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Honorable Guests, Presidents of the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine,
Sister Colleges and the College Council
at the 23rd Admission Ceremony on 6 December 2014



College Council and the Newly Admitted Fellows
at the 23rd Fellowship Admission Ceremony
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Message from the President

This is the last message I would write as College President and I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for entrusting me with this important duty in the past three years. I must thank all my predecessor presidents Prof CY Yeung, NK Leung, TF Fok, Louis Low, PC Ng for laying down a solid foundation of the College, but there are always new challenges and changes that we have to face. I am most grateful to our Vice President Prof YL Lau, Honorary Secretary Dr Winnie Tse, Honorary Treasurer Dr CS Chan, and all Council Members and members of Standing Committees and Subcommittees for their unfailing support and guidance in various controversial issues that we have encountered.

It is indeed a good time to reflect what we have achieved in the past 3 years. I must first thank Prof YL Lau for his visionary leadership in the Education Committee, the Scientific and Research Subcommittee, and the newly formed Young Fellows Subcommittee. We have successfully organized and expanded the Annual Scientific Meeting from a half-day symposium to now 1 ½ day meeting with lectures, case discussions, oral and poster presentations. More importantly we have engaged many paediatric subspecialty societies and our enthusiastic young Fellows to actively participate in the meetings. Promotion of research is another core business of the College and we have held two Research Methodology Courses to equip our Fellows and Trainees with the much needed skills to plan research projects and write grant applications. To further encourage research activities, we have also established the Best Young Investigator Prize and Best Dissertation Prize, and I congratulate the two prize winners this year Dr Kate Chan and Dr Winnie Tso, respectively. Through Prof Lau's encouragement and guidance, our younger colleagues have formed the Young Fellows Club last year, and this was formally put in the College's organization as the Young Fellows Subcommittee under the Education Committee. The Subcommittee members were elected by all young Fellows and hence would be able to represent them to advise the Council about their concerns and opinions in many important issues.

I would like to thank Dr CW Chan for chairing the Accreditation Committee and then Dr Maurice Leung who took over the Chairmanship two years ago. In the past three years, the Accreditation Committee has refined the accreditation guidelines and principles. Our training programme was more structured with the addition of the mandatory requirements of Neonatal Resuscitation Programme and Safe Sedation Course. To ensure the quality of overseas training, the Committee has recommended that overseas training which is not comparable to local training (such as without hands-on duties) would be limited to 3 months. Other issues that were discussed but need deliberation in future were how to accredit ambulatory activities for training and how to recognize part-time trainers.

The Examination Committee, through the able chairmanship of Dr Bill Chan, continued to run the MRCPCH/Intermediate Examination in collaboration with the RCPCH. The theory parts were changed from written papers to computer-based tests since 2015 and are now running smoothly. It was encouraging to report that our trainees' passing rate had improved, so much so that, despite the steady intake of new trainees, there were less candidates attempting the papers repeatedly and the RCPCH has recommended to run the theory examinations twice a year from 2016. Similarly there would be coming changes in the Clinical Examination and both examiners/trainers and trainees would need to take note in the near future.

I thank Dr CK Li for chairing the Membership Committee and keeping the admissions of Fellows, Members and Associates in good order. The Committee has also helped Council to revise the College Memorandum and Articles to incorporate guidelines on termination of Fellowship as a result of removal from the general register by the Medical Council and on reinstatement of Fellowship. This was resolved in an EGM in April this year. Further revisions were suggested by legal advice from the Company Registry to comply with the new Companies Ordinance.

The Professional and General Affairs Committee helped Council to formulate position statements on various issues of professional and community interest. In the past year, we have given our responses to the important consultations on population policy, regulatory framework of infant formulas, regulatory framework of voluntary health insurance and ambulatory care facilities and these statements can be viewed from the College website. These were the good work of PGA Committee Chairlady Dr KF Huen and her colleagues. In response to the recent saga of lead contamination in drinking water, our colleagues Dr Ada Yung, Simon Lam and myself have promptly prepared an information update for our members. On behalf of our College, the DBP Subspecialty Board has also written a section on "neurodevelopmental implications of lead exposure" for a booklet of Department of Health.

In the past year, the most challenging project was the accreditation of the Paediatric Respiratory Medicine (PRM) Subspecialty, and I must thank Dr CW Chan (Director of Subspecialty Boards) and Dr MC Chiu (Chairman of Assessment Committee) for shouldering this daunting task with me. The final step of accreditation, External Assessor's visit, was completed in early August. At the time of writing this message, there were still voices that questioned the recommendations made. I must take this opportunity to explain that our College has the statutory duty to upkeep standards, and be accountable to the public on paediatrician's standard. The current subspecialty accreditation system was decided through colleagues' consensus over the past decade. The system involved an internationally renowned expert to assess if our training centre and First Fellows are at par with international standard. The External Assessor was chosen by the College among

several nominations by the subspecialty group itself. Thus it is illogical for members to question or the College to act contrary to the recommendations made. The controversy on First Fellow accreditation was centered on the requirement of active practice at the time of accreditation. Following the guideline of the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine, College has to ensure that First Fellows have comparable training and clinical competence as required of the Fellows of the future training programme. This was especially important for Subspecialists who can be credentialed to perform invasive procedures. Another controversy was how to choose training centres among the eleven paediatric units which all had part-time subspecialists under the current service model, making it difficult to concentrate our expertise and patients to form respectable training centers. This cannot be resolved without a drastic reorganization of subspecialty services allowing movement of both doctors and patients between hospitals. I sincerely hope that all involved parties would exercise their wisdom to work together and solve these controversies.

Finally I would like to thank Prof NK Leung for chairing HM Lui Memorial Fund, Dr Vincent Leung for chairing the Hong Kong College of Paediatricians Foundation, Dr Paul Ko for chairing the Review Committee, and Dr CS Chan for keeping our finances in good order. The HM Lui Memorial Fund has continued to support young paediatricians from Hong Kong and China to seek overseas training. We also specially thank Dr Arthur Lui for his generous donation of \$1 million to the Fund last year. This enabled a new training programme for young doctors from other provinces in China to be trained in Shanghai. The College Foundation has completed its 3-year project of NRP training in Guangxi and will move to start the programme in Sichuan next year.

I would like to thank all Fellows, Members and Associates for their support and contributions to various College activities over the past year. The future is full of challenges and opportunities. It is especially important for College to review the training curriculum, training programme and training centres to adapt to the hub-and-spoke service model when Hong Kong Children Hospital is opened. I am glad that I am leaving this daunting task to the able hands of our new President and the new Council. I am sure you will give him full support as I will do in all future challenges of the College.

Dr. WONG Sik-nin
President

Council's Report

Annual General Meeting 2014

The 23rd Annual General Meeting of the Hong Kong College of Paediatricians was held on 6 December, 2014 at Lim Por Yen Theatre of the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine Jockey Club Building. The minutes of the 22nd Annual General Meeting were adopted without amendment. The 2013-2014 Annual Report of the College was received and approved unanimously. The Income and Expenditure Account of the College for the financial year ending on 31 March, 2014 was received and approved.

As of the close of nominations on 3 October, 2014, five nominations were received for the five vacant posts of Council Members: Dr CHAN Hin Biu, Dr CHENG Chun Fai, Dr HUEN Kwai Fun, Dr LEE Wai Hong and Dr SO Lok Yee. They were elected *ipso facto* for the years 2014–2017.

The 2015 subscription fees for Fellows, Overseas Fellows, Members, Overseas Members and Associates would remain the same as in 2014, i.e. HK\$1,800 for Fellows, HK\$900 for Overseas Fellows, HK\$1,200 for Members, HK\$600 for Overseas Members, and HK\$600 for Associates, effective 1 January, 2015. Fellows, Members and Associates over the age of 65 before 1 January of the year would be exempted from paying the annual subscription fee.

Mr Chan Chi Hung was re-appointed as Honorary Legal Advisor and Walter Ma & Co. appointed as Auditor.

The Annual General Meeting was followed by the Admission Ceremony of New Members and Conferment Ceremony of New Fellows. The highlight of the evening was the fraternity-linking Annual Dinner.

During the year 2014-2015, six Council Meetings were held in which all Standing Committees (Accreditation, Education, Examination, House, Membership, Professional & General Affairs and Review Committees), Committee for Subspecialty Boards as well as the Hong Kong College of Paediatricians Foundation made their reports to the Council.

Extraordinary General Assembly (EGM)

An EGM was convened on 26 April 2015 with two resolutions. Eight New Fellows who passed the Exit Assessment in December 2014 were admitted. An amendment to the

College M&A with institution of a Bylaw regarding the provisions of Reinstatement of Membership was resolved.

Co-opted Council Members

1. Dr Vincent Leung as Chairman of Hong Kong College of Paediatricians Foundation and Dr Leung Ping Maurice as Chairman of Accreditation Committee for one year
2. Dr Chan Ching Ching, Kate and Dr Soo Tsung Liang, Euan as Young Fellows Council Members.

Establishment of the Young Fellows Subcommittee (YFS)

With the support and endorsement by College Council, the Young Fellows Subcommittee (YFS) was established in July 2015 through an election, in which seven young Fellows were elected to form this Subcommittee under the guidance of the Education Committee.

The primary goal of the Subcommittee is to nurture future paediatric leaders for better care to the paediatric community. It serves to connect and engage young paediatricians and paediatric trainees in the territory and to address their needs early in their career. It also aids to organise and support College events. The chairperson and vice-chairperson of the Subcommittee are currently co-opted members of the Council to allow early exposure of the young Fellows to the Council functions and activities.

The YFS led the organization of the Young Fellows symposium in the forthcoming 3rd Annual Scientific Meeting. The Symposium aims to enhance the understanding of the paediatric patients' support organisations in Hong Kong and to create liaison with these community support groups to our paediatric patients.

Supporting the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine

Being a constituent College, we continued our conscientious support to the Academy in full capacity.

HK Jockey Club Innovative Learning Centre for Medicine

Funded by a generous donation from the HK Jockey Club, the well-equipped simulation training centre within the HKAM premises was opened in December 2013. Various training courses and conferences had been held. Our College sent representatives to attend a 2-day Conference on Medical Education conducted by a panel of both medical and nursing professionals from Scotland on 7-8 February 2015.

HK Jockey Club Disaster Preparedness and Response Institute

Housed in an eye-catching igloo off the main entrance of the HKAM Building was the Institute that targeted at cross-discipline training and drills for preparing territory-wide disaster response. Our College helped to disseminate a Frontline Responder Survey in our October Newsletter for members to fill in.

Credentialing of High Risk Procedures

HKAM had endorsed the final version of the paper on “Credentialing and Defining the Scope of Clinical Practice”. Our College has identified that cardiac catheterization and flexible bronchoscopy were the high risk procedures that required credentialing and procedural guidelines. Dr Leung Ping Maurice and Dr Ng Kwok Keung Daniel were appointed to draft the guidelines of cardiac catheterization and flexible bronchoscopy respectively.

Academy Council Dinner

The Academy invited Colleges to nominate young Fellows who had made special achievements to join the Academy Council Dinner. Our Young Fellows Subcommittee Members, Dr Euan Soo and Dr Polly Ho attended the Dinner on 17 September 2015, accompanied and introduced to the Academy Council by our President. After the dinner, Dr Soo had the opportunity to share his visions of the Young Fellows Subcommittee with the Academy audience.

Recognition of Community Contributions of College Fellows

The significant contributions to the Hong Kong society and the mainland by our Fellows were duly acknowledged.

In September 2014, Dr Vincent Leung was invited to attend 國務院第六次全國民族團結進步表彰大會 on behalf of the College Foundation. This meeting was held every 5 years to commend organisations and individuals who have significant contribution to the welfare of ethnic minorities in China. Dr Leung received the award for individuals (全國民族團結進步模範個人) in recognition of his contributions to NRP training in remote areas of China for the past years.

Dr Lee Ka Yan was awarded Bronze Bauhinia Star (BBS) in July 2015.

Active Involvement in International and Local Child Health, Service Standard-setting, Research and Advocacy

Dr SN Wong, College President, represented the College to attend the Council Meeting and Conference of the Asian Society of Pediatric Research in Osaka, Japan on 14-18 April 2015 to explore closer links with international bodies which promote paediatric research

Dr SN Wong, College President and Prof YL Lau, Chairman of the PIID Subspecialty Board were invited by the HK Paediatric Society and the HK Paediatric Foundation to join the Professional Consultation Group to contribute comments and advice for the draft of a Child Health Policy in Hong Kong

The College Council appointed Dr Liu Kam Tim to join the Anaesthesia Task Force, and Dr Chow Chung Mo and Dr Ip Kin Sing to join the Endoscopy Task Force under the auspices of the HK Government's Project Steering Committee on Standards for Ambulatory Facilities.

Training in Paediatrics and the Accreditation of Training

As of September 2015, there were 232 Trainers for 87 Basic and 63 Higher Trainees, giving an overall Trainer:Trainee ratio of 1.6 to 1.

Ambulatory Paediatric Services and Training

There was an observable shift of some paediatric services from the inpatient to ambulatory setting. To better understand such new service models and the impact on the training curriculum, Prof Tony Nelson was delegated to lead a working group on ambulatory paediatric services. Training units would be invited to submit information of the relevant activities.

