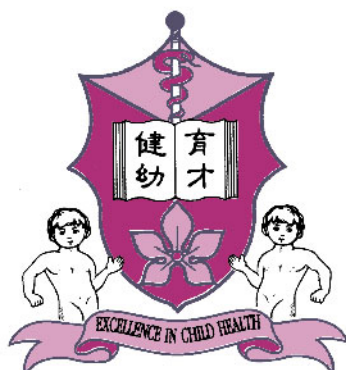


# Hong Kong College of Paediatricians

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ANNUAL REPORT 2018/2019



Honorable Guests, Vice-President of the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine,  
Presidents of Sister Colleges, and the College Council  
At the 27<sup>th</sup> Admission Ceremony on 1 December 2018



The College Council and the Newly Admitted Fellows  
at the 27<sup>th</sup> Fellowship Admission Ceremony on 1 December 2018

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## **OATH OF THE COLLEGE**

I, on being admitted as a Fellow of the Hong Kong College of Paediatricians, incorporated on the 8th May 1991, promise.

FIRST, that I shall preserve and maintain the privilege, liberties, jurisdiction and authority of the College.

SECOND, that I shall promote the welfare, prosperity and function of the College.

THIRD, that I shall promote and preserve unity, concord, amity and good order among the Fellows, Members and Associates of the College.

FOURTH, that so long I am a Fellow of this College I shall obey the laws and regulations of the College.

FIFTH, that I shall never divulge or publish anything that is acted or spoken, or proposed to be transacted, in any Meeting of the College or Council or their Committees without leave asked and obtained.

All the aforesaid articles I hereby promise to observe, as I desire to be held and respected an honest person.



\*\*\*\*\* The Council 2018/2019 \*\*\*\*\*

**President**

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薛海華律師

**Auditor**

*Walter MA & Co.*

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## Message from the President

I am most honoured and privileged to be your College President and it is with my greatest humility to write this Message to you.

The past year has flown with many challenges and opportunities. I have learnt a great deal from you all and would like to summarise my experiences with these four C's.

### **Connectedness**

There was the concern about the College being “distant” and “members finding it difficult to get involved in College matters”. This was a priority area for me to address.

I thank very sincerely the College Council for generously sharing their wisdom and providing guidance in all matters that I truly feel it's a team working closely together. The vibrant and responsible discussions at Council Meetings are well reflected by the exceeding length of each meeting.

Council Members also contribute to visiting the training centres in both the Hospital Authority and the Department of Health, responding to the issues raised by clinical heads, trainers and trainees, providing explanations and backgrounds on many College matters and reflecting their concerns to the Council.

There was also a call for self-nomination to join College committees/ subcommittees/ working groups. We received an overwhelming response from more than 50 Fellows and Members who showed intense interest in one or more committees/ subcommittees. They are now actively participating in the various functional units of the College.

Prof TF Leung and the PGA Committee brought to the 80 participants, the highest number in our annual social functions, a splendid and memorable autumn trip to Zhuhai.

We have recently been alerted by the Medical Protection Society of a proposed raise in the subscription fee for high-risk Paediatrics membership. We believe this will have a significant impact on paediatric practice especially in the private sector. The Council has appointed representatives from both the public and private sectors, joined by the representatives from the HK Paediatric Society and HK Medical Association, to meet with the MPS delegates in mid October. We have presented our concerns and are asking for an open forum with the MPS representatives in the coming months to negotiate towards a fair and sustainable medical protection policy. The Council will take all cautious steps to

maintain unity and uphold the standards of training and patient service so that our specialty will not only continue to thrive but also be able to recruit and train fine paediatricians.

### **Changes**

Inevitable are changes. Supported strongly by our Standing Committees, the Council has been able to manage the changes well.

To date, six subspecialties have been accredited and operational problems appear to be on the rise e.g. due to staff turnover, adjustments of the status of training centres may be necessary, staff rotas and maintaining subspecialty services in non-training centres become difficult. Doubts and complaints about the College directions regarding subspecialty development have emerged. A series of forums and meetings have been conducted to seek wide representations of opinions and a final report with recommendations by Dr CW Chan, Director of Subspecialty Boards, has been submitted to the Council. Indeed a lot of work still lies ahead of us to ensure both subspecialty paediatrics and general paediatrics continue to grow and in a good balance.

The RCPCH has launched a new MRCPCH examination format in the October 2019 diet. To allay anxiety among trainees and trainers and to best prepare our examiners, since February, Dr Bill Chan has arranged two training sessions for examiners/ trainers and a briefing session for trainees conducted by Prof Win Tin, Principal Regional Examiner and UK examiners. There were also online examination-related materials and webinars required of examiners' participation by the RCPCH. The new examination was conducted very smoothly and successfully.

The health needs of children and young persons are evolving. Our training program needs to be tailored accordingly so that our trained paediatricians are competent and confident to cater to these health needs now and in the future. The Curriculum Review Working Group is charged to review and update our training guidelines and program. Other than making Child Palliative Care a mandatory course for all Higher Trainees starting next July, child mental health and community paediatrics are also training areas to be strengthened.

At the same time, we are very happy that our long-awaited Hong Kong Children's Hospital (HKCH) has commenced inpatient service in 1Q2019. One year of provisional accreditation of training has been granted and trainees have been posted at the HKCH since Apr 2019. There have been substantial trainer and trainee movements from various training centres to HKCH. Being a tertiary/ quaternary service institution and based on the hub-and-spoke service model, the training exposure at HKCH will be quite unique. Corresponding to the ongoing and anticipated service re-organisation, the accreditation criteria of training centres and training teams have to be revised. The Council has appointed Prof YC Tsao to lead

a Task Force to review the accreditation criteria for General Paediatrics training, and an Expert Panel convened by Dr William Wong to recommend the accreditation criteria for Neonatology.

### **Collaborations**

An e-College is in the making. An IT Subcommittee co-chaired by Dr CF Cheng and PW Ko is working very passionately to improve secretarial efficiency and environmental friendliness, and to handle the escalating operational complexities of all the committees and subcommittees such that information can be shared and intelligently utilised. An e-portfolio for trainees to track the training experiences and document their training milestones, together with trainers' feedback is also included. There should be a workable interfacing with the iCME/CPD system of the HK Academy of Medicine for the convenience of our Fellows. We hope this will also facilitate the communication between the College office and the members, and among members.

We are cognizant that College cannot devise a state-of-the-art training program without neatly mapping it with paediatric and child health services. We are hoping to construct a formal and long-term platform with the public service providers so that service and training can be better aligned through a jointly designed service model, protecting the training needs and career paths of our paediatricians. Ultimately this will bring the greatest benefits to the children and young people of Hong Kong.

The Joint Annual Scientific Meeting organized by the Scientific and Research Subcommittee under the leadership of Prof Godfrey Chan, the first time held at the iconic HKCH, was a remarkable success with a great turnout. Our co-organisers were HK Paediatric Society, HK College of Paediatric Nursing and Paediatric Nurses' Association.

In response to the Greater Bay academic and training collaborative initiatives of the HK Academy of Medicine and the establishment of the Shenzhen-Hong Kong Medical Specialist Training Centre, we also sent representatives to join the Academy delegation to visit the HKU-Shenzhen Hospital and the training working groups.

I have always admired the altruistic dedication of the College Foundation led by Dr Vincent Leung and Dr KL Cheung in providing NRP (neonatal resuscitation program) training in the remote areas of our Motherland. This is the fifteenth year of the service and I was most fortunate to join an exploration trip to Harbin in early May. We were warmly received and most touched by the enthusiasm of our Heilungjiang hosts to jointly organize the training for their delivery room doctors and nurses to be started next year.

**Continuity**

This brings back to my core belief that our College continuity does not mean the contribution by one person throughout but entails the commitments of successive generations of paediatricians. Co-opting new Council Members and the self-nomination exercise proved to be successes in inviting aboard interested, new members of different ranks and institutions to contribute to College. They will understand the mission and core functions of the College directly and be ready to take up leadership roles in the foreseeable future. The Young Fellow Subcommittee set up by my two predecessors, Dr SN Wong and Prof YL Lau, in 2015 is also a good nourishing ground for prospective leaders. All this new “workforce” for the College needs support, guidance and opportunities to develop, and that’s our responsibility.

Last but not least, I cannot say enough to thank the Council, all the chairs and members of the Standing Committees, the College Foundation, Subcommittees and Working Groups, contributors in various roles to our training programs and examinations, and organizers and collaborators in all College events, named and not named in this Message, for their unfailing support and insightful inspiration to help me in executing my presidential duties. I must in particular thank our marvellous College secretaries for their determination and selfless dedication to maintain normal College operations amid staff shortage over months

**Dr TSE Wing Yee, Winnie**  
**President**

# Council's Report

## Annual General Meeting 2018

The 27<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Hong Kong College of Paediatricians was held on 1 December, 2018 at Lim Por Yen Theatre of the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine Jockey Club Building. The minutes of the 26<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting were adopted without amendment. The 2017-2018 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, 2018 was received and approved.

