.

3. EXIT ASSESSMENT

Two Exit Assessments were held in December 2000 and June 2001.

5th Exit Assessment held on 13th December 2000

3 panels of assessors:- Prof. T.F. Fok, Dr. Alex Chan, Prof. Louis Low Dr. M.C. Chiu, Prof. Y.L. Lau, Dr. Betty Young Prof. C.Y. Yeung, Prof. Virginia Wong, Dr. W.H. Lee

No. of candidates:- 7 No. of pass :- 7 6th Exit Assessment held on 15th June

5 Panels of assessors: - Prof. Patrick Yuen, Prof. Rita Sung, Dr. Patricia Ip Prof. T.F. Fok, Dr. F.T. Yau, Dr. W.H. Lee

Dr. M.C. Chiu, Dr. C.B. Chow, Dr. Y.M. Ng

Prof. C.Y. Yeung, Prof. Virginia Wong, Dr. Alex Chan Prof. Louis Low, Dr. Betty Young, Dr. K.T. So

No. of candidates: - 14

No of Pass: 12 (pass rate: 85.7 %)

The Assessment in June had put more emphasis on the part on clinical competence, which had double weighting than other sections of service-related issues, critical appraisal and dissertations. Candidates were assessed on the competence of being a specialist in general paediatrics. The Assessment was becoming more formalized and structuralized.

4. Joint DCH Examination

In September this year, our College jointly organized the first Joint DCH Examination with RCPCH, awarding DCH (International) by RCPCH and DCH (HK) by HKCPaed. The Working Group consists of Dr. Chiu Man Chun, Dr. Ip Lai Sheng, Patricia, Prof. Lau Yu Lung, Prof. Ng Pak Cheung, Dr. Betty Young Wan Yin.

The Written Section of the examination was held on 6th September at the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine, and the Clinical Section on 17th & 18th October at United Christian Hospital and Pamela Youde Nethersole Eastern Hospital (PYNEH) respectively.

Local Examiners:- Dr. Patricia Ip, Dr. Betty Young, Dr. Rose Mak

UK Examiners:- Dr. G. Clayton, Dr. A. Boon, Dr. G. Perham, Dr. P. Todd

No. of candidates: - 26

No. of pass: 18 (pass rate: 69.2%)

It was planned that the Examination would be held once a year in the coming years.

Dr. CHIU Man-chun
Chairman, Examination Committee

Standing Committees

House Committee's Report

Chairman Prof. LOW Chung-kai, Louis

Members Dr. CHAN Chok-wan

Dr IP Lai-sheung, Patricia Prof. LEUNG Nai-kong Prof. LEUNG Ping, Maurice

Dr TSAO Yen-chow

> Prof. LOW Chung-kai, Louis Chairman, House Committee

Standing Committees

Information Technology Committee's Report

Chairman Dr. CHIU Cheung-shing, Daniel

Hon. Secretary Dr. KO Po-wan

Members Dr. CHAN Hin-biu, Bill

Prof. LEUNG Nai-kong

Dr. TSOI Nai-shun

Dr. WONG Yat-cheung, Charles Dr. YOUNG Wan-yin, Betty

Members of Web and Internet Subcommittee

Dr Chan Hin Biu, Dr Cheng Chun Fai, Dr Daniel Chiu
Dr Ko Po Wan, Dr Ng Tak Leung, Dr Ng Wing Keung
Dr So King Woon, Dr Wong Tat Kwong, Dr Betty Young

Members of Database Management Subcommittee

Dr Ko Po Wan, Dr Daniel Chiu

The Information Technology (IT) Committee was formed at the order of the Council on 14th September 2000 with the following terms of reference: -

- 1. To study, explore, and recommend to the College Council how modern knowledge of information technologies could aid the College and our Fellows.
- 2. To promote the use of information technologies and internet among fellow members of the College
- 3. To facilitate communications among fellow members of the College via electronic telecommunications
- 4. To coordinate various Committees and Subcommittees of the College as regards to the use of Information technologies
- 5. To establish, maintain and periodically update the College Web site

In the past one year, we have met four times to formulate the mission of the Committee and to plan, prioritize and implement our objectives. Paramount among all our objectives, "To serve Fellows of our own College first and best" was unanimously agreed as our topmost priority. Among the various work we have done, the following are worth special mentioning:

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1. Our new domain name -- www.paediatrician.org.hk

A unique, appropriate and easy to remember domain name will certainly improve the image of the College. The Committee has proposed and the Council has endorsed to use this new name as an official domain name of the College. As before, our web page can still be easily linked to the HK Federation of Medical Societies Home Page.