Part-time Subspecialty Trainers

The Council, upon the recommendation of the Committee for Subspecialty Boards (CSB), has made deliberations on the appointment of part-time Subspecialty Trainers on grounds (1) to keep their special expertise such as procedural skills or (2) to enable trainers to take up fractional appointments to serve in two institutions, provided that the following conditions were also met.

- a) An accredited recognized training centre should keep a minimum of 1 full-time trainer to serve as the backbone of the unit and to supervise the trainees' training progress in the course of the training.
- b) 2 half-time trainers each taking up about 50% of a module with on call duties can be counted as a full-time equivalent trainer.
- c) With regard to less than 50% fractional appointments with 24 hours' coverage, such situations will be considered individually on a case by case basis.

Subspecialty Accreditation

The accreditation of the 4th subspecialty, Paediatric Respiratory Medicine (PRM), was completed on 7-13 August, 2015. Prof Andrew Bush from Imperial College London was invited as the PRM External Assessor to ensure that the accreditation was according to international standards. Visits to units applying to be training centres and interview of the applicants of First Fellows were conducted arduously.

The CSB has also started the meeting with the Paediatric Endocrinology and Metabolic Medicine (PEMM) study group concerning their formal application for subspecialty accreditation. An application was also received from the Clinical Genetics study group in mid-September 2015.

The CSB was anticipating the challenges posed on subspecialty accreditation with the service commencement of the Hong Kong Children's Hospital in 2018. The CSB called for appropriate manpower planning, full support from HA and all COSs for the successful rotation of trainees to fulfill subspecialty training requirements and close coordination among subspecialty boards to allow trainee exchanges among different training units.

Education and Professional Activities

All trainees starting their basic training from 1 July 2015 onwards would be mandatorily required to attend a Paediatric Sedation Course during their basic training.

The 8th Child Protection Training Course, also a mandatory requirement for all trainees within their 6-year Paediatric Training, was conducted successfully on 7 November 2015.

Other mandatory trainings in the 3-year Basic Paediatric Training would be successful completion of Neonatal Resuscitation (NRP) and Paediatric Advanced Life Support training programs.

Educational activities serving paediatricians, trainees and child health professionals with different experience levels and of diverse interests were continuously organized by the Education Committee. All the programs were very well received and gained tremendous commendation.

The special events of the year were the Annual Scientific Meeting (ASM) held on 6 December 2014, immediately before the 23rd AGM.

Over 130 College members, medical students and free paper presenters attended the ASM organized by the Scientific and Research Subcommittee. The two patient-based Symposia brought together multi-disciplinary participation and intense discussion. One of the special features this year was the Office Paediatrics Session that catered for the interest and needs of members in clinic practice. The Young Fellows Session, another special and innovatively organized, invited young Fellows from different health care sectors (DH, HA., Private and University) to share with the audience their career choices in a very friendly and interesting way. There was also a very good collection of oral and poster presentations in the Free Paper Sessions with four outstanding awards for oral and three for poster presenters.

Research and Grant Writing Skills Training Workshop

Three sessions were conducted and very well received.

Best Dissertation Prize and Best Young Investigator Prize

In an effort to encourage research by colleagues, especially young ones, beginning 2015, a Best Dissertation Prize and a Best Young Investigator Prize would be awarded annually.

CME

Our accredited CME programs have been profuse and ample that provided rich educational experience for all the targeted audience. The attendance records were good. Since the requirement of mandatory active CME was implemented by the Academy, the CME Subcommittee has planned to explore ways to facilitate College Fellows in acquiring active CME points in various categories especially in Quality Assurance and Medical Audits for better professional development.

Subspecialty accreditation has been an important milestone for the College. The College recommended Subspecialty CME & CPD to be managed within each subspecialty and not by the CME Subcommittee.

Examinations

A total of eleven examinations/ assessments were held, including three Foundation of Practice, and Theory & Science (FOP/TAS) and three Applied Knowledge in Practice (AKP) computer-based tests, two MRCPCH Clinical Examinations, two Exit Assessments, and one DCH Clinical Examination.

Online application was implemented in 2014 for all theory examinations in Hong Kong and all theory examinations were moved to Computer-based Testing (CBT) from January 2015 onwards. The CBT test centre in Hong Kong was changed from the British Council to Cliftons. Medical invigilator was not required in CBT.

The passing rates were listed in the Examination Committee Report. It was encouraging to see improved passing rates as our candidates were better prepared and geared at the examination requirements. In view of fewer candidates sitting the theory examinations, starting 2016, the Hong Kong centre would offer each of the FOP/TAS and AKP examinations (CBT) only twice per year. The June TOP/TAS and January AKP CBTs would not be held in Hong Kong.

Members of the six examination host centres represented the College to attend the RCPCH Examination Board meetings in the UK to obtain first hand information on the latest

development of different aspects of the examinations as well as bring up our concerns. They also contributed fruitfully to question setting and reviewing, and particularly in adapting questions for the scenario and video stations to our local settings.

Dr Bill Chan represented College to be the Examiner for the Paediatrics Examination in Macau held in January 2015.

House Committee

The College website has been updated and continued to be a valuable source to provide the College community succinct information on all College events and academic activities, and the newly uploaded College Constitutions. In the Members' section, the Photo Gallery contained memorable photos of the College events and functions as well as information on Members' Benefits.

Our dedicated secretarial team continued to provide excellent service to ensure the smooth running and further development of the College. The bi-monthly Newsletter was an important venue for regular correspondence in the College Family.

Community Participation in Issues of Child Health Interests

With Dr Huen Kwai Fun's chairmanship of the Professional and General Affairs (PGA) Committee, College continued her leading role in sharing knowledge among child health professionals and in child health advocacy. Through the PGA Committee and with the contributions from relevant Fellows, College had made responses to consultation from the government on issues related to children's health and welfare.

The PGA initiated closer collaboration with all local paediatric subspecialty societies to give Members updated information in our local clinical practice. The update information was both emailed to Members and archived in the College webpage, "Update information on clinical practice" under "Publication". The recent updates were about Community-acquired Pneumonia, Infective Endocarditis Prophylaxis and Lead Contamination in Drinking Water and Environment.

Please note particularly that the "Clinical Guidelines" section of the College Website has been updated to include both HA and College guidelines (restricted for College members and requiring individual login).

The Annual Social Function on 8 Nov 2015 was a half-day tour to Peng Chau. It was well attended by Members and their families who enjoyed this cultural walk and a yummy seafood dinner.

The Council was thankful to a large number of Fellows who had represented the College in various public child health advocacy and concerning matters.

Membership

As of September 2015, our College had 582 Fellows (up 16 compared to September 2014), 24 Overseas Fellows (down 1), 65 Members (unchanged), 2 Overseas Members (unchanged) and 89 Associates (unchanged), making a total membership of 762 (up 15). The pleasing increase in the number of Fellows accounted for the increase in the total membership, meaning we had more and more paediatric specialists fully trained.

Hong Kong Journal of Paediatrics

The membership of the Board of Directors comprised the Presidents and Vice Presidents of HKPS and our College, Chief Editor and Business Manager. Hence, Dr SN Wong and Prof YL Lau were our ex-officio representatives. The Board had been ably leading the directions and development of our “house journal”.

Hong Kong Children’s Hospital

The commissioning and planning of the Hong Kong Children’s Hospital is at full gear. Our College is a significant stakeholder not only in its development but also in the changes in the territory-wide paediatric service, training and accreditation that it will bring forth. The President represented College in the HKCH Clinical Management Committee and Working Group on Training and Manpower.

Acknowledgement

The Council wishes to thank the chairpersons and members of all the Standing Committees and Subcommittees, the Committee for Subspecialty Boards, the Assessment and Vetting Committees of Subspecialty Accreditation, and the Hong Kong College of Paediatricians Foundation for their dedicated leadership and unfailing contribution, our secretarial team for their very efficient service, all the Chiefs of Service and Training Supervisors and the course teachers of training institutions for their support to the Specialist Training Course in Paediatrics, Child Protection Course, Paediatric Sedation Course, NRP and PALS Courses, all the examiners for their support in the Intermediate/MRCPCH, Exit Assessment and DCH Examinations, and all invited speakers and trainers of College-held educational programmes.

Dr. TSE Wing-ye Winnie
Honorary Secretary

Hon. Treasurer's Report

As predicted last year, our receipts from subscription and admission dropped by \$31,080 while expenditure for H.M. Lui Fellowship awards increased by \$106,658. Thanks to Dr. Arthur Lui who donated \$1,000,000 for the training programme at Fudan University, Shanghai and so boosted the total surplus for the year to \$710,153. Putting the H.M. Lui Memorial Fund (\$733,757) aside and excluding the unrealized loss in foreign exchange (\$292,487), the surplus for the College herself is \$268,883.

With a total asset of \$15,521,348, including \$10,674,591 cash at bank, the financial status of the College is healthy.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr. Walter Ma & Co., our Auditor, for auditing our financial statements.

Dr. CHAN Chi-sik
Honorary Treasurer

Standing Committees

Accreditation Committee's Report

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	Dr. TSAO Yen-chow
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1. Meetings

Four meetings were held during the period from September 2014 to July 2015 (122nd to 125th meetings dated 3/9/2014, 5/2/2015, 30/4/2015, and 28/7/2015).

2. Accreditation Activities in General Paediatric Training for the year 2014 - 2015

2.1 The Neonatal Team

According to the existing criteria that the requested delivery number for 1 neonatal team should reach 700 at 6 months interval. However the shortfall in deliveries can be compensated by the external referrals and numbers of admissions to PICU/SCBU and the workload equivalence.

2.2 CAS Manpower

Due to the inadequate number of trainers in CAS, College, as an interim measure, will appoint DBP subspecialty trainees who are Fellows with at least one year experience in CAS to be trainers of Basic Trainees rotating from HA hospitals to CAS. However the CAS manpower will be reviewed and overhauled at the end of 2016 together with the re-accreditation visit of the CAC Training Centres.

2.3 Re-accreditation Exercise to CAS/CGS/MCHC (DH) and HA Institution

College will conduct the re-accreditation visit to CAS/CGS/MCHC in 2016.

It has been decided that we will synchronize the re-accreditation visit to HA with DH starting from 2018. Henceforward all the training units and the trainers will be accredited every 5 years.

3. Accreditation of Trainers

The Accreditation Guidelines stipulated that

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

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

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

From 2018 all the training units and the trainers will be accredited every 5 years.

4. Accreditation of Trainees

The Subcommittee led by Dr Lam Hung San Simon, who 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.

4.1 The Accreditation of Overseas Training

If the overseas training programme under application cannot provide training experience comparable to our local training programme, including hand-on patient care and on-call duties, the maximum period recognized should be capped at 3 months and this will be applied to all new applications from January 2015.

4.2 Interruption of Training

According to the Guidelines, only one period of continuous or cumulative 12-week leave will be allowed during each of the 3-year Basic Training Programme or Higher Training Programme. The Accreditation Committee (AC) will work out how long

he / she would need to extend the training based on the information provided. AC will inform the Examination Committee and the Membership Committee of the total leave taken up to to date and alert them of any subsequent leave which may be taken before the Exit Examination / application for the Membership so that they may assess his / her eligibility when the applicant applies.

5. College Trainer and Trainee Statistics

In September 2015, the College has totally 232 Trainers in Paediatrics all working in institution. The Number of enrolled trainee is 87 (Basic) and 63 (Higher). The Overall trainer to trainee ratio is 1.6 to 1.

6. Miscellaneous accreditation of activities

6.1 Sedation Course

The College Council has endorsed that effective from 1 July 2015 all entering Basic Trainees are mandatorily required to complete the Paediatric Sedation Course before the completion of the Basic Training.

6.2 Credentialing

It is noted that our College has identified Cardiac Catheterization and Flexible Bronchoscopy as high risk procedures for credentialing.

College is in the process of preparing the guidelines for the procedures.

7. Part-time Subspecialty Trainers

- a) An accredited recognized training centre should keep a minimum of 1 full-time trainer to be served as the backbone of the unit and to supervise the trainees' training progress in the course of the training.
- b) 2 half-time trainers each taking up about 50% of a module with on call duties can be counted as a full-time equivalent trainer.
- c) With regard to less than 50% fractional appointments with 24 hours' coverage, we will consider the individual situation on a case by case basis.

8. Examiners / assessors of the Subspecialty Exit Assessment

It is noted that those who were once an examiners or assessors of the subspecialty

Exit Assessment in the training institution can continue to be examiners or assessors within 3 years after their retirement.

9. Ambulatory Paediatrics Services

Recommendations of the Accreditation Committee includes:

- a) invite training units to submit relevant activities for consideration.
- b) The activities should be supervised.
- c) Procedures / tests performed can be included.
- d) Ways to quantify the training activities.
- e) Activities should be hospital based but can be accessed by ambulatory home patients or as overnight stay.
- f) The activities should cover sufficient variety of service.
- g) The volume of the activities should provide ample opportunities for learning.

10. Impact of the Hong Kong Children Hospital (HKCH) on Subspecialty Development of the College

Since the HKCH will open in 2018, College should lay down clear directions on training rotations in future, as this will cause significant impact on both General Paediatric and Subspecialty training.

A subspecialty trainers should follow the rule that they can only take the specialty trainees and they cannot be the trainer of General Paediatrics trainees simultaneously. However they can provide General Paediatrics service.

The Working Group on Manpower Planning was formed and was tasked to work out this issue.