As of the close of nominations on 2 October 2018, the College had received two nominations for each of the vacant posts for President, Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer. An election was carried out through postal ballot, and Dr Tse Wing Yee Winnie was elected as President, Dr Fong Nai Chung was elected as Honorary Secretary and Dr Lam Hung San Simon was elected as Honorary Treasurer of the College respectively for the years 2018-2021. Prof Leung Ting Fan, being the only nominee for the vacant post of Vice-President, was elected ipso facto as the Vice-President for the term 2018-2021.

The subscription fees for Fellows, Overseas Fellows, Members, Overseas Members and Associates would remain the same as Year 2018, i.e. HK\$2,100 for Fellows, HK\$1,050 for Overseas Fellows, HK\$1,400 for Members, HK\$700 for Overseas Members and HK\$700 for Associates effective 1st January 2019. Fellows, Members and Associates over the age of 65 before 1st January of the year will be exempted from paying the annual subscription fee.

Walter Ma and Company was re-appointed as the Auditor and Mr. Kenneth Sit was re-appointed as Honorary Legal Adviser for the Hong Kong College of Paediatricians for the coming year.

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 2018-2019, 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, the Hong Kong College of Paediatricians Foundation and the Young Fellows Subcommittee made their reports to the Council.

## **Extraordinary General Assembly (EGM)**

An EGM was convened on 26 May 2019 with one resolution. Two New Fellows who passed the Exit Assessment in December 2018 were admitted.

## **Co-opted Council Members**

1. Dr Yung Tak Cheung joined at our 179<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting on 19 March 2019 as a co-opted member till 30 November 2019 to fill the casual vacancy after Prof TF Leung was elected Vice President
2. Dr Lee Kwok Piu joined at our 179<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting on 19 March 2019 as a co-opted member till 30 November 2019 to fill the casual vacancy after Dr NC Fong was elected Hon Secretary
3. Dr Lee Man Yau, Florence joined as a co-opted member for one year at our 179<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting on 19 March 2019
4. Dr Vincent Leung, Immediate Past Chairman of Hong Kong College of Paediatricians Foundation, for one year starting on 16 July 2019
5. Dr. Lee Tsz Leung was invited for another term of one year as a co-opted Council member on 15 May 2019
6. Dr Yeung Man Fung, Gerry (Chairman) and Dr Leung Ka Yan, Karen (Vice Chairman) of Young Fellows Subcommittee for two years starting on 17 September 2019

## **Supporting the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine (HKAM)**

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

### ***Academy Council Dinner***

The Academy invited Colleges to nominate young Fellows who had made special achievements to join the Academy Council Dinner. Our Young Fellow Members, Dr. Lee Pui Wah, Pamela and Dr Yeung Man Fung, Gerry attended the Dinner on 19 September 2019, accompanied and introduced to the Academy Council by our President.

### ***Other HKAM Events***

#### ***HKAM Tripartite Congress / 4<sup>th</sup> AMM-AMS-HKAM Tripartite Congress cum 53<sup>rd</sup> Singapore Malaysia Congress of Medicine & Hong Kong Primary Care Conference 2019***

Our College is expected to actively participate in the Congress which will be held on 6-8 December 2019 and the Celebration Dinner. The theme of the Congress is “People-centred Care: Towards Value-based Innovations”. Dr Stephen T S Lam will chair the Seminar on Genetics and Genomics (Clinical Application) and Dr Ivan F M Lo will deliver a talk on “A Genomic Approach to Paediatric Rare Disorders” in the Seminar.

## **Training in Paediatrics and the Accreditation of Training**

### ***Accreditation of General Paediatric Training at Hong Kong Children's Hospital (HKCH)***

College has provisionally accredited five training units of the Paediatrics subspecialties under General Paediatrics at HKCH.

### ***Committee of Subspecialty Boards***

#### ***Renaming of Paediatric Immunology and Infectious Diseases (PIID) to Paediatric Immunology, Allergy and Infectious Diseases (PIAID)***

College Council and Education Committee of HKAM have endorsed the application of renaming PIID to PIAID on 25 July 2018 and 11 December 2018 respectively. Further endorsement would be sought from the Education and Accreditation Committee (EAC) of the Medical Council Hong Kong.

Four Fora and two Meetings under the CSB were conducted from February 2019 to July 2019 to review of Paediatric Subspecialty Accreditation and Development. The following recommendations were reported to Council.

- A. Interim measures for the next three years recommended to Council for discussion and endorsement on 17 September 2019:
  - a. Allow subspecialty trainees to supervise one basic trainee
  - b. Allow subspecialty trainers to simultaneously supervise one general paediatric trainee and one subspecialty trainee
  - c. Allow subspecialty training centres a 6-month grace period to continue training trainees when the full number of trainers not met, provided reasonable remedial actions are taken, but to treat as interruption of training if no trainer is available for an extended period of time  
 ## for a & b: Academy Education Committee did not support a subspecialty trainee to be a general paediatrics trainer and College may approve a subspecialty trainer to be a general paediatrics trainer concurrently on individual considerations.
  
- B. Full report with recommendations for subspecialty revamp to Council was submitted in September 2019. Recommendations for discussion and endorsement include:
  - a. Subspecialty modules/single trainer training centres
  - b. Subspecialty training clusters
  - c. Part-time/honorary trainers



- d. Measures to ensure general paediatric service and training is protected while subspecialty development progresses
  - e. Measures to ensure that existing subspecialty services and training (including subspecialties that are not fully accredited yet) are protected while new subspecialties develop
  - f. College to take a more active role to coordinate subspecialty trainee recruitment according to manpower needs
  - g. College to decide the overall direction of subspecialty development
- C. Since the accreditation of six subspecialties, the CSB has reviewed the progress of subspecialty accreditation and the impact this has had on overall paediatric services and training in Hong Kong. Several issues regarding manpower restrictions, imbalances between general paediatric and subspecialty services and training, impact on non-accredited subspecialty services and training, and sustainability of the accreditation framework have been identified. Many interim measures may need to be implemented quickly while a definitive revamp of the subspecialty accreditation process is undertaken

## **Education and Professional Activities**

Child Protection Simulation Training is one of the mandatory programmes within the Basic Training Curriculum. As from 2018, the Course is being run twice per year to accommodate the increased intake of Paediatric trainees. The venue for the Course has also been moved from Academy to HKCH. The training course had been conducted on 12 October 2019 and the upcoming course has been scheduled on 22 February 2020.

A new Genetics session given by the Geneticists from DH Clinical Genetic Service has been added to 2019 /20 Specialist Training Course.

### *The Annual Research & Scientific Meeting 2019*

The joint full-day event organized by the College, the Hong Kong Paediatric Society, Hong Kong Paediatric Nurses Association, and Hong Kong College of Paediatric Nursing was successfully held on 28 September 2019 at HKCH. Dr KO Pat Sing Tony, Chief Executive of Hospital Authority, delivered the Keynote Lecture of “Development of Paediatric Services in the New Era: Challenges and Opportunities”. The free paper sessions included poster and oral presentations categorized into clinical/hospital-based paediatrics/basic science and child health/community-based paediatrics sessions. 96 abstracts were received and 4 categories of prizes were awarded.

The 7<sup>th</sup> Hong Kong-Guangdong-Shanghai-Chongqing Paediatric Exchange Meeting (第七屆港粵滬渝兒科會議) will be held at Golden Tulip Shanghai Rainbow Hotel in Shanghai on 15 December 2019 (Sunday).

Working Group for Curriculum Review has been expanded with 14 additional members recruited to set up a competency-based training framework to enhance the current time-based training program in order to better serve training and service needs. References will be made to the UK and the Australian Curricula, and the requirements of the Medical Council of Hong Kong and the General Medical Council for training medical practitioners. New assessment tools incorporated with IT platform will be developed to guide learning and help trainees attain the defined competencies and achieve their training outcomes. Some additional components such as Mental Health, Genetics & Genomics and Community Child Health will be needed. Train-the-Trainer workshops will be organized in future to equip and support trainers.

## **CME**

2019 is the last year of the 2017–2019 CME cycle. There will be no major revision on the CME/CPD guidelines for 2020 to 2022 cycle. Instead, there will be an update of the operational guidelines to facilitate the change in meeting formats and application process. This year two young Fellows, Dr Chan Cheong Wai Stephen and Dr Yim Sau Wing were invited into the Subcommittee to help reflect the perspectives of junior fellows through the self-nomination exercise.

The progress in going paperless is quite slow because of various teething problems with the iCME/CPD customization. Hopefully this can improve next year

## **Examinations**

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

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 bringing up our concerns. The UK Examination Board meetings in the last year focused mainly on the new format clinical examination which was officially launched in UK and Hong Kong in October 2019

To prepare for the new Format exam, the Examination Committee held a brief information sharing session on 1 December 2018 for trainers and training supervisors.