2. CME Web Page frequently updated

The CME Web pages are the most frequently visited section by our Fellows. During the past one year, they have more frequently than ever been updated. Details of meetings have been sub-categorized and tabulated to facilitate data searching. We hope Fellows can be benefited by these up-to-date and sometimes even advanced information.

3. Archive of past CME Meetings

Many Fellows have difficulties in compiling their CME Annual Return Forms as some data might have not been timely recorded. To facilitate our Fellows, an archive page recording activities held or approved for CME in the past 18 months has been introduced.

4. "Useful links" getting more and more useful

This section on useful links has been greatly revised. One can use these well tested sites to link up with many local and international, government and public, medical and paramedical sites. From this section, one can also get linked to many academic and journal sites. Literally one could get linked to the whole world after getting into our section on "useful links"

5. Guidelines continually augmented

Clinical and general guidelines have been continually added and updated. In addition, position papers on various subjects have been posted on these web pages for reference too.

6. In-house computing systems getting cordless

The Database Management Subcommittee headed by Dr Ko Po Wan has contributed much in updating the computer system of the college. Previously, only basic networking equipment was available at the Secretariat. Now, a set of router and wireless network equipment was installed in the College Council Chamber. Unfortunately the physical wiring of the Academy building has limited against the use of broadband for the time being. However, we have upgraded the existing softwares and we have help the secretaries to establish a central electronic document library. We wish after these exercises, electronic communication channels could be better established to serve our Fellows.

7. On-line registration ----- just a few clicks

We have devised an "email to form" feature in the web page. We wish to use these facilities for registration in Car park reservation for Paediatric update series, for submitting annual CME point return forms, and for sending CME question returns in CME programmes.

8. On-line opinion polls

An on-line opinion poll system has been devised. This can greatly help various Committees to conduct opinion survey. Fellows are encouraged to respond to these polls promptly when they pop up.

In the forthcoming year, we envisage more excitement but more achievement. We hope to actively promote the use of Information Technology among Fellows. Furthermore, we are also planning to redesign our Home Page and rebuild the Database system of the College. All Fellows are encouraged to help and make suggestion to our Committee.

Dr. CHIU Cheung-sing, Daniel Chairman, Information Technology Committee

Standing Committees

Membership Committee's Report

Chairman Dr. CHAN Kwok-hing, Alex

Hon. Secretary Dr. SO Lok-yee Members Dr. LI Chi-keung

> Dr. LEE Chi-wai, Anselm Dr. LEUNG Chuk-kwan, Lettie Prof. LOW Chung-kai, Louis

Prof. NG Pak-cheung

During the last year 10 Associates were admitted. 16 Members (15 from existing Associates) were enrolled and 19 Fellows were elected after passing the Exit Examination.

Presently our Membership are as follows:

Fellows	395
Members	65
Associates	68
Overseas Fellows	17
Overseas Members	2
Total membership	547

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

Standing Committees

Professional and General Affairs Committee's Report

Chairman Dr. YOUNG Wan-yin, Betty

Hon. Secretary Dr. LI Chi-kong
Members Dr. CHENG Chun-fai

Dr. CHOW Chun-bong Dr. FUNG Hing-piu, Robert Dr. IP Lai-sheung, Patricia

Dr. KO Po-wan

Dr. LAM Cheung-cheung, Barbara

Prof. LEUNG Nai-kong Dr. TAM Yat-cheung, Alfred

The Committee held five meetings this year.

Scope of Work

- 1. To address professional issues relating to Paediatrics
- 2. To foster fraternity among paediatricians
- 3. To establish effective communication channels to members of the College
- 4. To promote the public image of the College

Health Promotion Programmes

One of the major tasks of the Professional and General Affairs Committee for the year 2000/01 is to formulate health promotion programmes for children in Hong Kong. The College has identified two main areas for development: anti-smoking and exercise in children.