11. Conclusion

The accreditation committee continues to meet with new challenges deriving from overseas paediatricians coming back to work in Hong Kong or local trainees receiving overseas training. In relation to the latter issue, the committee has decided that if the overseas training program cannot provide training experience comparable to our local training program, including hands-on patient care and on-call duties, then the maximum period recognised for accreditation would be kept at 3 months.

Now that the subspecialty board has been formed, it was anticipated that there could be a shortage of trainers during the initial interim period. Such a situation has occurred with the DBP subspecialty and our College has granted that Fellows with at least one year of experience in CAS can be trainers for basic trainees rotating from HA hospitals to CAS. With the shortage of trainers in other subspecialty, the Subspecialty Board, together with the Accreditation Committee have jointly agreed that two half-time trainers, each taking up about 50% of a module with on-call duties, can then be counted as a full-time equivalent trainer.

In the years to come, it is anticipated that the Hong Kong Children Hospital to be opened in 2018, and other social and environmental factors could also have major impact on our collegial activities including those relating to accreditation of General paediatrics training. Already existing is the decrease in number of deliveries as a result of decrease of influx of pregnant mothers from China. One or two hospitals has significantly decreased in the number of deliveries and this may eventually affect our accreditation of the neonatal team activities. The concentration of subspecialty activities in the Children Hospital would have another impact on the general paediatric training in the paediatric department of the 13 regional HA hospitals. Our COS and training supervisors are very much encouraged to voice out their concerns in relation to the general paediatric training, in anticipation when the Children Hospital started her subspecialty service. Your contribution to this issue would be very much appreciated.

Dr. LEUNG Ping, Maurice
Chairman, Accreditation Committee

Report of the Committee for Subspecialty Boards (2014 - 2015)

At the 145th Council Meeting of 26th July 2013, Council endorsed the formation of the Committee for Subspecialty Boards (CSB) which has replaced the ‘Working Group on Accreditation of Paediatric Subspecialties in Hong Kong’ (WG) to govern the accreditation of pediatric subspecialties and their affairs following accreditation.

(A) Terms of Reference of Committee for Subspecialty Boards (CSB)

Section 10 of Byelaws - 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.

(B) Membership of Committee for Subspecialty Boards and its Subcommittees

The **Membership of the Committee for Subspecialty Boards** was nominated by the Working Group on 6 September 2013 and endorsed by 145th & 146th Council Meetings on 26 July 2013 and 11 September 2013 respectively as follows:

	Post	Name
1.	Director of Subspecialty Boards	Dr Chan Chok Wan
2.	Accreditation Committee Chairman/designate	Dr Leung Ping, Maurice
3.	Education Committee Chairman/designate	Prof Lau Yu Lung
4.	Examination Committee Chairman/designate	Dr Chan Hin Biu, Bill
5.	HKU Chair of Paediatrics/designate	Prof Chan Chi Fung, Godfrey
6.	CUHK Chair of Paediatrics/designate	Prof Ng Pak Cheung
7.	From HA	Dr Li Chi Kong
8.	From DH	Dr Leung Sze Lee, Shirley
9.	From Private sector	Dr Cheng Man Yung
10.	Senior Fellow	Dr Tsao Yen Chow
11.	Young Fellow	Dr Ho Hok Kung, Marco
12.	Co-opted members	Dr Chiu MC (Assessment Committee, Chairman)
13.		Dr Chiu CS, Daniel (Assessment Committee, Member)
14.		Prof Low CK, Louis (Assessment Committee, Member)
15.		Dr Tam YC, Alfred (Assessment Committee, Member)
16.		Dr Tse Wing Yee, Winnie (Assessment Committee, Member)
17.		Dr Wong SN (Assessment Committee, Member)
18.		Dr Wong, William (Council Representative to PRM Board)
19.		Prof Yeung CY (Assessment Committee, Member)
20.	PIID Subspecialty Board/designate	Prof Lau YL
21.	DBP Subspecialty Board/designate	Dr Lam CC, Catherine
22.	PN Provisional Subspecialty Board/designate	Dr Liu Kam Tim (wef 9 Jan 2014)

(C) Progress of Work in Year 2014 - 2015

The CSB held 3 meetings during the period from 29 January 2015 to 13 August 2015 as follows:

- 3rd Meeting of Committee for Subspecialty Boards dated 29 January 2015
- 4th Meeting of Committee for Subspecialty Boards dated 7 July 2015 and
- 5th Meeting of Committee for Subspecialty Boards for Concluding the Accreditation of Paediatric Respiratory Medicine (PRM) Subspecialty dated 13 August 2015

Under the CSB are the Vetting Committee and Assessment Committee. Each subspecialty application would be evaluated by the **Vetting Committee** to check that all required documents were in order and the proposed programme would be ready for accreditation. The Vetting Committee was chaired by Dr SN Wong. All applicants for First Fellows of a new subspecialty would be evaluated by the External Assessor with the assistance of the **Assessment Committee**. The Assessment Committee was chaired by Dr MC Chiu.

Three Sub-committee meetings were conducted during the period from 29 January 2015 to 13 August 2015, to assess the PRM Subspecialty, as follows:

- Core Group Meeting of Assessment Committee dated 20 May 2015
- 8th Meeting of Assessment Committee dated 10 June 2015
- 9th Meeting of Assessment Committee dated 13 August 2015

1. Subspecialty Accreditation

Since 2011, the Committee has completed accreditation of four subspecialties, namely Paediatric Immunology & Infectious Diseases (PIID), Developmental-Behavioural Paediatrics (DBP), Paediatric Neurology (PN) and Paediatric Respiratory Medicine (PRM). The Committee is in the progress of vetting the applications for accreditation of Paediatric Endocrinology and Metabolic Medicine (PEMM) and Clinical Genetics and Genomics (CGG).

2. Activities of the Subspecialty of Paediatric Immunology & Infectious Diseases (PIID)

2.1 The Membership of PIID Subspecialty Boards in 2014-15 was:

	Name	Post
1.	Prof Lau Yu Lung	Chairman
2.	Dr Ho Hok Kung, Marco	Honorary Secretary
3.	Dr Kwan Yat Wah, Mike	Board Member
4.	Dr Leung Chi Wai	Board Member
5.	Prof Leung Ting Fan	Board Member
6.	Dr Yau Yat Sun, Felix	Board Member
7.	Dr Wong Sik Nin	Ex-officio member from the College Council

2.2 Enrollment of trainees

Five trainees had been recruited in the training programme following the starting of training programme on 1 June 2013.

2.3 PIID Study Day Programme

A PIID Study Day Programme was jointly organized by the Hong Kong Society for Paediatric Immunology and Infectious Diseases (HKSPIID) and College PIID Subspecialty Board on 11 July 2015. The programme was aimed to present updated knowledge in PIID, to conduct in-depth discussion on the management of children with PIID and to promote shared learning among trainees working in different hospitals, and interactive discussion with the Faculty.

3. Activities of the Subspecialty of Developmental-Behavioural Paediatrics (DBP)

3.1 The Membership of DBP Subspecialty Boards in 2014-15 was:

	Name	Post
1.	Dr Lam Chi Chin, Catherine	Chairperson
2.	Dr Ip, Patrick	Honorary Secretary
3.	Dr Chan Hoi Shan, Sophelia	Board Member
4.	Dr Lee Mun Yau, Florence	Board Member
5.	Dr Mak Hai Ling, Rose	Board Member
6.	Dr Tse Wing Yee, Winnie	Ex-officio member from the College Council

3.2 Dr Florence Lee was appointed DBP Programme Director wef 27 August 2014 to replace Dr Catherine Lam following her retirement from Child Assessment Service.

3.3 Remedial training for the First Fellow applicants

Four First Fellow applicants who could not fulfill the criteria of First Fellow but have fulfilled at least 75% of the requirements were enrolled for remedial training after the cut-off date of 1 December 2013. All of them had already completed the remedial training within the required period. Exit Assessment would be arranged in mid-December 2015 before approval for admission of First Fellows.

3.4 Enrollment of Trainees

Five trainees had been recruited in the training programme since the cut-off date on 1 December 2013.

3.5 Training progress was running smoothly. There was good collaboration with outside training parties for different modules of the programme. DBP Board also provided 1-2 PN Trainee(s) slots for their mandatory neurodevelopment module yearly.

3.6 Other Activity

DBP Subspecialty Board on behalf of College contributed to write a short paragraph regarding children's neurodevelopmental implication in the public education pamphlet on lead poisoning issued by the Department of Health in August 2015.

4. Activities of the Subspecialty of Paediatric Neurology (PN)

4.1 The Membership of PN Subspecialty Boards in 2014-15 was:

	Name	Post
1.	Dr Liu Kam Tim	Chairman
2.	Dr Kwong Ling, Karen	Honorary Secretary
3.	Dr Fung Lai Wah, Eva	Board Member
4.	Dr Wu Shun Ping	Board Member
5.	Dr Yeung Chak Ming, Sam	Board Member
6.	Dr Li Chi Kong	Ex-officio member from the College Council

4.2 Enrollment of Trainees

Fourteen trainees had been recruited in the training programme since the cut-off date on 1 July 2014. The PN Subspecialty Board would have a further evaluation on recruitment of new trainees after July 2016 in order to ensure quality training and to match service needs. The CSB reiterated that before further recruitment of new trainees, the Subspecialty Board should ensure the road map and availability of training posts.

Rotation training for PN trainees had been arranged with DBP and Adult Neurology units based on mutual agreement. The time frame on completion of individual rotation would be around 3 years.

Interim interviews of trainees and vetting individual log sheets by the Programme Director/Subspecialty Board should be conducted every 6 months for monitoring training progress.

4.3 Remedial training for the First Fellow applicants

Three remedial trainees would have completed the remedial training programme by early 2016 prior to Exit Assessment. The PN Board proposed, and CSB agreed, that remedial training period (calculated on number of supervised sessions) could be adjusted for annual leave entitlement on a pro-rata basis.

4.4 Other Activities

- Appointment letters were issued to the Trainers in the Adult Neurology Module of the Paediatric Neurology (PN) Subspecialty Training Programme in June 2015.

5. Progress of application for Subspecialty of Paediatric Respiratory Medicine (PRM)

- 5.1 The application for accreditation of PRM Subspecialty was received in late 2013. Following several rounds of discussion and revision, the PRM Training Programme, criteria of Training Centres and First Fellows were agreed upon by the CSB on 29 January 2015, followed by Council endorsement in February 2015.
- 5.2 College announced the opening of First Fellows application on 9 February 2015 and received 41 applications at the deadline on 19 April 2015. Members of the Provisional Subspecialty Board were elected during a meeting on 1 June 2015, attended by 39 applicants. The formation of PRM Provisional Subspecialty Board was endorsed by CSB and Council on 12 June 2015 and 16 June 2015 respectively. The membership was as follows:

	List of members	Functional Sector	Remarks
1	Dr TAM Yat Cheung, Alfred	Private practice	Chairman
2	Dr LAM Shu Yan	HA	Hon Secretary
3	Dr LEE So Lun	HA	Member
4	Prof LI, Albert Martin	University	Member
5	Dr NG Kwok Keung, Daniel	HA	Member
6	Dr YU Wai Cho	Representative of Hong Kong College of Physicians	
7	Dr WONG, William	Representative of College Council	
8	Prof BUSH, Andrew	External Assessor	

5.3 External Assessor

Prof Andrew Bush from Imperial College London was invited as our PRM External Assessor to ensure that the accreditation was according to international standard. He visited Hong Kong to accredit all potential Training Centres and First Fellows from 7 – 13 August 2015.

- 5.4 The External Assessor made valuable recommendations regarding training centers of the PRM Subspecialty as follows:

- There were too many centres for the needs of Hong Kong for the future subspecialists. In comparison, London has 4 centres providing modular training on different aspects and serving a population of about 10 millions.
- Training centres having only one consultant would not be acceptable, as the trainees would be left unsupervised when trainer was on leave. To comply with international standard, it was salient to accept the requirement of two trainers in each accredited training centre.
- Trainers who divided their time 50:50 between PRM and PICU: In the subspecialty of PRM, trainers should consider spending the majority time in PRM and included PICU work up to 30% of PRM.
- Activities of bronchoscopy and PICU were significant in a PRM centre as it would be impossible for an international specialist PRM centre not to have on-site PICU, even if the training centre was accredited for 18-24 months.
- In many centres, specialists were overwhelmed with huge clinical loads and neglected academic and research opportunities. It was advisable that training centres should contain a mix of academics as well as health service paediatricians.
- There were five training centres recommended among ten, as follows:

	Accredited Training Centres	Accredited Status
1	Kwong Wah Hospital	30 months
2	Prince of Wales Hospital	30 months
3	Queen Mary Hospital/Duchess of Kent	30 months
4	Tuen Mun Hospital	24 months
5	United Christian Hospital	24 months

- Although five centres had been found to be suitable for training, College would be invited to consider reducing the numbers so that the needs of subspecialty trainees could be best served.
- The training centres were suggested to be regularly re-assessed every 3-5 years to ensure the delivery as promised since significant changes of personnel etc required re-assessment of training status.
- The process of re-assessment should be dynamic to encourage unsuccessful centres to re-apply by appropriate recruitment and other measures such as developing modular system to make themselves an attractive as training centres.

5.5 External Assessor also made **further suggestions for College to consider:**

- **Modular Training and Clustered Training Centre**

For unsuccessful centres, Prof Bush recommended College to consider soliciting applications from centres, according to their competence, to form clustered training centre or to contribute 3-6 modules unique in Hong Kong such as infectious diseases at Princess Margaret Hospital which would be important training experience for the PRM trainees and those who would go on to specialize in related disciplines. Moreover, for trainees who would be general paediatricians with an interest in PRM, a modular system would be ideal.