The Examination Committee also organized two training sessions on 27 February 2019 and 21 October 2019 respectively to brief all local MRCPCH examiners on the new format. A separate briefing session was run on 1 March 2019 at Prince of Wales Hospital for potential candidates who plan to sit the Clinical Exam from October 2019 onwards

Official launching of the new Format MRCPCH Clinical Examination took place in Hong Kong in October 2019 and with great success. The New Format exam is mapped to the RCPCH's newly implemented curriculum – 'Progress'. Some of the major changes introduced include

- An extended Neurodevelopmental Station which encompasses history taking, developmental assessment and management skills.
- Two Video Stations which no longer consist of an MCQ format but involves a video clip and a structured discussion with an examiner on management & decision.
- The Clinical Stations will no longer be restricted to particular systems or specialties. The number of Clinical stations has been reduced from five to four, but will continue to focus on assessing signs and making a differential diagnosis. Management planning would not be required within the 9-minute station.
- Marking scheme has been changed to domain-based, and grading has taken on the form of standard reached, borderline or below standard.
- 'Standard Setting' will be replaced by 'Bench Marking', which is a tool for scoring different domains

Dr. So King Woon represented our College and served as the Examiner of the Macau Paediatrics Specialist Examinations held on 4-5 July 2019.

Following several rounds of email discussions, the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the RCPCH and our College that was first signed in January 2008, has been updated and vetted by both Colleges before signing in September 2019 so as to better reflect the current practice at the Hong Kong Centre. The Data Sharing Agreement between the RCPCH and our College has been signed on 19 May 2019.

### **House Committee**

The College website continued to be a valuable source to provide the College community succinct information on all College events and academic activities. 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 continued to be an important venue for regular correspondence in the College Family.

Three young Fellows joined House committee through self-nomination exercise. Dr. Anthony Fu and Dr Vivian Law joined the Administrative/working Issues WG of the IT subcommittee and Dr David Soo was assigned as one of the Editors of the Newsletter.

### **Community Participation in Issues of Child Health Interests**

With Professor Leung Ting Fan's chairmanship of the Professional and General Affairs 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.

PGAC has been collaborating with different paediatric subspecialty societies to disseminate updated information on clinical practice and management to College members. Such information would be published as "Update on clinical practice" and archived under "Publication" in the College website. In 2019, PGAC published one such update on Indications of Growth Hormone Treatment and works for other updates, including Acute bronchiolitis, have been in progress.

In order to promote the visibility and public image of the Hong Kong College of Paediatricians, PGAC obtained support from the College Council to work with the Radio Hong Kong to hold a second series of live interviews under the programme '香港兒科醫學院系列II' at RTHK1 《精靈一點》 on the first Tuesday (14:00-15:00) of each month from 4 June 2019 to 6 October 2020. This programme aimed to introduce to the general public the various subspecialty societies and services of our College. A total of 17 subspecialty societies had confirmed to co-host this programme with the College.

The **Annual Social Function** was a thrilling full-day tour to visit 'Zhuhai' of the Greater Bay Area via the magnificent and reputed HK-Zhuhai-Macau Bridge on 27<sup>th</sup> October 2019. About 80 colleagues and their families and friends joined this fun-filled event, which brought warm and happy memories to all participants.

### **Membership**

As of September 2019, our College has 654 Fellows, 22 Overseas Fellows, 72 Members, 2 Overseas Members and 115 Associates, making a total membership of 865. One Fellow resigned from overseas fellow status. One Fellow was removed from College membership because his name was removed from the Medical Council General Registry. Membership of one Overseas Fellow was terminated due to default in payment of subscription.

## **Young Fellows Subcommittee**

The Young Fellows Subcommittee serves as a platform for young paediatricians to voice out their ideas and concerns with regards to our College's development. An electronic survey was sent to all young fellows, members and associate members to collect their thoughts on subspecialty development in 2019. The survey results were relayed back to the Committee for Subspecialty Boards for consideration in the review process of paediatric subspecialty accreditation and development.

Dr Yeung Man Fung, Gerry was elected to be the Chairperson and Dr Leung Ka Yan, Karen as the Vice-chairperson of the Young Fellows Subcommittee for the term 2019-2021.

## **Hong Kong Journal of Paediatrics**

The membership of the Board of Directors comprises the Presidents and Vice Presidents of Hong Kong Paediatric Society and our College, Chief Editor and Business Manager. Hence, Dr WY Tse and Prof T F Leung are our ex-officio representatives. The Board has been ably leading the directions and development of our "house journal".

## **Hong Kong Children's Hospital**

Official opening of The Hong Kong Children's Hospital (HKCH) was held on 21 June 2019. Our College continues to be a significant stakeholder not only in its development but also in the changes of the territory-wide paediatric service, training and accreditation that it will bring forth.

## **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, the Hong Kong College of Paediatricians Foundation and the Young Fellows Subcommittee 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. Last but not least, the Council would like to express our gratitude to Mr Kenneth Sit, our honorary legal advisor and Walter Ma and Company, our auditor for their invaluable contributions.

**Dr. FONG Nai Chung**  
Honorary Secretary

## **Hon. Treasurer's Report**

The financial status of the College remained healthy. Our net asset at 31 March 2019 was \$15,133,364 compared with \$16,050,873 of the previous year.

We had a deficit of \$632,084 this year. This is predominantly due to an overall decrease in subscriptions and admission fees received from \$1,770,868 in the 2017-18 period to \$1,386,820 in the 2018-19 period. This decrease in revenue resulted in the deficit despite a decrease in operating expenses from \$6,162,774 in 2017-18 to \$4,540,612 in 2018-19. Salaries and allowances remained the major part of our expenses.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr. Keung and Ms. Daris Suen from Walter Ma & Co. for their continued assistance in the preparation of the auditor's report for our financial statement this year.

**Dr. LAM, Hugh Simon Hung-san**  
**Honorary Treasurer**

# Standing Committees

## Accreditation Committee's Report

Chairman:	Prof CHAN Chi-fung, Godfrey
Hon. Secretary:	Dr WU Shun-ping
Members:	Dr CHAN Tsz -wang, Louis
	Dr CHAN Chi-man, Victor
	Dr CHENG Chun-fai
	Dr KWAN Yat-wah, Mike
	Prof LAM Hung-san, Hugh Simon
	Dr LEUNG Chik-wa, Paul
	Dr LEUNG Ping, Maurice
	Prof LI Chi-kong
	Dr TSAO Yen-chow
	Dr TSE Wing-yee, Winnie

### 1. Meetings

Four meetings were held during the period from September 2018 to June 2019 (138<sup>th</sup> to 141<sup>st</sup> meetings dated 17/9/2018, 26/2/2019, 17/4/2019, 25/6/2019).

### 2. Provisional Accreditation of Hong Kong Children's Hospital (HKCH)

#### 2.1 College has provisionally accredited five training units of the Paediatrics subspecialties under General Paediatrics.

It is noted that the in-patient services at HKCH have commenced in phases since late March 2019. Therefore, many services started later than what was originally planned. There are concerns about the discrepancy between the projected and actual workload.

To ensure the adequacy of our trainees' training exposure at the initial phase, Council endorsed at 180<sup>th</sup> Council meeting for the first trainees assigned to HKCH from April to June 2019, their PICU training would be fully recognized as a special HKCH module rather than PICU subspecialty training. Trainees rotated through from July to September 2019 should be limited to one month of PICU out of a 3 months

rotation and these trainees again be accredited to have trained in a special HKCH module or the trainees devote all 3 months to Hematology & Oncology training only for the time being.

The training units will submit workload / training-related data for review by the Accreditation Committee (AC) at three-monthly intervals and College will review and assess whether definitive accreditation of the training units can be recommended after 1 year.

## **2.2 College Expert Panel on NICU accreditation of hospitals with Obstetric Service**

A special Expert Panel has been established to write the accreditation criteria for the non-birthing HKCH. The Panel consisted of Dr William Wong, Dr KF Kwan and Dr Genevieve Fung. Due to the need to revise the criteria for accrediting neonatology units of all local hospitals with obstetric service, in addition to the 3 members of the Expert Panel, College invited Dr Cheung Kam Lau and Dr Siu Luen Yee Sylvia to join the Panel to revise the accreditation criteria for neonatal units of all birthing hospitals in HK.

## **3. Accreditation of Trainers**

### **3.1 Qualifications of Accredited Trainers**

The Accreditation Guidelines stipulate 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.

### **3.2 Applications of New Trainers**

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

### **3.3 Trainers' status**

The Training Supervisors of respective training units should periodically update the status of their trainers and they should apply to the AC for accreditation of the Trainers as Basic or Higher Trainers as appropriate.



### **3.4 Subspecialty Trainer**

At 181<sup>st</sup> Council meeting, Council endorsed the following interim measures for the next 3 years:

- a. Each subspecialty trainer is allowed to supervise at most two subspecialty trainees and one general paediatric trainee at any time.
- b. Each subspecialty trainee is allowed to supervise one basic paediatric trainee at any time during his / her subspecialty training period.

(Post meeting note: The resolutions in the Subsequent Council and Academy EC meetings, namely (1) Subspecialty trainee cannot be a general paediatric trainer (2) College will approve a Subspecialty trainer to be a Subspecialty trainer and general paediatric trainer concurrently on individual consideration)

## **4. Accreditation of Trainees**

The Subcommittee led by Dr Wu Shun-ping, is responsible for screening, checking and advising individual trainees when their training or interruption of training falls outside the scope of the routine accreditation framework. The subcommittee would present the vetted programmes to the Accreditation Committee for consideration and recommendation for approval by the Council.