1. Anti-smoking:

Dr Chow Chun-bong has kindly agreed to be the coordinator for the anti-smoking programme. The programme would include: education of paediatricians on problems of smoking and techniques of advising smoking cessation, education of parents and public about risks of passive smoking and prevention of smoking initiation in children. The College would work closely with the Hong Kong Council on Smoking and Health (COSH) in the production of pamphlets with special reference to smoking related to children. Dr Chow also represented the College in the Task Force of Healthcare Professional on Tobacco Control initiated by the Hong Kong Medical Association and the Working Group on Consultation Document of Proposed Amendments to the Smoking Legislation organized by the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine. The College has also submitted a document to the Health and Welfare Bureau on the Proposed Amendments to the Smoking Legislation.

2. Exercise in children:

Dr Maurice Leung was the coordinator for this programme. The aim of the programme is to promote regular exercise and physical activities in children. This would reduce cardiovascular risks, improve bone mineral density and promote better self image and esteem in children. The collaboration with Government departments such as Education Department, Leisure and Cultural Services Department and other interested parties is being explored.

Clinical Practice Guidelines

A Forum was held on 25th February 2001 at the Hospital Authority Building with about 100 attendants and 90 being Fellows of the College. Dr Barbara Lam gave an introduction on Clinical Practice Guideline. Solicitors from Richards Butler, Dr David Kan and Mr Chris Howse, were invited to discuss on the medico-legal aspects concerning guidelines. Prof Virginia Wong introduced the guideline on Febrile Convulsion. Although the views of the attendants were quite diversified, their opinion would be taken into consideration in the formulation and implementation of these guidelines.

The guideline on Febrile Convulsion would be ready for dissemination in the near future. The first draft of the guideline on Gastroenteritis was being reviewed by the review panel.

Bronchiolitis was selected in the second phase of guideline development. Members of the working panel were:

Dr Alfred Tam (Convenor)
Dr Lam Shu-yan
Dr Rita Sung
Dr Ma Cheuk-hong
Dr Albert Li
Dr Sit Sau-chi

Response to Consultation Documents

The Professional and General Affairs Committee has studied and prepared, on behalf of the Council, position papers on issues relating to child health and in response to public consultation or other professional bodies. These included:

- Consultation Document on Health Care Reform: 'Lifelong Investment in Health' by the Health and Welfare Bureau
- Consultation on the 'Clinical Guideline on the prevention of Perinatal HIV' proposed by the Scientific Committee of the Advisory Council on AIDS, Hong Kong
- Consultation on 'Proposed amendments to Food and Drugs (Composition and Labeling) Regulations'
- Consultation on 'Proposed Amendments to the Smoking Legislation'

Paediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS) Course

The PALS course was again jointly organized with the Heart Institute for Children, Hope Children's Hospital, Illinois, USA. The course was oversubscribed and some applicants had to be turned away. The instructor course was held on 29th August and the Provider Course I and II on 30th -31st August and 1st - 2nd September 2001 respectively at the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine Building. 120 doctors, nurses and allied health professionals attended the Provider Course and 8 attended the Instructor Course. Faculty members were:

Dr. Alfred HuYoung

Dr. David Jamovich

Dr. Cheung Kam-lau

Dr. Maurice Leung

Dr. Alfred Tam

Dr. Nelson Tsoi

Dr. Robert Yuen

Newsletter

The committee continued to publish the College Newsletter at 2-monthly intervals. A survey was performed in June to collect views from members on their preference of how to receive the Newsletter. This survey was meant to check periodically the acceptance of our members in using e-mails as the means of communications with our College. For those who replied, the majority preferred e-mails as the mode of receiving our Newsletter. We hope that with the increasing use of computers among members, the College can go 'paperless' in its communication with members.

Dr. YOUNG Wan-yin, Betty Chairman, Professional & General Affairs Committee

Standing Committees

Review Committee's Report

Chairman Dr. TSAO Yen-chow

Hon. Secretary Dr. IP Lai-sheung, Patricia

Members Dr. CHAN Chok-wan

Dr. CHENG Man-yung

Dr. KO Yiu-shum, Paul

Dr. CHIU Lee-lee, Lily

There were no appeals or complaints received during the year.