Since accreditation would be a dynamic process, it should be open-minded to the non-accredited centres which might re-apply in future when having fulfilled the criteria by recruiting.

- **Part-time trainers**

Prof Bush invited College to consider whether it was logical that trainers who did significant services in high intensity specialties like PICU should be full-time trainers in PRM in reality.

Prof Bush expressed that in London, part-time trainer was acceptable especially when the non-discriminatory rules had been enforced. College was invited to consider the part-time trainer as many were capable with international standard and proficient experience to benefit the trainees.

- **Full time PRM Trainers**

To consider trainers who do significant service in high intensity specialties like PICU could be suitable as full time PRM trainers in reality.

- **Bronchoscopy Activity**

To consider demand for bronchoscopy in different geographical regions of Hong Kong and the number of centres that would be needed to maintain competence in order to maximize the safety and interest of patients.

5.6 With the help of External Assessor, the Provisional Subspecialty Board finalized the Training Programme. Prof Bush commented that the training programme was extraordinarily strong. By incorporating the research, modular and 6-month

overseas training as well as health service paediatricians, this would highly enhance the trainees' training opportunities.

5.7 Accreditation of First Fellows

- First Fellows were assessed by the Assessment Committee according to guidelines endorsed by CSB and Council. The Assessment included an Interview by a Panel including External Assessor, Dr Yu Wai Cho (representing Hong Kong College of Physicians), Drs MC Chiu (Chairman), CW Chan, William Wong, YC Tsao, and Louis Low. The content of the Interview mainly involved clarification of 3 areas as follows: i) Supervised training (recognized centre: overseas and/or local); ii) Good Independent Practice; and iii) Current active practice in the subspecialty (PRM case mix/load, skill, commitment & contribution to PRM).
- **Bronchoscopy Training** was considered a mandatory skill for First Fellows. Hence if an applicant has completed PRM training before 31 December 2005 (when the first Bronchoscopy course was organized in Hong Kong) but has no experience in bronchoscopy, he/she should undergo a remedial bronchoscopy course (with assessment) provided by the Provisional Subspecialty Board. The External Assessor also suggested a subspecialist should maintain hands-on experience of the procedures and if not, should take the refresher course every 5 years.
- The results of the Interview were confirmed as follows:

Total no. of applicants	41
Recommended to be First Fellow	21
After completion of additional training	5
After attending bronchoscopy course	4
Not recommended	11
(training completed but with inadequate subspecialty practice in recent years)	(7)

- According to international standard, the External Assessor would not admit Fellows who had completed training and GIP, but inadequate PRM practice in recent years. However, he would leave to the College Council to decide if they could be admitted after they showed their commitment in PRM practice, such as attending subspecialty clinics part-time in institutions, contributing to professional body affairs, research or conferences.

6. Progress of application for accreditation of Subspecialty in Paediatric Endocrinology and Metabolic Medicine (PEMM)

PEMM application documents was received on 21 March 2013. Comments and objections from all College Fellows were sought via email and newsletter announcements from 8 July 2015 with deadline on 18 Sept 2015. No objections were received. The PEMM group would be invited in October 2015 to present its proposal to the CSB.

7. Progress of application for accreditation of Subspecialty in Clinical Genetics (CG)

The application was received on 14 September 2015. The Committee would study the application before inviting the group for presentation.

8. Miscellaneous Issues

8.1 Invitation of Co-opted Members to the Subspecialty Boards – Terms of services

Following the practice of College Council, the CSB resolved that Subspecialty Boards could co-opt members to the Boards to enhance their strength. The term of service would be one year and co-opted members were eligible for re-appointment.

8.2 Examiners for subspecialty Exit Assessment

In view of current inadequate number of subspecialty examiners, members agreed to follow the general rule of the Examination Committee and the RCPCH to appoint examiners for 3 years after their retirement from active institutional service in the subspecialty. However, the Subspecialty Board has full discretion in appointing examiners in individual cases.

8.3 Part-time Subspecialty Trainers

Members noted that the common scenarios that required appointment of part-time trainers would be 1) to keep their special expertise such as procedural skills or 2) to enable trainers to take fractional appointment to serve in two institutions.

Members agreed that the current system of trainer: trainee ratio should be maintained. Part-time trainers should generally not be included in the ratio because they could not provide the continuity of mentoring the trainee during the whole module.

For scenario 1 above, subspecialists doing sessions for teaching specific procedures can be appointed as part-time trainers to recognize their expertise and contribution in training. They can certify the trainees' experience of the special procedures by signing their log-books.

For scenario 2, members agreed to take a more flexible approach, to recognize at most two half-time trainers to be counted as one trainer.

8.4 Retrospective accreditation of subspecialty training received overseas

Members agreed trainee's overseas training in General Paediatrics and subspecialty would be recognized by College as follows:

- The overseas training should be equivalent to the College Fellow's training programme.
- Retrospective accreditation of subspecialty training would be considered.
- The relevant Subspecialty Board would be empowered to vet the retrospective application.
- Relevant procedures would be similar to those of General Paediatrics Programme as mentioned in the 'Guidelines on the Criteria for the Accreditation of a Paediatric Subspecialty Training Programme'.

9. CONCLUSION

By the AGM of 2015, we have altogether four subspecialties officially ratified by the College with Paediatric Endocrinology and Metabolic Medicine (PEMM) and Clinical Genetics (CG) waiting on the pipeline. Over the past one year, the PIID, DBP and the PN Boards are working actively on the details regarding the training programme and in the format of the exit assessment for subspecialty fellows after being fully training because we are keen to maintain uniform training standard for all subspecialties. As for the subspecialty of Paediatric Respiratory Medicine (PRM), we have started the mandatory modules (bronchoscopy and spirometry) and proof for active practice in the subspecialty since being qualified as additional criteria for accreditation of First Fellows for PRM. This is at the special request of our External Assessor, Professor Andrew Bush who insisted that such provisions are essential for our First Fellows in PRM to be in complete alignment with international standard for the subspecialty. The recommendations were all endorsed and duly enforced by the College. I would like to thank all those who contributed to the success of the accreditation procedure, notably to Dr Wong Sik Nin and Dr Chiu Man Chun for leading the Vetting and Assessment Committees which are the pillar stones for our

subspecialty development, as well as to all members of the CSB for their tireless effort and enthusiasm in accomplishing this important mission. Of course it is important to emphasize the immense contributions from the Hong Kong College of Physicians in assisting us to establish the subspecialties of PIID, PN and PRM. We are very indebted to their valuable help and advice.

Challenges in front of us are formidable and we have to be doubly cautious in view of our limited resources, finance, manpower and others. The provisional opening of the Children's Hospital of Hong Kong in 2018 is definitely another great hurdle in front of us. These pose threats to the sustainability and efficacy of our subspecialty development. Higher proficiency and more effort from the College in the accreditation of future paediatric subspecialties, more manpower mobilization, better financial input and additional funding to enhance research, service development and training are essential for our ultimate success in the area of subspecialty development for paediatrics in Hong Kong. To achieve this we need the collaboration and solidarity of all fellows of the College.

Dr. CHAN Chok-wan
Director of Subspecialty Boards
Committee for Subspecialty Boards

Standing Committees

Education Committee's Report

Chairman	Prof LAU Yu-lung
Honorary Secretary	Dr LEE Wai-hong
Members	Dr CHAN Hin-biu, Bill
	Dr CHAN Kwai-yu
	Dr CHENG Chun-fai
	Dr CHEUNG Kam-lau
	Dr LAM Hung-san, Simon
	Dr LEE Kwok-piu
	Dr LEUNG Sze-lee, Shirley
	Dr LING Siu-cheung
	Dr NG Kwok-keung, Daniel
	Dr SO King-woon
	Dr TSOI Nai-shun
	Dr WONG Sik-nin
	Dr YAU Fai-to, Adrian
	Dr YOUNG Wan-yin, Betty

1. Meetings

Four meetings were held during the period from October 2014 to July 2015 (118th to 121st meetings dated 24 October 2014, 7 January 2015, 24 April 2015 and 21 July 2015).

The terms of reference of the Education Committee are to organize and conduct scientific meetings and postgraduate training courses; to promote and support research; and to disseminate and publish educational materials to the medical profession.

2. Movement of Committee Member

Dr Kwai Yu Chan was invited to join the Committee with effect from November 2014.

3. Postgraduate Training

3.1 The Specialist Training Course in Paediatrics

The Course aims to provide education guidance to help trainees consolidate the knowledge, attitudes and skills which they may need to acquire during their Basic Training and which the Intermediate Examination is designed to assess.

The Course ran from 24 April 2015 to 29 January 2016. It consisted of 21 clinical bedside teaching sessions as a basic scheme plus 5 sessions of Communication Skills and Ethics & Consultation and Management Planning teachings. There are totally 35 participants for the Specialist Training Course in Paediatrics 2015-2016.

3.2. Child Protection Course

The 8th Child Protection Training Course will be conducted on 7 November 2015 (Saturday) at Hong Kong Academy of Medicine (HKAM). The Course consisted of 7 lectures, case discussions and role play and was organized by Dr Patrick Cheung who led an expert team including Drs DFY Chan, JOC Ho, LP Lee, RCH Li, AMC Tsang and LM Wong.

This is a compulsory Training Course for College trainees and all the trainees who started their basic paediatric training on or after 1 July 2009 should undertake the Course within their 6-year Paediatric Training Programme.

4. 2015 Paediatric Update Series

Our College had organized the following 2 half-day Paediatric Update seminars with details as follows:

2015 Paediatric Update No. 1: Clinical Pharmacology			
Date:	26 April 2015 (Sunday)		
Venue:	Queen Elizabeth Hospital, M Block, Ground Floor, Lecture Theatre		
Chairperson:	Prof Yu Lung Lau and Dr Nai Shun Tsoi		
Attendance			
Fellow (including 2 chairpersons)	Member/Associate	Visitor	Non-specialist
83	2	4	3
Total	92		

Topics	Speakers	Unit
1. Assessing Risk Factors for Adverse Drug Events in Children	Dr Celeste Ewig, PharmD BCPS Lecturer	School of Pharmacy, CUHK
2. Roles of Clinical Pharmacists in Sick Children	Ms Amanda WM Li	Queen Mary Hospital
3. Drug Use in Pregnancy and Lactation	Dr Amelia PW Hui	Queen Mary Hospital

2015 Paediatric Update No. 2: Medico-Legal Issues

Date	19 July 2015 (Sunday)
Venue:	Queen Elizabeth Hospital, M Block, Ground Floor, Lecture Theatre
Chairperson:	Dr Cheung Kam Lau

Attendance

Fellow (including 1 chairperson & 2 College Fellow speakers)	Speaker (non-College FMA)	Member/Associate	Visitor	Non-specialist
49	1	0	2	0
Total	52			

Topics	Speakers	Unit
1. How to Avoid Getting into Trouble with the Medical Council	Prof Fok Tai Fai	The Chinese University of Hong Kong
2. Conflict Resolution in Modern Healthcare	Dr Dai Lok Kwan David	Prince of Wales Hospital
3. Research Integrity & Informed Consent	Prof Lau Yu Lung	The University of Hong Kong

5. Update Series on Child Health 2015

The Update Series on Child Health is jointly organized by Hong Kong College of Paediatricians, the Hong Kong Paediatric Society and Hong Kong Paediatric Nurses Association annually. This year we have four seminars with reputed specialists speaking on a variety of topics of interest to paediatricians, general practitioners and paediatric nurses.

Session I – 13 June 2015

Topics and speakers:

- a) Update of Childhood Immunization
Prof Lau Yu Lung

Chair Professor of Paediatrics, Doris Zimmern Professor in Community Child Health, Department of Paediatrics and Adolescent Medicine, Chief Director, Clinical Trials Centre, LKS Faculty of Medicine, University of Hong Kong

- b) Ebola – Emerging Infectious Disease
Dr Vincent Cheng
Infection Control Officer, Queen Mary Hospital

Session II – 18 July 2015

Topics and speakers

- a) Sports Medicine and Pre-participation Sports Screening for Adolescents
Dr Yung Shu Hang Patrick
President Elect of Hong Kong College of Orthopedic Surgeons, Immediate Past President of the Hong Kong Association of Sports Medicine and Sports Science
- b) Use of Cord Blood in Paediatric Practice
Dr Li Chi Kong
Consultant, Department of Paediatrics, Prince of Wales Hospital

Session III – 1 August 2015

Topics and speakers

- a) Orthodontic Problems and Dental Development in Children
Dr Lau Wai Sum Eilly
Immediate Past President of Hong Kong Society of Paediatric Dentistry
- b) New Advances of Management of Paediatric Arrhythmia
Dr Yung Tak Cheung
Consultant, Department of Paediatric Cardiology, Queen Mary Hospital

Session IV – 22 August 2015

Topics and speakers

- a) Light Pollution in Hong Kong
Dr Pun Chun Shing Jason
Principal Lecturer, Department of Physics, University of Hong Kong
- b) The Self Image of Adolescents in the Cyber World
Ms Chan Kit Bing Sumee
Clinical Psychologist

6. Paediatric Advanced Life Support Course (PALS)

Our College continued to organize the annual PALS Course, in collaboration with the A&E Training Centre (AETC) of Tang Shiu Kin Hospital and Hong Kong Paediatric Nurses Association under the license of American Heart Association in 2014. The PALS big course last year was held on 4-7 October 2014 at the A & E Training Centre in Tang Shiu Kin Hospital, and it was well attended by 48 doctors and nurses.