### **4.1 Part-time Training Post**

- Part-time training will only be allowed within the higher training programme.
- It cannot take place during the one-year mandatory General Paediatrics training.
- A part-time trainee has to work at least 50% of the normal daytime working hours to satisfy the condition for part-time training. Therefore, trainees who only work overnight on call duties cannot be deemed eligible for part-time training.
- Part-time trainee should be working at least 22 hours per week at daytime plus at least two on-call duties per month and at least one OPD session per week during his / her fractional appointment.

### **4.2 Interruption during Basic and Higher Training**

It is noted that the HA has extended maternity leave from 10 weeks to 14 weeks since 2018.

College would maintain a maximum of 12 weeks of leaves within three years in either basic or higher training. Trainees taking leaves other than the statutory holidays, entitled vacation leave and study leave for more than twelve weeks during the 3 years of Basic or Higher Training would still need to extend their training by the number of days beyond the 12-week allowance. Interruption of training should be applied with the AC prospectively.

## **5. Miscellaneous accreditation of activities**

### **5.1 movement of AC members**

AC would like to take this opportunity to thank the out-going members Dr Wong Sik Nin and Prof Low Chung Kai Louis for their immense contributions to the Committee and welcome 3 new members, namely Dr Chan Tsz Wang Louis, Dr Kwan Yat Wah Mike and Dr Chan Chi Man Victor to join the Committee to substitute the our-going members through self-nomination exercise.

Dr Simon Lam stepped down as Honorary Secretary of the AC and was succeeded by Dr Wu Shun Ping.

Dr Wu Shun Ping handed over the post of Convenor, Subcommittee for Accreditation of individual Training to Dr Chan Chi Man Victor.

### **5.2 Mental Health**

- HA has organized meetings between the COCs for Psychiatry and Paediatrics to discuss the role of Paediatricians to share the care of children with mild and moderate Attention Deficit – Hyperactivity Disorder and Autistic Spectrum Disorder.
- HA is now cooperating some programs on how Paediatricians and Child Psychiatrists can work together.
- The Council agreed during the 177<sup>th</sup> Council meeting that Mental Health Training is an essential component for our training. A training programme suitably designed and targeted at our trainees is necessary. This will be the responsibility of the Education Committee.

### **5.3 Discussion on the training team composition**

The current AC guidelines stipulate that each Training Team should be staffed by one or more accredited full time Trainers. Each Training Team can take in no more than 3 Trainees (2 Basic + 1 Higher or 1 Basic + 2 Higher) at any time. Each Team has to look after 10 to 30 patients per day. There is no restriction on the number of Trainers in a Training Team but the maximum number of trainees per team remains to be 3.

If a Training Team takes in more trainees than its capacity, a reduction of the accredited training duration will be imposed on the trainees under the same Training Team.

If a Training Institution wishes to accommodate more trainees, it can apply for more Training Teams basing on their workload.

#### **5.4. Avoidance of conflict of interest in College matters**

It was agreed at the 180<sup>th</sup> Council meeting that any conflict of interest in the discussion of College matters should be avoided. Committee members with potential conflict of interest should excuse themselves from the deliberation and decision-making process.

### **6. Conclusion**

Facing with the changing pattern of service after the commencement of service at HKCH, the training program of our local paediatric trainee has to be reviewed. We foresee that the hub and spoke model, if successfully implemented, will greatly enhance the clinical exposure of our trainees at all paediatric units. In addition, the shrinking paediatric population due to continuous decrease in birth rate is having an impact on our neonatology training. The College is engaging its members to review the training curriculum and trainer/trainee requirements. We hope that a new and practical curriculum can be applied to our trainee at the earliest time available.

**Prof. CHAN Chi-fung, Godfrey**  
Chairman, Accreditation Committee

### Report of the Committee for Subspecialty Boards (2018 - 2019)

The Committee for Subspecialty Boards was formed in July 2013 to assist the Director of Subspecialty Boards to handle the accreditation and running of all paediatric subspecialties. Its operation is governed by Section 10 of the College Byelaws (Subspecialty Affairs).

#### Membership of Committee for Subspecialty Boards and its Subcommittees

The new **Membership of the Committee for Subspecialty Boards (Years 2019 – 2021)** was nominated at the 15<sup>th</sup> Committee for Subspecialty Boards Meeting on 10 January 2019 and endorsed at the 178<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting on 15 January 2019 as follows:

	Post	Name
1.	Director of Subspecialty Boards	Dr Chan Chok Wan
2.	Honorary Secretary	Dr Lam Hung San, Hugh Simon (wef 25 January 2018)
3.	President of College	Dr Tse Wing Yee, Winnie (1)*
4.	Vice President of College	Prof Leung Ting Fan (1)*
5.	Chairman of Accreditation Committee	Prof Chan Chi Fung, Godfrey (1)*
6.	Education Committee Chairman/designate	Dr Kwok Ka Li, Carrie [Designated by Prof Leung Ting Fan (2)*]
7.	Examination Committee Chairman/designate	Dr Chan Hin Bui, Bill
8.	HKU Chair of Paediatrics/designate	Dr Chiang Kwok Shing, Alan (wef Oct 2016) [Designated by Prof Chan Chi Fung, Godfrey (3)*]
9.	CUHK Chair of Paediatrics/designate	Prof Li Man Chim, Albert [Designated by Prof Leung Ting Fan (2)*]
10.	HA COC Chairman	Dr So King Woon, Alan
11.	Representative of DH in Paediatrics	Dr Lee Mun Yau, Florence
12.	Private sector, President of Hong Kong Paediatric Society (in personal basis) [or the President appoint representative to join]  If the appointed member no longer in private sector, new member will be invited.	The Hong Kong Paediatric Society Dr Lau Ka Fai, Tony (appointed by President of the HKPS)
13.	PIID Subspecialty Board/designate	Dr Kwan Yat Wah, Mike (Chairperson)
14.	DBP Subspecialty Board/designate	Dr Lee Man Yau, Florence (Chairperson)
15.	PN Subspecialty Board/designate	Dr Liu Kam Tim (Chairperson)
16.	PRM Subspecialty Board/designate	Dr Lee So Lun (Chairperson)

17.	GGP Subspecialty Board/designate	Dr Lo Fai Man, Ivan (Chairperson)
18.	PE Subspecialty Board/designate	Dr But Wai Man, Betty (Chairperson)
19.	Vetting Committee	Dr Wong Sik Nin (Chairperson)
20.	Assessment Committee	Dr Tse Wing Yee, Winnie (Chairperson) (2)* wef 1/7/2016
21.	Co-opted Member	Dr Chiu Man Chun
22.	Co-opted Member	Dr Tsao Yen Chow
23.	Co-opted Member	Prof Li Chi Kong
24.	Co-opted Member	Dr Wong, William
25.	Co-opted Member, Young fellow representative	Dr Chan Yau Ki, Wilson (delegated by the Young Fellows Subcommittee)
26.	Co-opted Member, Young fellow representative	Dr Chow Chin Ying, Janice (delegated by the Young Fellows Subcommittee)

**Total: 24 Members as at 27 Sept 2019 (Nos. 3, 20 & 11, 14 same Members with different posts)**

**Remarks:**

- 1) If a member has overlapping roles, he/she can take one role, and designate another representative for the other roles. \*[ref: members with overlapping posts at above list]
- 2) CSB can co-opt members to form the Vetting and Assessment Committees to look after new subspecialty applications. CSB can also co-opt other members.

*New CSB Members*

**Progress of Work in Year 2018 - 2019**

The CSB held 5 meetings including 1 conducted by the Core Group Members with the PE

First Fellows during the period from 10 January 2019 to 29 November 2019 as follows:

- 15<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Committee for Subspecialty Boards dated 10 January 2019
- 16<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Committee for Subspecialty Boards dated 21 March 2019
- 17<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Committee for Subspecialty Boards dated 6 June 2019
- 18<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Committee for Subspecialty Boards dated 29 August 2019
- CSB Core Group Meeting with the PE First Fellows dated 29 November 2018 regarding MCHK's query of the PE's naming and description of the Specialty of PE.

Four Fora and two Meetings under the CSB:

- CSB Forum with Fellows and First Fellows of the College dated 28 Feb 2019
- CSB Forum with the COSs dated 2 March 2019
- Meeting with the 'unsuccessful' First Fellows dated 2 March 2019

- CSB Forum for College Trainees and the Young Fellows dated 25 May 2019
- CSB Retreat dated 20 June 2019 and
- CSB Core Group meeting for an Overall Review of the Series of Meetings dated 11 July 2019

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 are in order and the proposed programme is ready for accreditation. The Vetting Committee is 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 is chaired by Dr Winnie WY Tse with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2016 following Dr MC Chiu's retirement. Dr Simon Lam has been appointed as Hon Secretary of the CSB wef 25<sup>th</sup> January 2018 following Dr SN Wong's resignation.