A proposal was made to the College Council to broaden the terms of reference of the Review Committee. When this is adopted by the Council in its final form, it will be incorporated into the Articles of Association of the College.

Dr. TSAO Yen-chow Chairman, Review Committee

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TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF HONG KONG COLLEGE OF PAEDIATRICIANS
(incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability)

We have audited the financial statements on pages 5 to 8 which have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in Hong Kong.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

The Companies Ordinance requires the directors to prepare financial statements which give a true and fair view. In preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view it is fundamental that appropriate accounting policies are selected and applied consistently.

It is our responsibility to form an independent opinion, based on our audit, on those statements and to report our opinion to you.

Basis of opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Statements of Auditing Standards issued by the Hong Kong Society of Accountants. An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgments made by the directors in the preparation of the financial statements, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the company's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance as to whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement. In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial statements. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements give a true and fair view, in all material respects, of the state of the College's affairs as at 31st March, 2001 and of its surplus for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Ordinance.

Certified Public Accountants, Monorary Auditors.

HONG KONG, 23RD JULY, 2001.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 2001

INCOME	2001 HK\$	2000 HK\$
Admission Fees and Subscriptions Fees Received Donations Received Interest from Bank Fixed Deposits Others Income:-	897,800.00 149,350.00 118,751.82	548,960 61,000 89,193
The "Exit Assessment Examination" Fees Received (Net) The "PALS Course" Fees Received (Net) The "2000 Postgraduate Paediatric Course" Fees Received (Net)	74,750.00 138,838.26 40,200.00	74,631 240,732 51,000
The "Evidence Based Medicine Course" Fees Received Log Books Sales	1,000.00 1,400.00	- 400
Certificates Sales <u>Less</u> : Caligraphy and Printing Costs	4,900.00	5,200 (565)
	4,900.00	4,635
Leather Cardholders Sales	_	_
Cost of Sales Stock at 31st March, 2000 <u>Less</u> : Stock at 31st March, 2001	8,740.00	8,740 (8,740)
	8,740.00	-
	(8,740.00)	_
Ties Sales Cost of Sales		
Stock at 31st March, 2000 Less: Stock at 31st March, 2001	238.00	238 (238)
	238.00	-
	(238.00)	-
TOTAL INCOME	1,418,012.08	1,070,551
CARRIED FORWARD	1,418,012.08	1,070,551

The notes on page 42 form an integral part of these financial statements.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 2001

	2001 HK\$	2000 HK\$
BROUGHT FORWARD	1,418,012.08	1,070,551
EXPENDITURE		
Annual General Meeting Expenses (Net) Bank Charges College's Office Furniture and Equipment Insurance	66,611.60 300.00 15,448.50 4,790.70	74,605 250 12,900
Mandatory Provident Fund Postages, Printing and Stationery Rates and Government Rent Repairs and Maintenance Scientific and Education Conference	3,844.64 21,993.00 8,140.00 74,481.60	15,826 11,754 78,880
Expenses (Net) Salaries and Allowances Souvenirs Subscription to "The Federation of	167,480.80 192,844.84 2,170.00	58,283 99,100 1,120
Medical Societies of Hong Kong" Sundry Expenses Telephone and Faxline Charges	3,317.52 9,974.80 16,353.00	3,241 5,495 12,505
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	587,751.00	373,959
SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR	830,261.08	696,592
BALANCE, BEING SURPLUS BROUGHT FORWARD FROM PREVIOUS YEAR	3,041,071.92	2,344,480
BALANCE, BEING SURPLUS CARRIED FORWARD TO NEXT YEAR	3,871,333.00	3,041,072

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST MARCH, 2001

	Note	2001 HK\$	2000 HK\$
EMPLOYMENT OF FUNDS			
CURRENT ASSETS Stock Accounts Receivable and		-	8,978
Prepayments		2,184.00	50,000
Bank Fixed Deposits, Cash and Bank Balances		3,872,499.00	2,982,094
		3,874,683.00	3,041,072
CURRENT LIABILITIES Accrued Charges		3,350.00	
NET CURRENT ASSETS		3,871,333.00	3,041,072
NET ASSETS		3,871,333.00	3,041,072
FUNDS EMPLOYED			
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT		3,871,333.00	3,041,072
		3,871,333.00	3,041,072

Approved by the Council on 23rd July, 2001.