The traditional large classes this year will be conducted on 14-17 September 2015 with Dr Alfred HuYoung as the external trainer. As usually there will be small classes throughout the year. Current membership of the Steering Committee for PALS Course were: Drs Kam Lau Cheung (Chairman), Maurice Leung, Ting Yat Miu, Lok Yee So, Nai Shun Tsoi, Sik Nin Wong, Ms Susanna Lee, Ella Ma and Sze Kit Tang (representing HK Paediatric Nurses Association).

Successful completion of the assessment of the PALS course or its equivalent is mandatory for all applications for membership of the College.

7. Neonatal Resuscitation Programme (NRP)

The College saw a need to provide quality and standardized training in neonatal resuscitation, and in collaboration with the American Academy of Paediatrics, the Hong Kong Neonatal Society and Hong Kong Paediatric Nurses Association, we had set up a Coordinating Council to oversee the organization of the NRP courses in Hong Kong. The Committee was chaired by Dr Hin Biu Chan and membership included Prof PC NG, Dr Kiu Lok Siu, Ms Maria Chan and Ms Wan Ming Lee.

The HK-NRP Provider Course becomes a mandatory training requirement for all new paediatric trainees who join the College **on or after 1st July 2013**, and they are required to successfully complete the NRP Provider Course within their 3-year Basic Training Period before they are eligible to apply for Membership of the HK College of Paediatricians.

The first Hong Kong NRP Provider Course was launched in July 2012. To date over 1000 Providers and over 50 Instructors had been certified under the Hong Kong NRP programme.

8. Scientific and Research Subcommittee

Membership for 2015:

Chairman:	Prof Yu Lung LAU
Members:	Dr Sik Nin WONG (College President)
	Prof Godfrey CF CHAN
	Dr Chun Fai CHENG
	Dr Catherine LAM
	Dr Chi Wai LEUNG
	Dr Shirley LEUNG
	Prof Albert LI
	Dr Daniel Kwok Keung NG
	Dr Sik Nin WONG
	Dr Shun Ping WU

Co-opted Members:

Dr Ching Ching Kate CHAN
 Dr Kwok Yin CHAN
 Dr Hong CHEN
 Dr Pui King Grace CHIANG
 Dr Hon Yin Brian CHUNG
 Dr Hok Kung Marco HO
 Dr Yat Wah KWAN
 Dr Ling Karen KWONG
 Dr Simon HS LAM
 Dr Kwok Piu LEE
 Dr Pamela Pui Wah LEE
 Prof Ting Fan LEUNG
 Dr Po Yee LOUNG
 Dr Alison Lap Tak MA
 Prof Tony Nelson

Annual Scientific Meeting 2014

The Subcommittee organized a successful one-day Annual Scientific Meeting on the 6th December 2014 immediately preceding the College AGM and conferment ceremony. It was well attended by over 130 participants, including College members, medical students and free paper presenters. The Meeting comprised two patient-based symposia, an Office Paediatrics Session, a Young Fellows Session and Oral and Poster presentations.

The two patient-based **Symposia** focused on two disease conditions:

A child with prolonged fever of unknown cause leading to the diagnosis of SJIA (Systemic Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis). There were detailed discussion on clinical features, treatment approach and the outcomes.

A baby with fever & rash leading to the diagnosis of Atypical Kawasaki's Disease. There were detailed presentation of the case incorporating diagnostic challenges and recent advances and reviews on KD.

There were three cases in the **Office Paediatrics Session** illustrating issues related to frequent infections and children on immunosuppressants encountered in the office practice of paediatricians. Management of the disease conditions and advice on lifestyle, diet, vaccination and schooling were discussed. This Session has attracted more audiences from the private sector.

In the **Free Paper Sessions**, there were 9 oral and 15 poster presentations, with 4 outstanding presentation awards for oral presentations, and 3 outstanding presentation awards for poster presentations.

Winners (Oral)

Mr LEUNG Ka Chun Gordon

“CFTR: I1023R is a rare but recurrent disease-causing mutation found in Chinese patients with cystic fibrosis.”

Dr MAK Chun Yu Christopher

“Clinical implications of large rare copy number variations in 110 Chinese patients with conotruncal heart”

Dr CHENG Wai Tsoi Frankie

“Reduced Cardiopulmonary Fitness in Childhood Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia Survivors”

Mr YEUNG Kit San

“ Somatic mosaicism of PIK3CA mutation in PIK3CA-related overgrowth disorders”

Winners (Poster)

Dr CHAN Ching Ching Kate

“Prevalence of vitamin D deficiency among healthy infants in Hong Kong: a pilot study”

Prof LEUNG Ting Fan

“Stool microbial diversity is not associated with early-onset eczema in Hong Kong infants”

Dr LI Chun Bong James

“Inhibitory Effect of Panax Notoginseng (PNG) Extracts on the TNF- α -induced MMP-9 Activity in Cardiomyoblasts”

This was the first **Young Fellows Session** in the College ASM since the establishment of our Young Fellows Club in 2014. Three Young Fellows gave presentations on the studies they participated and their related experience and reflections on the process of their growth & development. Their studies were paediatric cardiology interventions, Chronic Kidney Disease in Children Prospective Cohort Study in United States, and community programs for kids with chronic conditions.

Four Young Fellows from different health care sectors (DH, HA, Private and University) gave a very friendly and interesting career sharing session and shared with the audience their personal career choices.

Annual Scientific Meeting 2015

The Subcommittee will be holding a one and a half day Annual Scientific Meeting on 5th - 6th December 2015. Besides three patient-based Symposia, a Young Fellows Session,

an Office Paediatrics session, a Free Paper Session and Poster presentations, there will be a lecture on medico-legal ethics given by an experienced legal professional.

Research and Grant Writing Skills Training Workshop

To enhance research training, the Subcommittee organized a Research & Grant Writing Skills Training Workshop in 2015 in three sessions from April to June. The Workshop combined lectures and critique of submitted proposals. Seven colleagues enrolled as active participants. Some interested colleagues joined as passive participants. Very positive feedbacks have been received.

Topics and Speakers:

1. Research Integrity and Writing Paper by Prof YL Lau
2. How to work out sample size for RCT and case-control studies? by Dr Daniel Ka Leung CHEUK
3. Literature search – how to make sure I have identified all relevant published work? by Dr Simon LAM
4. Translation and validation of a questionnaire for local use by Prof LO Sing Kai (Associate Vice President, HK Institute of Education (Graduate Studies), Dean of Graduate School/Co-Director of Assessment Research Centre)
5. Sample size calculation for prevalence / questionnaire validation studies by Prof LO Sing Kai

Workshop Coordinators include Prof Albert Li, Prof Godfrey CF Chan and Dr Catherine Lam.

Best Dissertation Prize and Best Young Investigator Prize

In an effort to encourage research by colleagues, beginning 2015, a Best Dissertation Prize will be awarded annually to the best dissertation submitted for Exit examinations each year.

A Best Young Investigator Prize will be awarded annually to the most outstanding paper written by colleagues aged 46 years or under and published between 1st July of previous year and 30th June of the awarding year.

9. 2014 Annual Report of CME subcommittee

This is the nineteenth year since College CME programme started in 1997 and the second year of the 2014 – 2016 CME cycle.

A total of 455 activities providing 1,119 Cat A CME points were organized by the various professional organisations including the College, Hong Kong Paediatric Society and

paediatric related subspecialties. In addition, we have accredited a total of 208 meetings from individual Fellows providing 542 Cat A CME points. The paediatric units of 14 public hospitals/institutes have continued to run regular CME meetings giving a total of 1,247 Cat B CME points this year. In addition, three private study groups and 12 private hospitals continued to have regular programmes, providing a total of 26 meetings with 42 Cat B CME points. This year, the College received 19 applications for Cat C (publications) with 71 points approved. There were 2,204 applications for Cat D (self-study) with 3,013 points approved. We have also accredited a total of 429 meetings (839 Cat E points) submitted by non-paediatric medical associations and individual Fellows for local and overseas conferences.

Based on the first two years iCME/CPD profile, 239 Fellows have already acquired adequate CME points to complete the 3 years cycle requirement. However, 28 Fellows including 4 overseas have less than 30 CME points. This is significantly below the 90 points required to complete the 2014 - 2016 CME cycle. If their CME points are less than 60 points by end of 2016, they will not be remediable and thus no longer be listed as paediatric fellow by the Medical Council.

Even though not mandatory, CME subcommittee shall continue to facilitate College Fellows in acquiring active CME points on Quality Assurance and Medical Audits, an area the Academy would encourage our Fellows to engage for better professional development. Subspecialties accreditation is an important milestone for the College. Along with it is the need for CME & CPD of each subspecialty. Current recommendation from the Council is this should be managed within each subspecialty, not by the CME subcommittee.

In 2014-2015, the CME subcommittee membership is as follows:

Chairman:	Dr. Tsoi Nai-shun (HK Paediatric Society)	
Vice-chairman:	Dr. Wong Hiu Lei, Lilian	
Hon. Sec.	Dr. Lam Shu-yan, David (Membership Committee)	
Members:	Dr. Lee Wai-hong (ex-officio Education Committee)	
	Dr. Wong Sik-nin (Education Committee)	
	Dr. Chiu Cheung-shing, Daniel	Dr. Ho Che-shun
	Dr. Kong Yim Fai	Dr. Lee Ngar-yee, Natalie
	Dr. Tse Wan-ting, Philomena	Dr. Yuen Hui-leung
	Dr. Yam Man-ching	

Summary of CME Activities Accredited (2014)

	Meeting organized	CME points approved
Local Cat A activities		
Organisers application	455	1,119
Individual applications	208	542
Total	663	1,661

Cat B Activities

Private Practice Paediatricians	26	42
HA hospitals regular activities	746	1,247
Private Hospitals	43	47
Total	815	1,336

Cat C	19	71
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Cat D

Individual applications	2,204	3,013
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Cat E

Organisers application	370	717
Individual applications	59	122
Total	429	839

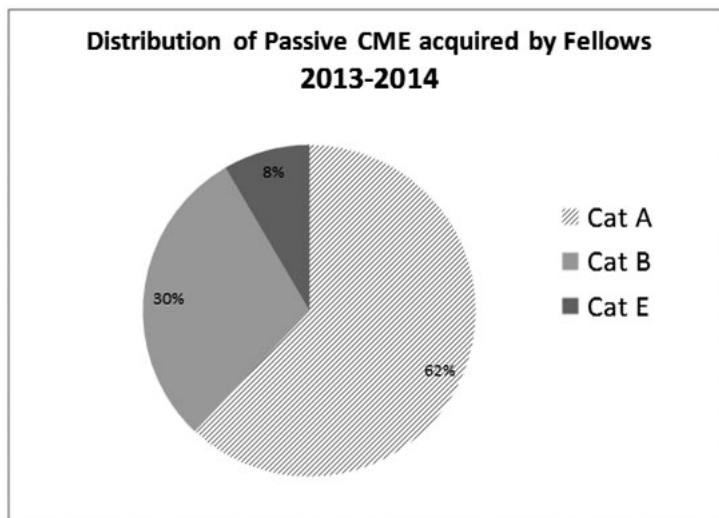
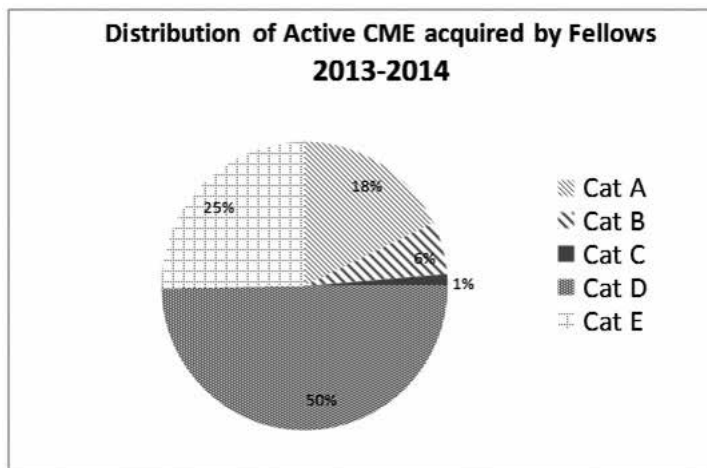
Overseas Activities

Cat A from Overseas Study Group	24	118
Cat B from Overseas Study Group	4	4
Cat E from Overseas Study Group	2	2
Individual Cat A/E applications	102	1,401

Note: total of 239 local CME applications rejected

		Date of Commencement of CME cycle	No. of Fellows
Local	Fellows	01-01-2014	522#
	Fellows	01-07-2014	8
	Fellows	01-01-2015	9
	Fellows	01-07-2015	8
Over seas	Parallel Recognitions	01-01-2014	9
	Non-parallel recognitions	01-01-2014	16
	Total Fellows = 570		
	Fellows completed in year 2014 = 239		

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10. Acknowledgement

We are most grateful for the continuing support to the work of the Education Committee from fellows and members of our College. The Young Fellows continue to blossom and acquire experience in College affairs and have established a formal Young Fellows Subcommittee within our Education Committee to push ahead the important agenda of empowering our young fellows to become our future leaders.