## **I Formation of the Re-accreditation Panel and procedures of the re-accreditation**

The formation of the Re-accreditation Panel was endorsed by the Council on 27 Feb 2018. The procedures have been confirmed and applied to the subspecialties as follows:

- a) Re-accreditation Panel will be formed with the following membership or designates:
  - From the CSB: Director, Honorary Secretary, Chairpersons of the Vetting Committee and Assessment Committee
  - From Council: Chairpersons of the Accreditation, Education and Examination Committees
- b) The Subspecialty Board (Chairman, Secretary, +/- members) will be requested to collect re-accreditation application forms from all training centres and assess whether there have been any changes since the last accreditation, with reference to clinical facilities, manpower, caseload, supporting services, trainees. Relevant data will be collected and incorporated into the application forms for the Re-accreditation Panel's review and/or centre visit purposes).

The re-accreditation process includes:

- a. Assessment of previous data
- b. Any changes in data/status of the subspecialty training centres observed or expected
- c. Any new recommendations to the centres?
- d. Assessment should include five main aspects: trainers, trainees, training centre, training programme, and supporting services.

- e. In brief, the Panel needs to assess the performance of the Subspecialty Board over the previous 5 years in conducting their duties in maintaining the standards of the subspecialty in accordance with our College guidelines
- f. Reports should include information including significant events over the previous five years within the subspecialty's development. The Subspecialty Board should also provide a 5-year plan for the next accreditation cycle.

After assessment, the Re-accreditation Panel should make a recommendation to the College Council based on the information and centre reports provided by the Subspecialty Board.

## II Subspecialty Accreditation

Since 2011, the Committee has completed accreditation of six subspecialties, namely Paediatric Immunology & Infectious Diseases (PIID), Developmental-Behavioural Paediatrics (DBP), Paediatric Neurology (PN), Paediatric Respiratory Medicine (PRM), Genetics & Genomics (Paediatrics) [GGP] and Paediatric Endocrinology (PE), which was newly established in September 2018.

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

#### 1.1 The Membership of PIID Subspecialty Board from January 2019 – December 2022:

	Name	Post
1.	Dr Kwan Yat Wah, Mike	Chairman
2.	Dr Wong Sung Chih, Joshua	Honorary Secretary (Co-opted Member)
3.	Dr Ho Hok Kung, Marco	Board Member
4.	Dr Lee Pui Wah, Pamela	Board Member
5.	Prof Leung Ting Fan	Board Member
6.	Dr Yau Yat Sun, Felix	Board Member
7.	Prof Lau Yu Lung	Immediate Past Chairman of PIID

#### 1.2 Trainees Status

Following the start of training programme on 1 June 2013, presently, three trainees have successfully completed the training programme and passed the Exit Assessment in October 2017 and June 2019 respectively. They are eligible to be Board-certified as Fellows in the Subspecialty of PIID as approved by the Council Meeting of 17th January 2018 and 16 July

2019. Currently, there are six trainees and they are expected to complete their training from 2020 to 2022. The Board has invited overseas experts as external examiner(s) in order to increase the accountability of the examination and facilitate knowledge exchange at the Exit Assessment.

- 1.3 PIID has regular meetings and training activities organized to enhance trainees' interactive learning, promoting education and recognition of the PIID, such as various clinical meetings, symposiums and Annual Scientific Meeting organized by the Hong Kong Society for Paediatric Immunology Allergy and Infectious Diseases (HKSPIAID) held in June 2019 and the PIAID Study Day 2019

#### 1.4 **Subspecialty training and Trainers Status**

- Since all the oncology and haematopoietic stem cell transplant (HSCT) services in paediatric departments under Hospital Authority (HA) have been translocated to the Hong Kong Children's Hospital (HKCH), the PIID Board will submit relevant documents to CSB so that an accreditation visit could be conducted after the re-allocation of the HSCT from QMH/PWH to HKCH.
- In consideration of certain amount of Immune/ID problems in patients under intensive care, and that trainees should have to attend meeting and clinics related to PIID subspecialty and receive PIID related consultations, the training programme will be revised for better delineation and definition. The revision will also include the maximum duration of each immunology and ID training centre following restructuring of paediatric services in Hong Kong. The Board has agreed that a detailed discussion with HKCH responsible personnel is required before implementation.
- There are twelve accredited trainers in the PIID Subspecialty currently. Two PIID Trainers, Dr Frankie Cheng (PWH) and Dr Pamela Lee (QMH) have rotated to HKCH following its commencement to provide clinical service within the haematology/oncology/HSCT team structure during Phase I development. Both Dr Cheng and Dr Lee will continue to provide service and training related to PIID at PWH and QMH as well as retain a proportion of their subspecialty services in PWH and QMH respectively. Elevation of two Fellows to Subspecialty Trainers from PMH and QEH respectively has been approved following their Board-certification as PIID Fellows in January 2018.



### 1.5 **Renaming of Paediatric Immunology and Infectious Diseases (PIID) to Paediatric Immunology, Allergy and Infectious Diseases (PIAID)**

Following College Council and EC of HKAM's endorsements of the application of renaming of PIID to PIAID on 25 July 2018 and 11 December 2018 respectively, further endorsement has to be sought from the Education and Accreditation Committee (EAC) of the Medical Council Hong Kong.

### 1.6 **Submission of manpower projection in Hong Kong for the next ten years for the Food and Health Bureau (FHB) through the HKAM from each College is required**

CSB invited each subspecialty to provide the manpower projection with a summary on respective major developments, progress and future visions for College consolidation.

The PIID Board concluded that given the present uncertainties in the timeline of service translocation to HKCH, the service model and human resources consideration, relevant information will not be provided until HKCH's data available.

### 1.7 With the HKCH's staged commencement of clinical services, the PIID Board will revisit the manpower issues, service re-distributions, inter-disciplinary and inter-hospital service network (hub-and-spoke model), training environment, career prospects in HKCH and the 4 training centres (the "4-plus-1" framework) in order to better prepare to work on a brand-new PIID service model for the whole territory.

## 2. **Activities of the Subspecialty of Developmental-Behavioural Paediatrics (DBP)**

### 2.1 The Membership of DBP Subspecialty Board in June 2019 – May 2022:

	<b>Name</b>	<b>Post</b>
1.	Dr LEE Mun Yau, Florence	Chairperson
2.	Dr LIU Ka Yee, Stephenie	Honorary Secretary
3.	Dr IP, Patrick	Board Member
4.	Dr LAM Chi Chin, Catherine	Board Member
5.	Dr LEUNG Sze Lee, Shirley	Board Member
6.	Dr CHOW Chin Pang	Co-opted Member
7.	Dr TSO Wan Yee, Winnie	Co-opted Member

## 2.2 Trainees Status

Following the start of the training programme on 1 December 2013, three trainees have successfully completed the training programme and exited in 2018, while five trainees have joined the programme commencing 1<sup>st</sup> September 2018 (including one's resumption of the training as accepted by the DBP Board and noted by the CSB).

There were regular trainers and trainees update meetings with different departments to enhance the interaction and arrangement of electives. Presently, there are twelve accredited trainers in the DBP Subspecialty.

Various training modules and programme content are under review for modification.

- 2.3 Dr Catherine Lam was invited by the PN Subspecialty Board as an Examination Observer for the PN Exit Assessment held on 13 December 2018. Dr Lam commented the examination was well planned with good coverage of different topics and systematic format and marking system. Opportunities for cross-pollination between subspecialty boards through the observation and other relevant activities were felt to be constructive and valuable for mutual support and development.

## 2.4 DBP subspecialty manpower estimation 2018 – 2028 [re: Submission of manpower projection in Hong Kong for the next ten years for the Food and Health Bureau (FHB)]

2018 situation: around 30 active DB Paediatricians with varying practice.

	Manpower need	Retirement estimation	Short fall (if no additional DB Paediatricians from 2018 on)	No. of trainers (full time)
2018	50		20 (Current deficit)	12
2021	52		22	12
2023	53	2	25	14
2028	53	6	31	12+

If current mix of full/part time, senior/front line and types of practice remains similar, with average of 400 case output per year for each DB Paediatrician.

This manpower estimation needs to be kept in view and updated periodically should general paediatricians and relevant allied health professionals gradually increase their participation in the management of high prevalence

and simple DBP conditions. Subspecialist demand may then be mitigated and reserved for more complex conditions, training, research and development of the subspecialty.

Manpower estimation presented is meanwhile based on the current high dependence on DBP subspecialist input.

The above estimations are made with reference to child population size, prevalence of developmental-behavioural disorders, current workload statistics and overseas references\*.

### **Future directions**

1. Work with the field to enhance integration of DBP related services at primary, secondary and tertiary service delivery levels.
2. Enhance collaboration with related Paediatric subspecialties and non-Paediatric child related specialties to enhance cross-pollination and joint care.
3. Promote applied research in DBP to enable effective applications in clinical and child public health practices.
4. Work with ongoing Hong Kong government policies towards a more integral, comprehensive and timely approach to tackle multi-faceted developmental-behavioural problems in children and adolescents.

\* American Board of Pediatrics: Pediatric Physicians Workforce Data Book 2017-2018.  
Filler, G., Piedboeuf, B., & of Canada, P. C. (2010). Variability of the pediatric subspecialty workforce in Canada. The Journal of Pediatrics, 157(5), 844-847.