LEUNG Nai Kong President

LOW Chung Kai, Louis Hon. Secretary

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Dr. KO Wai Keung Hon. Treasurer

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 2001

1. COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE AND NOT HAVING A SHARE CAPITAL

The Company, Hong Kong College of Paediatricians was incorporated under the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance (Chapter 32) as a company limited by guarantee and not having a share capital on 8th May, 1991.

2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

a) Donation Received

Donation received is recognised in the financial statements on a cash received basis.

b) Subscription Received

Income is based on the actual receipts on members subscriptions.

3. TAXATION

The College is exempt from taxation under the provisions of Section 88 of the Inland Revenue Ordinance.

4. LIMITATION BY GUARANTEE

Under the provisions of the College's memorandum of Association, every member shall, in the event of the College being wound up, contribute such amount as may be required to meet the liabilities of the College but not exceeding HK\$100 each.

5. COMPARATIVE FIGURES

Certain comparative figures have been reclassified, where applicable, to conform with the current year's presentation.

NEW FELLOWS, MEMBERS AND ASSOCIATES

The following doctors were elected as Fellows of the Hong Kong College of Paediatricians in 2000/2001

DR CHENG PIK SHUN	鄭碧純醫生
DR CHU WAI PO	朱蔚波醫生
DR FUNG WAI CHING	馮偉正醫生
DR HUI CHUN MING	許振明醫生
DR KONG CHUN TAT	江俊達醫生
DR KWOK SHUK KAM, LOUISA	郭淑琴醫生
DR LAU KA FAI, TONY	劉家輝醫生
DR LEUNG CHEUK WA, WILFRED	梁卓華醫生
DR LI ALBERT MARTIN	李民瞻醫生
DR LUK CHI KONG, DAVID	陸志剛醫生
DR MA CHE KWAN, LOUIS	馬子軍醫生
DR MOK KWOK WING, SIMON	莫國榮醫生
DR SIN NGAI CHUEN	冼藝泉醫生
DR TSE YIN CHU, CATHERINE	謝燕珠醫生
DR WAI SHIU FAI	衛兆輝醫生
DR WONG LU SI	王露茜醫生
DR WONG SHEH WAI	王鍚偉醫生
DR WOO LAP FAI, CHRIS	胡立輝醫生
DR YEUNG MAN CHOW	楊文秋醫生

The following doctors were admitted as Members of the Hong Kong College of Paediatricians in 2000/2001

DR CHAN CHUN WING	陳振榮醫生	DR NG CHEUK	吳 卓醫生
DR CHOI MUI SUM	蔡梅心醫生	DR SO KIT WING, WILLIAM	蘇傑榮醫生
DR CHONG WAN YIP	莊雲葉醫生	DR TAY MING KUT	戴明吉醫生
DR CHOW POK YU	周博裕醫生	DR TSANG YEE HOI, HANNAH	曾以愛醫生
DR HO SHING FAI	何成輝醫生	DR WONG CHI ON, SIMON	黃智安醫生
DR LEE TAT NIN	李達年醫生	DR YAU KIN CHEONG, ERIC	丘健昌醫生
DR LI KA WAH	李嘉華醫生	DR YIM WAI SHUN	嚴偉遜醫生
DR MAK WAI YAU, DANIEL	麥偉猷醫生		

The following doctors were admitted as Associates of the Hong Kong College of Paediatricians in 2000/2001

DR HAU WAI LOK	侯偉樂醫生	DR WONG MEE YEE MAY	黃美怡醫生
DR HUI WAI HAN	許慧嫻醫生	DR WONG SUET NA	王雪娜醫生
DR LAM HUNG SAN HUGH SIMON	林鴻生醫生	DR YIP YUEN FONG	葉遠芳醫生
DR LEE KWOK HONG, RONALD	李國康醫生	DR YU WING SZE, MARGARET	余詠詩醫生
DR MA YEE MAN	馬綺雯醫生		
DR POON YEE LING, ELIGINA	潘綺靈醫生		



Overseas and Local Examiners of the first Clinical Examination of the Joint DCH Examination with the Royal College of Paediatricis and Child Health at United Christian Hospital on 17/10/2001



The first Trainees' Committee was formed in 2001