Prof. LAU Yu-lung
Vice President and Chairman of Education Committee

Standing Committees

Examination Committee's Report

Chairman:	Dr. CHAN Hin-biu
Honorary Secretary:	Dr. William WONG
Members:	Prof. CHEUNG Yiu-fai
	Dr. LEE Wai-hong
	Dr. LEUNG Chi-wai
	Prof. NG Pak-cheung
	Dr. SO Lok-yee
	Dr. TSE Wing-yee, Winnie

1. Examination Committee Meetings

Four Examination Committee Meetings were held in 2014-15. Host Examiners were appointed as follows: QMH – Dr Shau Yin HA, PWH – Dr William WONG, PMH – Dr Chi Wai LEUNG and QEH – Dr Wing Yee TSE for MRCPCH Clinical Examinations. Dr Lok Yee SO and Dr Bill CHAN were host examiners for DCH Clinical Examinations. Dr Bill HB CHAN was also the coordinator of the Exit Assessment. Within the year, there were a total of 11 examinations / assessments held, including three Foundation of Practice, Theory & Science Examinations (FOP/TAS), three Applied Knowledge in Practice (AKP) written Examinations, two MRCPCH Clinical Examinations, two Exit Assessments, and one DCH Clinical Examination. Since 2013, the Part I Examinations have been renamed as Foundation of Practice and Theory & Science Examination, and the Part II Examinations renamed as Applied Knowledge of Practice Examinations. The format and content of these written examinations were essentially unchanged.

2. Joint Intermediate / MRCPCH Examinations

Dr. Hin Biu Bill CHAN, Prof Yiu Fai CHEUNG, Dr. Wai Hong LEE, Dr Chi Wai LEUNG, Dr. Lok Yee SO and Dr William WONG represented the College to attend the respective RCPCH Examination Board meetings in UK. They participated in reviewing and editing examination questions, to ensure they were fair to the candidates and suitable for use especially in overseas centres. They also participated in question writing for the written papers and clinical stations of the Clinical Examination. Besides obtaining first-hand information on the latest development of different aspects of the examinations, our representatives played an important role in ensuring that our concerns were being raised and addressed. They helped in reviewing and selecting suitable communication scenarios for Hong Kong.

Since 2013, the RCPCH has launched a new Syllabus for MRCPCH written examinations. The Part I A, Part IB and Part II examinations have been restructured and renamed as Foundation of Practice Exam, Theory and Science of Practice Exam, and Applied Knowledge in Practice Exam respectively. The major change was the emphasis on basic science. There were more pre-clinical questions, statistics, and questions on pathophysiology and the basis of diseases. But the format remained a combination of 'extended-matching', 'best-of-five' and 'true-false' questions.

The MRCPCH clinical examination, which has taken the format of OSCE, has run smoothly and successfully in the past 11 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.

All written examinations have been moved to Computer-based Testing (CBT) from January 2015. Candidates can sit the three theory examinations in their order of preference and may choose to apply for Foundation of Practice, Theory and Science or Applied Knowledge in Practice as their first MRCPCH exam. Since candidates will be able to take the theory examinations in any order, the entry requirements for ALL theory papers will only be a primary medical degree. Candidates, however, must pass the three theory examinations before they can sit the MRCPCH Clinical Examination.

The RCPCH discontinued the three-attempt ruling for both MRCPCH Clinical and DCH Clinical examinations effective July 2012. Candidates have 7 years to complete the Clinical examination from the date they passed all the theory examinations, namely Foundation of Practice, Theory & Science and Applied Knowledge in Practice. There are no restrictions on the number of clinical attempts. If the candidate is not able to pass the Clinical within the 7 years, he/she has to re-sit Applied Knowledge in Practice examination in order to take the Clinical examination again.

Results of MRCPCH Examinations:

Foundation of Practice, Theory & Science Examination (7 October 2014)

	<i>Pass /attendance</i>	<i>Pass rate</i>
Foundation of Practice	12/28	43%
Theory and Science	22/27	82%

Foundation of Practice, Theory & Science Examination (10 February 2015)

Foundation of Practice	14/22	64%
Theory & Science	8/19	42%

Foundation of Practice, Theory & Science Examination (9 June 2015)

Foundation of Practice	2/10	20%
Theory and Science	11/13	85%

Foundation of Practice, Theory & Science Examination (6 October 2015)

Foundation of Practice	pending	pending
Theory and Science	pending	pending

Applied Knowledge in Practice Examination (17 Sept 2014)	9/10	90%
Applied Knowledge in Practice Examination (14 Jan 2015)	7/8	88%
Applied Knowledge in Practice Examination (12 May 2015)	16/20	80%
Applied Knowledge in Practice Examination (15 Sept 2015)	3/4	75%

Clinical Examination (28-29 October 2014)	6/14	43%
Clinical Examination (10 February 2015)	5/8	63%
Clinical Examination (27-28 October 2015)	pending	pending

The MRCPCH Clinical Examination in February 2015 was held on one day only at Prince of Wales Hospital due to the small number of candidates.

Examiners for the February 2015 MRCPCH Clinical Examination at Prince of Wales Hospital included: Dr Peter Todd (Senior Examiner), Dr Kevin Windebank, Dr Graham Stewart, Dr. William WONG (Host Examiner), Dr Hin Biu Bill CHAN, Dr Wai Ming LAI, Dr Shuk Han LEE, Dr Nai Shun TSOI and Dr Sik Nin WONG,

Examiners for the October 2015 MRCPCH Clinical Examination at Queen Mary Hospital and Queen Elizabeth Hospital included: Dr Charles Skeoch (Senior Examiner), Dr Brian Kelly, Dr David Scott, Dr Shau Yin HA (Host Examiner), Prof Chi Fung Godfrey CHAN, Prof Yiu Fai CHEUNG, Dr Daniel KK NG, Dr Kei Chiu Niko TSE, Dr Sik Nin WONG, Dr. Wing Yee TSE (Host Examiner), Dr Kam Lau CHEUNG, Dr Shuk Han LEE, Dr Chi Kong LI, Dr King Woon SO and Prof Tony NELSON.

3. Exit Assessment

Two Assessments were conducted, one in December 2014 and one in June 2015. Both were held at the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine Jockey Club Building.

The results of the two Assessments were as follows:

	<i>Pass/attendance</i>	<i>Pass rate</i>
Exit Assessment (18 December 2014)	8/9	89 %
Exit Assessment (18 June 2015)	10/10	100 %

Assessors for Exit Assessment in December 2014 included: Dr Kam Lau CHEUNG, Dr Kwok Chiu CHAN, Dr Wing Yee TSE, Prof Tony NELSON, Dr Kar Yin WONG, Prof Wing Kin WONG, Dr Sik Nin WONG, Prof Yiu Fai CHEUNG, Dr Chi Chiu SHEK, Dr Chi Wai LEUNG, Prof Chi Fung Godfrey CHAN and Dr Ngai Shan KWONG.

Assessors for Exit Assessment in June 2015 included: Dr Chi Kong LI, Dr Yin Wah Elaine KWAN, Dr Shu Yan LAM, Dr Hin Biu Bill CHAN, Dr Kei Chiu Niko TSE, Prof Ting Fan LEUNG, Prof Yiu Fai CHEUNG, Dr Shuk Han LEE, Dr Kwan Yee Wilson YEUNG, Dr Pik To CHEUNG, Dr Kai Tung CHAU, and Dr Wai Man Betty BUT.

The Committee accepted the Developmental Behavioural Paediatric Subspecialty Board's request to allow five of their Board members to join the June 2015 Exit Assessment as observers. The DBP Board trust the experience would be beneficial to their planning of the Subspecialty's first exit examination to be held at end of 2015.

Effective December 2013, a cutoff date for calculating the three year higher training requirement for consideration of Exit Assessment was imposed: 30th June for the June Exit and 31st December for the December Exit. Candidates need to have completed at least three years of higher training by the respective dates in order to be eligible to sit the Exit Assessment.

The rules for re-sitting the Exit Assessment were further confirmed:

- The candidate needs to re-sit all sections
- If the candidate failed in dissertation, the paper needs to be rewritten
- If the candidate did not fail in the dissertation section, he/she may choose to submit the same dissertations with or without modification.

4. Diploma of Child Health

The DCH clinical examination has taken the OSCE format similar to that of the MRCPCH clinical examination. The Pamela Youde Nethersole Eastern Hospital has successfully served as the host centre for the DCH clinical examination in October 2015.

The RCPCH has launched a new format of DCH Clinical Examination in April 2011. The major changes were the introduction of two new stations, Data Interpretation Station and Safe Prescribing Station. The new DCH Syllabus, which has been implemented since November 2009, will serve as the basis for assessments. The Hong Kong Centre has run the DCH Clinical Exam in the new format for the fifth year in October 2015 and with great success.

Results of DCH Examinations

	<i>Pass/attendance</i>	<i>Pass rate</i>
Clinical Examination (30 October 2014)	9/9	100%
Foundation of Practice (7 October 2014)	0/0	/
Foundation of Practice (10 February 2015)	0/0	/
Foundation of Practice (9 June 2015)	0/0	/
Foundation of Practice (6 October 2015)	Pending	Pending
Clinical Examination (29 October 2015)	Pending	Pending

Examiners for the October 2015 DCH Clinical Examination at PYNEH included: Dr Charles Skeoch (Senior Examiner), Dr Brian Kelly, Dr David Scott, Dr Lok Yee SO (Host), Dr Yin Wah Elaine KWAN, Dr Wai Ming LAI, Dr Ngan Ho Theresa LEUNG, Dr Kelvin LIU, Dr Man Ching YAM and Dr Hui Leung YUEN.

5. Chairman's message

Thanks to all the host centres, the MRCPCH and DCH examinations ran very smoothly in Hong Kong.

Online application was implemented in 2014 for all theory examinations in Hong Kong. Admission documents and result letters for theory examinations were distributed to candidates via email to replace paper copies.

All theory examinations were moved to Computer-based Testing (CBT) from January 2015 onwards. The CBT test centre in Hong Kong was changed from the British Council to Cliftons. Medical invigilator was not required in CBT.

Improved passing rates have resulted in fewer candidates re-sitting the theory exams since the introduction of CBT. From 2016 onwards, the Hong Kong centre will offer each of the MRCPCH theory examinations, namely Foundation of Practice and Theory & Science Examination (FOP/TAS) and Applied Knowledge in Practice Examination (AKP), two times per year.

The June FOP/TAS examination and the January AKP examination will not be held in Hong Kong.

From 2016, the February MRCPCH Clinical Examination in Hong Kong will be scheduled immediately before or after the Malaysian examination so as to cut down on travelling time and expenses of the UK examining team.

There might be potential changes in the format of MRCPCH Clinical Examinations to be implemented by 2017, including an extended Development Station involving history taking, developmental assessment and management skills, and a change into domain-based marking scheme.

A half-day Examiners-Elect Training session was organized by the Committee on 26th October 2015. Dr Charles Skeoch, Dr Brian Kelly and Dr David Scott were the trainers. The session was attended by the new examiners and several local examiners who had missed the revalidation session in February 2014.

As part of our succession planning, the following colleagues will join the examiners pool in 2016: Prof Ting Fan LEUNG (CUHK), Drs Chi Chiu SHEK (PMH) and Man Ching YAM (PWH).

The RCPCH has temporarily stopped accepting further examiner applications from Hong Kong until some of the current examiners retire, so that each examiner will be given the opportunity to fulfill the examining requirements of at least once every two years. Since the retirement age for HA colleagues can now be delayed, there is no urgent need for new examiners at this stage.

Council endorsed the Examination Committee's recommendations to allow colleagues to continue to act as an MRCPCH Clinical Examiner or Exit Assessor for three more years after retirement from active clinical practice.

From 2015, dissertations submitted for the College Exit Assessments will be considered for the Best Dissertation Prize to be awarded by College every year.

Four colleagues joined the exit assessors' pool in 2015. They were Prof Ting Fan LEUNG (CUHK) and Drs Wai Man Betty BUT (QEH), Shu Yan LAM (TMH) and Kwan Yee Wilson YEUNG (PYNEH). The Committee will recruit a few more colleagues in 2016 as part of our succession planning.

Dr Bill Chan represented College and served as the examiner of the Paediatrics Examination for the Department of Health of Macau on 12-13 January 2015.

Dr. CHAN Hin-biu, Bill
Chairman, Examination Committee

Standing Committees

House Committee's Report

Chairman	Prof. LEUNG Nai-kong
Honorary Secretary	Dr. HUEN Kwai-fun
Members	Dr. CHAN Chi-sik
	Dr. HO Hok-kung, Marco
	Dr. KO Po-wan
	Dr. LEUNG Cheuk-wa, Wilfred
	Prof. LI, Albert Martin
	Dr. TSE Wing-yee, Winnie
	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 promote the use of information technology in the College and to maintain the College website
4. To procure benefits for the members of Hong Kong College of Paediatricians not covered by other committees

College Chamber and Secretariat

The College Secretariat is now served by a team of six 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.

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, Professor Li Albert Martin, Dr. Tse Wing Yee, Winnie and Dr. Woo Lap Fai, Chris.

Information Technology

The Information Technology System and computer equipments are operating effectively. The College website has been updated, thanks to the advice and contribution of

Dr. Ko Po Wan. The College website contains good source of information on the College including the most up-to-date CME activities. The College is in the process of setting up an electronic database filing system. The College Constitutions have been uploaded to the College website and are now accessible by all registered members of the College. The College Photo Gallery under Member's section contains memorable photos of the College events and functions.