### **3. Activities of the Subspecialty of Paediatric Neurology (PN)**

- 3.1 Membership of the Paediatric Neurology (PN) Subspecialty Board [Nov 2019 – Oct 2022]:

	Name of Nominee	Function Sectors			
		DH	HA	Private Sector	Universities
1.	Dr CHAN Hoi Shan, Sophelia	-	-	-	✓
2.	Dr FUNG Lai Wah, Eva	-	✓	-	-
3.	Dr KWONG Ling, Karen	-	✓	-	-
4.	Dr WU Shun Ping	-	✓	-	-
5.	Dr YEUNG Wai Lan	-	✓	-	-

Chairperson and Hon Secretary will be elected amongst the elected nominees.

Dr Tsui Kwing Wan, Dr Grace Ng and Dr Tai Shuk Mui will be invited again to join the Board as Cluster Programme Directors who will attend the PN board meetings to report trainees' training progress and status in respective training centres.

### 3.2 Trainees status

Following the commencement of training programme on 1 July 2014, there are totally twenty (20) trainees enrolled into the training programme by mid-2019. Seven (7) trainees completed the 3-year training programme; five (5) exited in December 2017 and two (2) in December 2018 respectively. They were Board-Certified as Fellows in the Subspecialty of Paediatric Neurology. The five fellows had received subspecialty certificates in the College Annual Conferment held on 1 December 2018 and the two fellows will take part in the Ceremony on 30 November 2019. The total number of the PN Fellows is 51 as of August 2019.

Trainees' rotations and overseas training arrangements have been running smoothly. The interim assessment of trainees will be updated by the Cluster Programme Directors and reported to the PN Subspecialty Board.

Reminders will be sent out to the subspecialty trainees every six months/rotation to document relevant training activities into the log sheets and relevant forms with endorsements from respective trainers and programme directors prior to sitting for the Exit Assessment. These endorsements are required before being allowed to sit the Exit Assessment.

Post Exit Assessment meeting will be conducted by the Exit Assessors immediately following the Assessment to review Candidates' performance. Frequency of Exit Assessment would be about once every 12-18 months. The Board would regularly review the training post situation and job opportunities for the trainees within the system.

### 3.3 Other Activities

- Regular scientific meetings organized by affiliated academic societies: Hong Kong Child Neurology and Developmental Paediatrics (HKCNDP) and Paediatric Neurology Association of Hong Kong (PNAHK).
- Training workshops and courses are arranged for fellows and trainees e.g. the Hong Kong Comprehensive Assessment Scale for Preschool Children disseminated regularly to enhance professional skills and development.

### 3.4 **Re-accreditation of the ten training centres for the next 5 years (from 1/4/2019 to 31/3/2024)**

A meeting was held between Members of the Re-accreditation Panel and the PN Subspecialty Board, Cluster Programme Directors, Trainers and Trainees on 10 November 2018 following submission of relevant re-accreditation documents as required by the Panel. The past 5-year and future reports from the PN Chairman were also received detailing salient points as follows:

#### **Future Vision of the PN**

##### a) Trainers

- The same 10 centres have been re-accredited for the next five years from 1/4/2019 to 31/3/2024. Following the opening of the HKCH, manpower re-adjustment for both trainers and trainees is anticipated. Training rotation will need to be worked out with PN colleagues at HKCH
- Four (4) full time trainers have left the system due to retirement or career change. Two (2) remedial fellows have acquired trainer status following the application approval received by the CSB and College Council. Five (5) PN colleagues have been granted fellowship in Dec 2018, and they will become trainers 3 year later. Number of full-time trainers in December 2018 is eighteen (18). Two (2) newly retired colleagues are recognized as honorary trainers who will help enrich training exposure of the trainees with the unit as endorsed by the CSB and Council meetings on 6 June 2019 and 16 July 2019 respectively.

##### b) Trainees

- Current number as in September 2019 is eight (8). Two had passed the Exit Examination in Dec 2018, they are eligible for being Board-certified as Fellows in Subspecialty of PN and will receive subspecialty certificates in the College annual ceremony held on 30 November 2019.
- Future recruitment in line with development in PN with reference to overseas figures; i.e. the equivalence of 40 full-time Paediatric Neurologists

##### c) Future updating of the training programme in line with service development in HKCH as well as training rotations for PN trainees.

- d) Development of core PN service programmes as discussed in previous presentations. Review of manpower requirement for development of these programmes together with training need. Collaboration with established overseas centres will be paramount especially at the initial phase of service development.
- e) Promotion of research in PN subspecialty areas to advance Neurologists' knowledge and standards

The re-accreditation exercise of the PN was completed successfully and was approved by College Council and Council of HKAM on 21 November 2018 and 17 January 2019 respectively. The duration for the next five years' re-accreditation will be from 1 April 2019 to 31 March 2024.

The updated accreditation statuses of the ten centres have been effective from 1/4/2019 to 31/03/2024

	Hospitals	Module A- Hospital-based PN program (18m or 27 m)	Module C- Neuro- rehabilitation Program (3m)	Module D- Neuro- developmental Program (3m)	Remarks
1	AHNNH	18 months	Not applied	Not applied	
2	CMC	18 months	Recommended	Not applied	
3	KWH	27 months	Not applied	Not applied	
4	PMH	27 months	Not applied	Not applied	-
5	PWH	27 months	Not applied	Not applied	
6	PYNEH	27 months	Not recommended to accredit part-time programme	Not applied	
7	QEH	27 months	Not applied	Not applied	
8	QMH_DKCH	27 months	Recommended	Yes (Accredited in 2013)	
9	TMH	27 months	Not recommended to accredit part-time programme	No part-time programme for application in the training proposal	
10	UCH	27 months	Not applied	Not applied	For module B, trainees have to attach to adult neurology centre with on-site neurosurgery service

### 3.5 PN subspecialty manpower estimation 2018 – 2028 [re: Submission of manpower projection in Hong Kong for the next ten years for the Food and Health Bureau (FHB)]

	Next 3 years (2019-2021)	Next 5 years (2019-2023)	Next 10 Years (2019-2029)
Total no. of Paediatric Neurologists	42	46.5	46
Remarks:	Basing on overseas figures (Canada and USA), about 40 full-time Paediatric Neurologists would be required for the whole population of Hong Kong, i.e. at least 80 Paediatric Neurologists will be required (part time, public and private sector). Subsequent adjustment will be calculated based on changes with the paediatric population. Vision of PN board was full time practice and training for both trainers and trainees, model of future PN structure in HKCH previously submitted was considered ideal.		

## 4. Activities of application for Subspecialty of Paediatric Respiratory Medicine (PRM)

Membership of the Paediatric Respiratory Medicine (PRM) Subspecialty Board [June 2019 – May 2022]:

	Name	Post
1.	Dr LEE So Lun	Chairperson
2.	Dr KWOK Ka Li, Carrie	Honorary Secretary
3.	Dr HON Kam Lun, Ellis	Board Member
4.	Prof LI, Albert Martin	Board Member
5.	Dr MIU Ting Yat	Board Member
6.	Dr CHIU Wa Keung	Co-opted Member and Deputy of Programme Director
7.	Dr LAM Shu Yan, David	Co-opted Member and Programme Director

### 4.1 Trainees Status

Following the commencement of the training programme on 1 April 2017, the Board called for trainee applications to the training programme in March 2017, April 2018 and April 2019. By mid-August 2019, there were 11 Subspecialty Trainees including 4 trainees (from CMC, KWH, QEH and PWH) newly recruited and who have started training in July 2019. The 1<sup>st</sup> Exit Examination will be conducted in Year 2020.

The Board has projected that there will be a need to train 20 new trainees over a period of 10 years starting from 2017. The number of training posts will be determined, and announcement will be made each year.

## 4.2 Progress of training programme

Programme Director (Dr David Lam) and Deputy Programme Director (Prof Albert Li) have been delegated to help the existing respiratory trainees on their research and presentation training.

Interview with the PRM trainees by Prof Albert Li on 27 August 2018 to enhance their studies on the research projects and answer any problems they encountered in their training programme.

## 4.3 Meetings between the Members PRM Subspecialty Board and Representatives of the accredited training centres and COSs, Paediatric Departments of HA

The two meetings were held on 4 December 2018 and 17 Jan 2019 respectively. The purposes of the meetings were to discuss how they could maintain training for the trainees as there are manpower movements affecting the number of trainers in two of the PRM training centres (UCH and KWH). Discussion of the future development of PRM new training centres in form of a) clustering; b) modules; 3) part-time trainers and the manpower projection were also included.