Benefits for Members

All members continue to enjoy special discounts on the purchase of books and petrol. Fellows can use the facilities at the Academy building.

Prof. LEUNG Nai-kong
Chairman, House Committee

Standing Committees

Membership Committee's Report

Chairman	Dr. LI Chi-kong
Hon Secretary	Dr. LEE Kwok-piu
Members	Dr. CHAN Chi-sik
	Dr. CHAN Kwok-chiu
	Dr. CHIU Wa-keung
	Dr. KWAN Kwok-fan
	Dr. LAM Shu-yan, David
	Dr. SO Lok-ye
	Dr. TANG Po-ming
	Dr. WONG Kar-yin

In last one year, our Committee had reviewed and revised the membership application checklists which were uploaded to the College's website. The Committee proposed the Council to amend the charge of annual subscription fees upon entry at different membership categories. The Committee also proposed the Council to hold an EGM in the first half of each year to admit Fellows who pass the exit assessment in December of prior year. The above proposals were endorsed by the College Council. The Committee had proposed amendment of guidelines for reinstatement of Membership which was approved by the Council.

In the year 2014/2015, nineteen Associates were admitted to the College with one Associate resigned. Eighteen Members were elevated from existing Associates. Eighteen Members passed the Exit Assessment and were admitted as Fellows. Two Fellows (one Overseas Fellow and one Local Fellow) were removed from the College Register due to failure of annual subscription for two years.

Presently, our Memberships are as follows (as at 11 Sept 2015):

Fellows:	582
Overseas Fellows:	24
Members:	65
Overseas Members:	2
Associates:	89
Total Membership:	762

Dr. LI Chi-kong
Chairman, Membership Committee

Standing Committees

Professional and General Affairs Committee's Report

Chairman	Dr. HUEN Kwai-fun
Hon. Secretary	Dr CHAN Fung-ying, Dorothy
Members	Prof. CHAN Chi-fung, Godfrey
	Dr. CHENG Chun-fai
	Prof. HON Kam-lun, Ellis
	Dr. KO Po-wan
	Prof. LAU Kwong-hung, Keith
	Dr. LEUNG Cheuk-wa, Wilfred
	Dr. LEUNG Tze-ching, Vincent
	Dr. LI Chi-him
	Dr. SO Lok-yee
	Dr. TSE Hung-hing
	Dr. TSE Wing-yee, Winnie
	Dr. YOUNG Wan-yin, Betty
Secretariat office	Ms Toni CHAN

Terms of Reference:

1. To address professional issues relating to Paediatrics
2. To foster fraternity among paediatricians
3. To promote the public image of the College

Update Information on Clinical Practice from Local Paediatric Subspecialty Societies

Our College has collaborated with all local paediatric subspecialty societies to give colleagues updated information in our local clinical practice. Our aim is to keep members alerted to the change in clinical management. These update information will be periodically emailed to all our College members with contact email addresses and archived in our College website named "Update information on clinical practice" under "Publication" which is placed between "Clinical Guidelines" and "HK Journal of Paediatrics" (for members only).

Update on Infective Endocarditis Prophylaxis Guideline (AHA 2007) by Dr. NC Fong on behalf of the Hong Kong Society of Paediatric Cardiology was released in Nov 2014. Information update on "lead contamination in drinking water and environment" by Dr Ada WY Yung, Dr Simon Lam, and Dr SN Wong has been released in July 2015. Practice

recommendations for management of community acquired pneumonia in children has been updated in July 2015 by Dr. David Christopher Lung for the CAP practice recommendation development group.

Thanks to all the contributions from our local colleagues and subspecialty societies.

Clinical Practice Guidelines

Professor Ellis Hon is the convenor of the Working Group on the Development of Clinical Practice Guidelines. The recommended practice guideline on management of pharyngitis in children has been published in July 2015.

Mutual sharing of guidelines developed by COC Paed and College

The “Clinical Guidelines” section of College Website has been updated to include both HA and College guidelines with disclaimers of HA guidelines at the bottom. The section is in a restricted area where College members are required to use individual login credentials to view.

http://www.paediatrician.org.hk/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=51&Itemid=28

In case you do not have the login info handy, the page in the following link is captured for your information. The links inside the page are clickable in this capture but the source files still need a login to view.

<https://www.evernote.com/shard/s2/sh/432af3ea-8d02-459d-84f2-c8b1218bf508/6361e9f1dddc4655ef68c836ad9136b9>

Child Health, Public and Professional Issues

Our College had responded to the following consultations:

1. Child Fatality Review
2. Voluntary Health Insurance Scheme
3. Regulatory Framework on Nutrition and Health Claims on Infant Formula, Follow-up Formula, and Prepackaged Foods for Infants and Young Children Under the Age of 36 Months in Hong Kong
4. Lead contamination in drinking water and environment
5. Welcome lunch hosted by Secretary for Food and Health for WHO commissioners on ending childhood obesity
6. Product Registration Committee Meeting

Dr. Joannie Hui had represented the College in the Pharmacy and Poisons Committee (Registration of Pharmaceutical Products & Substances : Certification of Clinical Trial/ Medicinal Test) under Department of Health for the expert opinion on the vetting of a new drug for lysosomal storage disorder.

Dr. Ada Yung and Dr. Simon Lam had represented the College in the Advisory Group on Lead contamination in drinking water and environment. Information update on “lead contamination in drinking water and environment” and Care plan for residents of public estates with elevated lead level in drinking water had been released.

Dr. KF Huen had represented the College to attend the welcome lunch hosted by Secretary for Food and Health for WHO commissioners on ending childhood obesity.

Annual Social Function

The 2015 social function was held on 08/11/2015. It was a half- day tour to Peng Chau – probably the most green place in Hong Kong, with family and cultural walk followed by a seafood dinner at a local restaurant. We were spoiled with fresh air, physical exercise, wonderful sceneries, yummy food and a happy together.

Dr. HUEN Kwai-fun
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. FOK Tai-fai
	Prof. YEUNG Chap-yung
	Prof. YUEN Man-pun, Patrick

As there were no issues to be discussed, no meetings were held for year 2014-2015.

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



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF HONG KONG COLLEGE OF PAEDIATRICIANS (incorporated in Hong Kong with limited by guarantee)

We have audited the financial statements of Hong Kong College of Paediatricians set out on pages 5 to 14, which comprise the statement of financial position as at 31st March, 2015, and the statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flow for the year then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes.

Committee members' responsibilities for the financial statements

The committee members are responsible for the preparation and the true and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards for Private Entities issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance. This responsibility includes designing, implementing and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and the true and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies; and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

Auditor's responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Hong Kong Standards on Auditing issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Those standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance as to whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and true and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstance, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the directors, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (Continued) TO THE MEMBERS OF HONG KONG COLLEGE OF PAEDIATRICIANS (incorporated in Hong Kong with limited by guarantee)

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of the College's affairs as at 31st March, 2015 and of its profit and cash flow for the year then ended in accordance with Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards for Private Entities and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance.

Certified Public Accountants (Practising)

HONG KONG, 11th September, 2015.

HONG KONG COLLEGE OF PAEDIATRICIANS**STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 2015**

	Note	2015 HK\$	2014 HK\$
INCOME			
Subscriptions and Admission Fees Received		1,180,980	1,212,060
Bank Interest Received		32,241	41,973
Administrative Charges Received		45,500	10,100
Rental of College's Gown		200	-
Sale Proceeds for College's Tie		200	1,200
Secretarial Support Fee Received		24,000	-
Vetting fee for CSR application Received		22,500	-
		1,305,621	1,265,333
OTHER REVENUE			
Income of Update Series in Child Health		176,734	50,000
Surplus on The H. M. Lui Memorial Fund Account	9	733,757	-
Annual General Meeting		16,800	11,400
Certificate and Logbook Charges		2,800	4,800
DCH Examination		76,500	46,000
Exit Assessment Examination		108,000	110,000
PALS Course		188,448	72,200
Postgraduate Paediatric Courses		125,300	56,000
MRCPCH Part I Written Examination		403,000	383,500
MRCPCH Part II Written Examination		268,810	244,400
MRCPCH Part II Oral and Clinical Examination		347,600	521,200
NRP Course		288,000	540,000
Subspecialty of DBP and PIID		8,600	543,000
		2,744,349	2,582,500
Total Income		4,049,970	3,847,833
EXPENDITURE			
Advertising		-	1,600
Auditor's remuneration		12,000	-
Bank Service Charges		600	600
College's Office Equipment		10,948	15,581
Deficit on The H. M. Lui Memorial Fund Account	9	-	159,045
Exchange Loss		292,487	214,084
Insurance		71,577	68,782
Interest on Bank Overdraft		-	4
Mandatory Provident Fund Scheme		65,220	58,493
Postages, Printing and Stationery		41,338	44,578
Rates and Government Rent		15,336	11,280
Repairs and Maintenance		124,680	132,605
Salaries and Allowances		1,304,400	1,170,350
Scientific and Education Conference Expenses		77,451	20,640
Share of Loss of an Associate		6,850	29,877
Subscription Fee		3,805	3,805
Sundry Expenses		25,750	17,795
Telephone, Internet and Faxline Charges		8,986	9,911
Sub-total Expenditure carried forward		2,061,428	1,959,030

HONG KONG COLLEGE OF PAEDIATRICIANS**STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME**
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 2015

	Note	<u>2015</u> HK\$	<u>2014</u> HK\$
EXPENDITURE			
Sub-total Expenditure brought forward		2,061,428	1,959,030
Other Expenses :-			
Annual General Meeting		72,586	84,644
Certificate and Logbook Charges		2,300	1,120
DCH Examination		52,653	62,125
Exit Assessment Examination		11,497	13,264
PALS Course		87,594	63,685
Postgraduate Paediatric Courses and Update Series Expenditure		98,719	101,939
MRCPCH Part I Written Examination		239,771	174,764
MRCPCH Part II Written Examination		218,953	204,471
MRCPCH Part II Oral and Clinical Examination		373,810	593,340
NRP Course		117,043	258,000
Subspecialty of DBP and PIID		3,463	137,730
		<u>1,278,389</u>	<u>1,695,082</u>
Total Expenditure		<u>3,339,817</u>	<u>3,654,112</u>
SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR		<u>710,153</u>	<u>193,721</u>

The notes on pages 63 to 67 form an integral part of these financial statements.

HONG KONG COLLEGE OF PAEDIATRICIANS**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31ST MARCH, 2015**

	Note	<u>2015</u> HK\$	<u>2014</u> HK\$
ASSETS AND LIABILITIES			
Non-current Assets			
Available-for-sale Financial Assets	6	3,090,533	3,337,411
Interest in an Associate	7	41,502	(1,648)
		<u>3,132,035</u>	<u>3,335,763</u>
Current Assets			
Bank Fixed Deposits		1,904,525	2,163,621
Cash at Bank		10,674,591	9,553,609
Cash in Hand		1,237	5,080
		<u>12,580,353</u>	<u>11,722,310</u>
Current Liabilities			
Fees Received in Advances		168,000	-
Accrued Charges		23,040	-
		<u>191,040</u>	<u>-</u>
Net Current Assets		<u>12,389,313</u>	<u>11,722,310</u>
Net Assets		<u>15,521,348</u>	<u>15,058,073</u>
FUNDS EMPLOYED			
Accumulated Surplus	8	<u>15,521,348</u>	<u>15,058,073</u>
		<u>15,521,348</u>	<u>15,058,073</u>

The financial statements on pages 5 to 14 were approved
by the Board of Directors on 11th September, 2015.



Dr. Wong Sik Nin
President



Dr. Tse Wing Yee
Honorary Secretary



Dr. Chan Chi Sik
Honorary Treasurer

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HONG KONG COLLEGE OF PAEDIATRICIANS**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 2015**

	Income and Expenditure Account HK\$	Revaluation Surplus HK\$	Accumulated Surplus HK\$
Balance at 31st March, 2013	14,049,132	802,877	14,852,009
Revaluation on Available-for-sale Financial Assets	-	12,343	12,343
Surplus for the year	<u>193,721</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>193,721</u>
Balance at 31st March, 2014	14,242,853	815,220	15,058,073
Revaluation on Available-for-sale Financial Assets	-	(246,878)	(246,878)
Surplus for the year	<u>710,153</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>710,153</u>
Balance at 31st March, 2015	<u><u>14,953,006</u></u>	<u><u>568,342</u></u>	<u><u>15,521,348</u></u>

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOW FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 2015

	2015 HK\$	2014 HK\$
Operating activities		
Surplus for the year	710,153	193,721
Adjustments for :		
Bank interest received	(32,241)	(41,973)
Exchange loss	292,487	214,084
Operating surplus before working capital changes	970,399	365,832
Decrease in accounts receivable and prepayments	-	6,400
Increase/(Decrease) in fees received in advances	168,000	(104,000)
Increase/(Decrease) in accrued charges	23,040	(155,584)
	191,040	(253,184)
Net cash generated from operating activities	1,161,439	112,648
Returns on investments and servicing of finance		
Bank interest received	32,241	41,973
Exchange loss	(292,487)	(214,084)
	(260,246)	(172,111)
	901,193	(59,463)
Investing activities		
Amount due from/(to) an Associate	(43,150)	29,877
	(43,150)	29,877
Increase/(Decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	858,043	(29,586)
Cash and cash equivalents at 1st April, 2014	11,722,310	11,751,896
	12,580,353	11,722,310
 Analysis of the balances of cash and cash equivalents		
Bank Fixed Deposits	1,904,525	2,163,621
Cash at Bank	10,674,591	9,553,609
Cash in Hand	1,237	5,080
	12,580,353	11,722,310

HONG KONG COLLEGE OF PAEDIATRICIANS**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 2015****1. GENERAL INFORMATION**

Hong Kong College of Paediatricians is a limited liability company domiciled and incorporated in Hong Kong. The address of its registered office and principal place of business is Room 801, Hong Kong Academy of Medicine Jockey Club Building, 99, Wong Chuk Hang Road, Aberdeen, Hong Kong. The principal activity of the college is paediatric education.

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of the financial statements are set out below.

a) Basis of preparation

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards for Private Entities ("HKFRS for Private Entities") issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the requirements of the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance. They have been prepared under the historical cost convention, except of investment properties and available-for-sale financial assets, which have been measured at fair value as further explained in notes 2(b) and 2(c) to the financial statements.

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with HKFRS for Private Entities requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires management to exercise its judgement in the process of applying the company's accounting policies. The areas involving a higher degree of judgement or complexity, or areas where assumptions and estimates are significant to the financial statements.

b) Investments

Investments are recognised and derecognised on the trade date when the company commits itself to purchase or sell an asset and are initially measured at fair value plus, in the case of investments other than trading securities, transaction costs. At each balance sheet date, the company assesses whether there is any objective evidence that an investment or group of investments is impaired. Investments are further categorised into the following classifications for the measurement after initial recognition.

c) Available-for-sale financial assets

Investments other than those held for trading and held to maturity are classified as available-for-sale financial assets and are stated in the balance sheet at fair value. Gain or loss on the fair value changes of available-for-sale financial assets is recognised directly in equity in the fair value reserves, except for impairment losses and, in the case of monetary items such as debt securities, foreign exchange gains and losses which are recognised directly in the income and expenditure account.

When the available-for-sale financial assets are derecognised, the cumulative gain or loss previously recognised directly in equity is recognised in the income and expenditure account. Where the available-for-sale financial assets are interest-bearing, interest calculated using the effective interest method is recognised in the income and expenditure account.

HONG KONG COLLEGE OF PAEDIATRICIANS**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 2015****2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)****c) Available-for-sale financial assets (Continued)**

When a decline in the fair value of an available-for-sale financial asset has been recognised directly in equity and there is objective evidence that the assets is impaired, the cumulative loss that had been recognised directly in equity is removed from equity and recognised in the income and expenditure account even though the financial asset has not been derecognised.

The amount of the cumulative loss that is removed from equity and recognised in the income and expenditure account is the difference between the acquisition cost (net of any principal repayment and amortisation) and current fair value, less any impairment loss on that financial asset previously recognised in the income and expenditure account.

d) Associates

An associate is an entity in which the company has significant influence, but not control or joint control, over its management, including participation in the financial and operating policy decisions.

An investment in an associate is accounted for in the financial statements under the equity method. Under the equity method, the investment is initially recorded at cost and adjusted thereafter for the post acquisition change in the company's share of the investee's net assets and any impairment loss relating to the investment.

When the company's share of losses exceeds its interest in the associate, the company's interest is reduced to nil and recognition of further losses is discontinued except to the extent that the company has incurred legal or constructive obligations or made payments on behalf of the investee.

e) Foreign exchange

Foreign currency transactions are converted at the exchange rate applicable at the transaction date. Foreign currency monetary items are translated into Hong Kong Dollars using exchange rates applicable at the balance sheet date. Gains and losses on foreign exchange are recognised in the income and expenditure account.

f) Revenue recognition

Income is recognised in the income and expenditure account as follows :

i) Subscriptions income

Subscriptions income is recognised on the actual basis.

ii) Donation income

Donation income is recognised on the actual basis.

iii) Interest income

Interest income from bank deposits is accrued on a time-apportioned basis by reference to the principal outstanding and the rate applicable.

HONG KONG COLLEGE OF PAEDIATRICIANS**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 2015****2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)****g) Retirement Benefits Scheme**

The Company operates a defined contribution Mandatory Provident Fund Scheme (the "MPF Scheme") under the Mandatory Provident Fund Scheme Ordinance, for all of its employees. The MPF Scheme has operated since 1st December, 2000. Contributions are made based on a percentage of the employees' basic salaries and are charged to the profit and loss account as they become payable in accordance with the rules of the MPF Scheme. The assets of the MPF Scheme are held separately from those of the Company in an independently administered fund. The Company's employer contributions vest fully with the employees when contributed into the MPF Scheme.

3. 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.

4. TAXATION

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

5. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Exposure to credit, liquidity and interest rate risks arises in the normal course of the College's business. These risks are limited by the College's financial management policies and practices described below :

a) Credit Risk

The College's credit risk is primarily attributable to fees receivable from individual members. Normally the College does not obtain collateral from customers but monitors the exposures to these credit risks on an ongoing basis.

The College does not provide any guarantees which would expose the College to credit risk.

b) Liquidity Risk

The College's policy is to regularly monitor current and expected liquidity requirements to ensure that it maintains sufficient reserve of cash and adequate funding to meet its liquidity requirements in the short and longer term.

c) Interest Rate Risk

At the balance sheet date, the College did not have any other interest-bearing financial assets and interest-bearing financial liabilities.

d) Fair Values

All financial instruments are carried at amounts not materially different from their fair values as at the balance sheet date because of their short term maturity.

HONG KONG COLLEGE OF PAEDIATRICIANS

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 2015

6. AVAILABLE-FOR-SALE FINANCIAL ASSETS

	<u>2015</u> HK\$	<u>2014</u> HK\$
Investment in Listed Shares		
- HSBC Holdings	2,508,173	2,818,531
- Vinda International	<u>582,360</u>	<u>518,880</u>
	<u>3,090,533</u>	<u>3,337,411</u>

All the investments are stated at market value at 31st March, 2015.

7. INTEREST IN AN ASSOCIATE

	<u>2015</u> HK\$	<u>2014</u> HK\$
Details of the College's interest in an associate are as follows :		
Unlisted shares, at cost	1	1
Share of loss of an associate	<u>(108,498)</u>	<u>(101,648)</u>
	(108,497)	(101,647)
Amount due from an associate	<u>149,999</u>	<u>99,999</u>
	<u>41,502</u>	<u>(1,648)</u>
Summarised financial information in respect of the College's associate is set out below :		
Total assets	82,556	62,206
Total liabilities	<u>(299,550)</u>	<u>(265,500)</u>
Net liabilities	<u>(216,994)</u>	<u>(203,294)</u>
College's share of net assets of an associate	<u>(108,497)</u>	<u>(101,647)</u>

Particulars of the associate are as follows :

Name of associate	:	Hong Kong Journal of Paediatrics Limited
Place of incorporation	:	Hong Kong
Issued share capital	:	2
% of equity shares held	:	50%
Principal activities	:	Publishing of medical journal

The College has indicated to its associate Hong Kong Journal of Paediatrics Limited that they will provide the company with such financial assistance as is necessary to maintain the company as a going concern and in particular that they will provide such financial assistance as is required to enable the company to pay its other debts as and when they fall due.

HONG KONG COLLEGE OF PAEDIATRICIANS

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 2015

8. ACCUMULATED SURPLUS

	<u>2015</u> HK\$	<u>2014</u> HK\$
Accumulated Surplus :		
Hong Kong College of Paediatricians	10,797,412	10,821,016
HKCPaeds - The H. M. Lui Memorial Fund	<u>4,723,936</u>	<u>4,237,057</u>
	<u>15,521,348</u>	<u>15,058,073</u>

9. SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) ON THE H. M. LUI MEMORIAL FUND ACCOUNT

	<u>2015</u> HK\$	<u>2014</u> HK\$
Income		
Bank Interest Received	495	556
Dividends Income	6,938	7,418
Donation Received	<u>1,000,000</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Income	<u>1,007,433</u>	<u>7,974</u>
Expenditure		
Bank Service Charges	993	1,239
Courier Charges	322	332
Exchange Loss	744	828
H. M. Lui Fellowship Awards	<u>271,617</u>	<u>164,619</u>
Total Expenditure	<u>273,676</u>	<u>167,018</u>
Surplus / (Deficit) for the year	733,757	(159,044)
Accumulated Surplus Brought Forward	<u>4,237,057</u>	<u>4,383,758</u>
	4,970,814	4,224,714
Revaluation on Available-for-sale Financial Assets	<u>(246,878)</u>	<u>12,343</u>
Accumulated Surplus Carried Forward	<u>4,723,936</u>	<u>4,237,057</u>

10. 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.

11. COMPARATIVE FIGURES

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

NEW FELLOWS

**The following doctors were elected as
Fellows of the Hong Kong College of Paediatricians
in 2014/2015**

<i>DR AU CHEUK CHUNG</i>	區卓仲醫生
<i>DR CHAN SUK YEE</i>	陳淑儀醫生
<i>DR CHAN YU HIN</i>	陳宇軒醫生
<i>DR CHENG SZE WING</i>	鄭斯穎醫生
<i>DR CHEUNG TAMMY WING YEE</i>	張穎頤醫生
<i>DR CHIU KA HO</i>	趙嘉豪醫生
<i>DR HUI CHUK MAN</i>	許卓文醫生
<i>DR LAM KEE SEE GRACE</i>	林己思醫生
<i>DR LAM KING FAI</i>	林競輝醫生
<i>DR MAN SZE SHUN</i>	文思淳醫生
<i>DR NGAN MARY YU YAN</i>	顏宇欣醫生
<i>DR SHAM CHAK ON PHILIP</i>	沈澤安醫生
<i>DR SIU KA KA</i>	邵嘉嘉醫生
<i>DR TSANG YUK PING</i>	曾玉萍醫生
<i>DR TSO WAN YEE WINNIE</i>	曹蘊怡醫生
<i>DR WAN CHING YU</i>	溫靖宇醫生
<i>DR YU PUI TAK</i>	余佩德醫生
<i>DR YUEN CHI LAP</i>	袁志立醫生

NEW MEMBERS

**The following doctors were elected as
Members of the Hong Kong College of Paediatricians
in 2014/2015**

<i>DR CHAN WING KI</i>	陳永祺醫生
<i>DR CHAN WING SHAN</i>	陳穎珊醫生
<i>DR CHAN YAU KI WILSON</i>	陳祐祈醫生
<i>DR CHEONG KAI NING</i>	鍾凱甯醫生
<i>DR CHEUNG WING LUM</i>	張穎琳醫生
<i>DR CHOW CHIT KWONG</i>	周哲光醫生
<i>DR HO TSZ WAI</i>	何梓瑋醫生
<i>DR HO YUNG YUNG</i>	何蓉蓉醫生
<i>DR HOU CHEUK TING ANDY</i>	侯卓廷醫生
<i>DR LAM, JENKS ALBINUS</i>	林真善醫生
<i>DR LEE HAU MAN</i>	李孝文醫生
<i>DR LEUNG KAREN KA YAN</i>	梁嘉恩醫生
<i>DR LEUNG KIT YAN</i>	梁潔欣醫生
<i>DR LIU PAK YIN ANTHONY</i>	廖栢賢醫生
<i>DR SIT KEI KEI JACQUELINE</i>	薛琪琪醫生
<i>DR TO PUI ON SIMON</i>	杜沛安醫生
<i>DR TSANG WING YAN</i>	曾穎茵醫生
<i>DR TSUI TAK KONG</i>	崔德剛醫生

NEW ASSOCIATES

**The following doctors were elected as
Associates of the Hong Kong College of Paediatricians
in 2014/2015**

<i>DR AU KA NAM</i>	歐家南醫生
<i>DR HUI FELIX YAN WAI</i>	許恩瑋醫生
<i>DR KU LUK FO</i>	顧律科醫生
<i>DR KUOK CHON IN</i>	郭駿賢醫生
<i>DR LAM LOK YEE</i>	林樂宜醫生
<i>DR LEUNG MEI TIK</i>	梁美迪醫生
<i>DR LEUNG PO YIU</i>	梁寶瑤醫生
<i>DR LIU KA YEE</i>	劉嘉儀醫生
<i>DR NG KA WAI SELINA</i>	吳家慧醫生
<i>DR NGAI NOELLE ANNE</i>	魏滢醫生
<i>DR SHI, ZHUO</i>	史卓醫生
<i>DR TONG PUI YUNG GRACE</i>	唐沛容醫生
<i>DR TSANG YAT MING</i>	曾一鳴醫生
<i>DR TSE HANG YU</i>	謝幸好醫生
<i>DR WAN HIN FAN STEPHEN</i>	尹顯勛醫生
<i>DR WONG GUAN YUET</i>	黃君悅醫生
<i>DR WONG TSZ WAI CATHERINE</i>	黃梓慧醫生
<i>DR YEUNG TSZ WING</i>	楊芷穎醫生
<i>DR YU WAI LING</i>	余慧鈴醫生



Our Local Examiners and the RCPCH Examiners,
Dr Deepak Kalra, Dr Andrew Boon and Dr Sheena Kinmond
at the Examiners' Briefing on 27 October 2014



Our Committee for Subspecialty Boards Members and the External Assessor
in Paediatric Respiratory Medicine, Professor Andrew Bush
at the Committee for Subspecialty Boards Meeting on 13 August 2015