## 4.4 Proposal of renaming from Subspecialty of Paediatric Respiratory Medicine (PRM) to Paediatric Respiratory Medicine and Allergy (PRMA)

An open forum was held on 14 May 2019 at the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine Jockey Club Building. 18 participants attended the forum. The purposes and significant discussion points are summarised as follows:

- As PRM services include a large proportion of allergy-related conditions, these aspects should be reflected in the name of subspecialty
- Allergic rhinitis is very common in the population and is part of the upper airway disease which PRM fellows are managing daily.
- Allergy components are rarely included in the curriculum of PRM subspecialty in overseas countries, but international PRM societies usually have heavy components of allergy diseases. Overseas PRM centres also provide services on allergy diseases.
- A member expressed in a specific centre, a team will manage allergic rhinitis, while other allergic diseases will be managed by an allergy team.
- A member commented that PRM subspecialists are dealing with more allergy diseases with respiratory components, but there is much overlap between the two subspecialties of PRM and PIID, such as simple food allergy/eczema, tests such as skin prick



- Member expressed that the name change should be reflected in the curriculum; the curriculum of PRM also includes other diseases, such as sleep / allergy, so why should allergy be the only component to be added to the subspecialty name? Further, we should examine whether equivalent overseas subspecialties have both respiratory diseases and allergy in the title.
- Dr Alfred Tam reflected that the title of the subspecialties should be clear enough for the layman to understand the services provided, so as to help them seek the appropriate doctor.
- Members agreed and concerned whether the title should be Paediatric Respiratory Medicine and Allergy or Paediatric Respiratory and Allergy Medicine?

#### Conclusion of the renaming

- Eight of the 14 participants (at the time of voting) supported proceeding with the renaming of PRM to PRMA
- The ultimate decision will be further discussed at the new PRM Subspecialty Board
- There was no consensus whether there will be changes in curriculum and training for future trainees

#### 4.5 KWH accredited for 30 months with $\geq 3$ trainers

Since January 2019 KWH has only 2 PRM trainers remaining following one trainer's early retirement from HA wef 1 January 2019. The continued accreditation of KWH for 30 months PRM training had been endorsed for a 6-month grace period up to 30 June 2019 as resolved at the 15<sup>th</sup> CSB meeting of 15 January 2019. Since KWH could not recruit one more trainer within the 6-month grace period, the centre status has been reduced from 30 months to 24 months wef 1<sup>st</sup> July 2019.

#### 4.6 PRM subspecialty manpower estimation 2018 – 2028 [re: Submission of manpower projection in Hong Kong for the next ten years for the Food and Health Bureau (FHB)]

	Next 3 years (2019-2021)	Next 5 years (2019-2023)	Next 10 Years (2019-2029)
Total no. of PRM Paediatricians	48	58	74
Remarks:	Private PRM + existing institutional PRM + wastage + expansion		

## 5. Activities and accreditation of Subspecialty of Genetics & Genomics (Paediatrics) [GGP]

### 5.1 Membership of the GGP Subspecialty Board (Nov 2018 – Dec 2020):

	<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>
1	Dr Lo Fai Man, Ivan	Chairperson & Programme Director
2	Dr Chung Hon Yin, Brian	Honorary Secretary
3	Dr Chong Shuk Ching, Josephine	Member
4	Dr Lam Tak Sum, Stephen	Member
5	Dr Luk Ho Ming	Member
6	Prof Leung Ting Fan	Council Representative

### 5.2 The Board started its training programme on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2018.

The Board announced the recruitment of trainees into the training programme in May 2018. Two (2) trainees were recruited and have started the training programme on 1 July 2018. It is anticipated that one more trainee will be recruited following the recent announcement of training programme issued in September 2019.

The Clinical Genetic Service (CGS) training centre will be translocated to HKCH wef 9 December 2019.

With reference to the subspecialty guidelines regarding the provisional accreditation of training centre application, GGP has already submitted the application and the centre visit/review forms to the CSB on 6 June 2019, i.e. more than six months before the expected translocation date. CSB resolved below at the 18th CSB meeting of 29 August 2019:

- Agree that based on current submitted data, College should grant one year's provisional accreditation to the newly translocated CGS in HKCH
- There is no need to conduct a site visit before the translocation
- CGS agrees for CSB to conduct the site visit 3 months after the translocation. The centre visit will be conducted by CSB visit team by 30 September 2020.
- College will maintain the standard 5-year accreditation cycles. In other words, CGS's reaccreditation visit will take place at the end of the current 5-year accreditation cycle and not 5 years after the upcoming post-translocation accreditation visit
- The original visiting team members should be reappointed as much as possible for the upcoming post-translocation visit

### 5.3 The proposal of renaming of GGP

The Education and Accreditation Committee (EAC) of the Medical Council of Hong Kong (MCHK) invited the Academy to review the names of the specialties:

“Genetic and Genomic Pathology 遺傳及基因組病理學” and

“Genetics and Genomics (Paediatrics) 遺傳學及基因組學專科(兒科)” [GGP]

CSB and College Council ultimately supported the GGP Subspecialty Board’s decision that GGP will support “renaming” only when there is a better and more appropriate name to change to, such as “Clinical Genetics & Genomics” which not only better reflects the current clinical practice but also better distinguishes our subspecialty from the more laboratory-based “Genetic and Genomic Pathology”.

### 5.4 GGP subspecialty manpower estimation 2018 – 2028 [re: Submission of manpower projection in Hong Kong for the next ten years for the Food and Health Bureau (FHB)]

Next 3 years (2019-2021)	Next 5 years (2019-2023)	Next 10 Years (2019-2029)
Number projected	Number projected	Number projected
7	11	17
<p>Remarks:</p> <p>The manpower calculation followed the recent report/recommendation from Prof Ron Zimmern (A review of Genetic and Genomic Services in Hong Kong in 2010) and Prof Judith Hall (Assessor’s Report concerning the Paediatric Subspecialty of Clinical Genetics and Genomics in 2017). To take into the possibilities of retirement and other manpower turnover, we shall aim to have a total manpower of around 17 GGP subspecialists to maintain the minimal number suggested by Prof Hall. The GGP subspecialists are to be supported by genetic counsellors/ genetic nurses in their clinical practice. This has also taken into account that a higher percentage of protected time (10-20% in the first few years, which will be gradually be reduced to 5-10% afterwards) is needed in the initial phase of establishing the GGP training programme (as we only have 3 trainers in GGP and fellows finishing the GGP subspecialty training will need certain years of independent practice before they can serve as trainers – the number of years of independent practice is to be clarified by the College). This calculation shall suffice for the prediction for the next 3-5 years. Since Genomic medicine is a rapidly evolving discipline and it is still not certain whether other colleges will start their own subspecialties in Genetics &amp; Genomics, the manpower projection for the next 10 years will be difficult and inaccurate.</p>		

## 6. Activities and accreditation of Subspecialty of Paediatric Endocrinology (PE)

### 6.1 Membership of the Paediatric Endocrinology (PE) Subspecialty Board [May 2019 – April 2022]

	<b>Name</b>	<b>Post</b>
1.	Dr BUT Wai Man, Betty	Chairperson & Programme Director
2.	Dr WONG Lap Ming	Honorary Secretary
3.	Dr CHEUNG Pik To	Board Member
4.	Dr TUNG Yuet Ling	Board Member
5.	Dr YAU Ho Chung	Board Member
6.	Dr LAM Hung San, Simon	Ex-officio Member appointed by College Council

## 6.2 The overall result of interview for the first fellow applicants on 6-7 June 2019

<b>First Fellow candidates</b>	<b>No.</b>
Recommended to be First Fellow	16
Recommended to join the re-activation programme before the admission as First Fellow Remark: One Fellow withdrew and did not enter the re-activation programme.	2
Recommended to have further training before the start of the formal training programme i.e., the cut-off date Remark: One Fellow withdrew subsequently due to personal health reason.	7
Not eligible to be a First Fellow	6
Total number of First Fellow applicants:	31

College Council, Education Committee (EC) and Council of Academy endorsed the establishment of PE on 25 July 2018, 11 September 2018 and 20 September 2018 respectively.

The recognition of the Subspecialty of Paediatric Endocrinology (S62) as a new Specialty has been added to the Specialist Register of the Medical Council of Hong Kong in February 2019.

## 6.3 The sixteen First Fellows were certified in Subspecialty of PE at the 177<sup>th</sup> College Council Meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> November 2018

## 6.4 The Assessment Committee and Prof Mehul Dattani, External Assessor of the Subspecialty of PE had conducted a re-assessment for the seven First Fellow applicants in September 2019 following respective completion of additional training. The Assessment Committee and Prof Dattani were satisfied with their documentary proof of the required training and have recommended that they are eligible for admission as First Fellows of PE. The CSB and Council subsequently endorsed the recommendation at the 182<sup>nd</sup> Council meeting of

17 September 2019. Further endorsement will be sought from the EC and Council of HKAM in October 2019.

- 6.5 The sixteen PE First Fellows together with seven First Fellows (after endorsements received from HKAM in October 2019) will be invited to the College's annual ceremony held on 30 November 2019 to receive subspecialty certificates.

The proposal of the start of the PE training programme will be in January 2020.

- 6.6 Update on the 4 accredited training centres and trainers as of July 2019, the numbers of trainers are as follows:

PWH: 1 trainer (dropped from 2)

QEH: 3 trainers

QMH: 2 trainers (dropped from 4)

TMH: 1 trainer (dropped from 2)

Two training centres including PWH and TMH presently only have one trainer in each centre due to staff movement. Currently only QEH and QMH can retain their training centres status for PE if two trainers are still required

Dr Betty But expressed the difficulty to sustain the PE training programme with the existing stringent requirements for PE training centre under current medical manpower shortage and staff movement the commencement of HKCH.

An *ad hoc* meeting with potential Fellows and Trainees was conducted on 18 July 2019 to discuss the sustainability of the PE training programme. Proposal to the CSB as interim measures are as follows:

- The number of trainers relaxed from 2 to 1 as one of the interim measures. First Fellows of PE from other departments could provide supervision while a trainer is on leave as PE is usually a consultation-based practice.
- To introduce subspecialty training modules in more paediatric departments as it would facilitate subspecialty training in PE, to attract more PE trainees and allow contributions of other FFs to the training programme. This would also facilitate and align with the Hub and Spoke service module for paediatrics with the establishment of the HKCH. The 'modular' training programme, which is being adopted by corresponding sub-

specialty of the Hong Kong College of Physicians and which allows one trainer per centre to run the programme.

CSB Members suggested helping the sustainability of the four PE accredited centres, forming training centre clusters to ensure at least 2 trainers available per cluster. Members also agreed that Trainees could also benefit from more training exposure by learning the unique features from different training units and receive enriched training experiences from more trainers. Training modules can also be introduced to more regional hospitals to facilitate more Paediatric Endocrinologists to contribute to the training programme. A member also supplemented that Prof Dattani had also mentioned clustering is what is currently adopted in the UK to ensure sustainability of the training programme.

The feasibility of forming subspecialty training clusters and subspecialty modules for PE should be further discussed at a separate dedicated meeting between the PE Subspecialty Board and the core CSB members. The feasibility could subsequently be recommended to Council for further approval.

**6.7 PE subspecialty manpower estimation 2018 – 2028 [re: Submission of manpower projection in Hong Kong for the next ten years for the Food and Health Bureau (FHB)]**

Subspecialty	Next 3 years (2019-2021)	Next 5 years (2019-2023)	Next 10 Years (2019-2029)
	Number projected	Number projected	Number projected
PE	33	33	37

It is estimated that PE will recruit 10 – 14 endocrinology trainees to the training programme within the next 3 years based on the current expected total number of 23 First Fellows in PE, projected manpower requirement, number of potential PE trainees and attrition rate.

**III Miscellaneous CSB activities**

**a) Submission of the manpower projection to the Food and Health Bureau (FHB) through HKAM**

Five established subspecialties (i.e. not including PIID where manpower estimations were not provided) estimated increases in numbers of subspecialists over the next 10 years. The relatively large number of DBP subspecialists required compared to overseas is because in Hong Kong, DBP

subspecialists take up comparatively more primary and general paediatric workload than in other territories.

Returns from the eight yet-to-be established subspecialties out of ten professional societies were received. The Hong Kong Paediatric Society expressed that they had no further supplement over the information that we expected to receive from the other professional societies.

Overall expected changes in in subspecialty manpower needs over the next 3-10 years for the whole of Hong Kong, was estimated as follows:

Next 3 years (2019-2021)	Next 5 years (2019-2023)	Next 10 Years (2019-2029)
Number manpower projected		
268	300	340
Remarks: ** The estimated 340 subspecialists out of a total number of ~840 College Fellows (projected figure for the next 10 years) represented slightly more than 40% of the total workforce of paediatric specialists in Hong Kong.		

The projection and data would serve as useful guidance to advise Subspecialty Boards on trainee admission and to determine how many positions would be available for trainees to pursue their interest in subspecialty recognition. The projection would also provide relevant statistics to guide the future direction and development of each subspecialty and help the Council coordinate among the Subspecialty Boards regarding manpower allocation and rotations.

**b) Proper name of Subspecialty qualification as MCHK quotable qualification**

In respect of recognition of those fellows who successfully passed the 3-year structural training in the respective subspecialty, a MCHK quotable qualification has been discussed. Members agreed with the proposal as follows:

By using PIID as an example-

*Title in full:*

***Board-Certified in Paediatric Immunology and Infectious Diseases, Hong Kong College of Paediatricians***

*Title in Chinese:*

香港兒科醫學院文憑 (兒童免疫及傳染病科)

*Abbreviation:*

***Board-Certified in PIID(HKCPaed)***

Wordings of ‘Board-Certified’ which represented the recognition of a College-accredited Subspecialty Board.

Council supported and endorsed the proposed name of the quotable qualification at 180<sup>th</sup> Council meeting of 21 May 2019.

It was agreed that a PIID Fellow would be invited to apply to the MCHK for recognition first. Only those fellows who have completed the College-accredited subspecialty training programme and Exit Examination could quote themselves as “Board-Certified” in the subspecialty.

**c) Guidelines for procedures for application of potential training centre**

- Provisional accreditation: where centres have not been established, or will be relocated, provisional accreditation should be sought so that trainees working at the newly established centre can still receive recognized subspecialty training during the provisionally accredited period. Application should be made via the Subspecialty Board.

Specialty-specific statistics into the estimated workload for respective subspecialty e.g., bronchoscopy for PRM, EEG for PN and also the subspecialty beds under respective service provision have been incorporated into the proposed guidelines.

- First accreditation: where centres that are already providing subspecialty service, but was not part of the original subspecialty accreditation exercise involving the external assessor, a new application for centre accreditation should be made.

Director suggested the Subspecialty Boards would be empowered under the supervision of the CSB to assess a new centre, at a standard equivalent to the initial accreditation exercise involving the External Assessor.

**d) Part-time trainers**

Pursuant to the decision in 155<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting (5 March 2015), part-time Basic and Higher Trainers are permissible under two situations, namely trainers with special skills to be passed onto trainees, and trainers who are



employed full-time and split their time between two accredited Training Institutions. The first kind can only sign the training record pertaining to the particular skill involved. A Training Team must be led by at least one full-time Trainer.

e) **Offer subspecialty service and teaching to trainees on part-time basis by retired staff or fellows**

To honour the contribution made by retired staff members or fellows in private practice who had returned to provide part-time subspecialty service and teaching in training centres. These trainers might not fulfil College's criteria as part-time trainers, but helped enrich training exposure of the trainees within the unit. Proposed titles for Council's consideration included '*Honorary Trainer*' or '*Modular Trainer*' (the latter should not be confused with the concept of trainers for '*Subspecialty modules*'

f) **Inquiry from School Examinations and Assessment Division, Hong Kong Examinations and Assessment Authority (HKEAA) regarding provision of full list of Paediatricians or neurologists concerned**

Council endorsed to issue a letter to all the First Fellows that College will not disclose their names to the public. The First Fellows should change their subspecialties under the SR of the MCHK if they wish to be publicly recognized as certified by the College as a subspecialist.

g) **Leave Policy for Trainees**

The government has revised the mandatory maternity leave from 10 weeks to 14 weeks. If a female trainee takes 14 weeks of maternity leave, her training would be affected as the interruption would be in excess of 12 weeks, and she will be required to make up for the shortfall.

Many College Committees have discussed the issue at respective meetings and unanimously agreed to maintain the 12-week cut-off for interruption of training over which training period should be extended by the shortfall. It was agreed that the 12-week period allowed was based on the principle of maintaining sufficient quality and duration of training rather than adjusting our training requirements because of the duration of maternity leave that the government allowed. In addition, the 12-week period was relevant to all types of leave other than entitled annual leave and study leave, and not just maternity leave.

h) **Change in employment status of Subspecialty Board Member mid-term**

A subspecialty member should continue his/her service to the Subspecialty Board if his/her employment status had changed mid-term until the end of his/her term of services. Members also agreed that the subspecialty board may consider appointing a co-opted member within the respective sector to help the Board.

The Board could also take reference to the College's constitution, i.e., that the Council could nominate a Member to fill in a vacancy for the rest of the vacancy's term. Director reiterated the Subspecialty Board had been empowered to make appropriate appointments.

i) **“Grouping will be based on the nominee’s principal paid employment status”, extracted from the Operational Guidelines on formation of the Subspecialty Board of a new subspecialty”**

According to the Operational Guidelines, nominees are classified under the functional sector by the paid employment. A nominee who is working in a training institution of Hospital Authority (HA) but whose employment status is under the Civil Service, would therefore be under the functional sector of the Department of Health (DH) following the new health administration system introduced and the establishment of the Hospital Authority in 1990. Members agreed that under the Operational Guidelines, the nominee should be regarded as functional sector of ‘DH’ since the principal paid employment status is under ‘DH’.

j) **Scenario of subspecialty trainees in their 3-year programme training**

Members discussed whether a maximum period of time should be allowed after trainee's completion of the 3-year subspecialty training before Exit Examination taken.

Dr Simon Lam clarified the situations between the General Paediatrics and Subspecialty training were different. A subspecialty trainee can continue to contribute his/her active practice to General Paediatrics within a subspecialty training centre even after his/her completion of 3-year subspecialty training programme but may not be ready to sit for the exit exam. The subspecialty trainee may only be considered as having interrupted training if he or she had left the training centre, e.g., for private practice after the completion of 3-year subspecialty training

Members agreed to adopt the principle that every trainee should sit for exit exam as soon as possible after his/her completion of subspecialty training or at most within one year. On the other hand, Subspecialty Boards should conduct exit examinations at least once a year if there are subspecialty trainees who are ready to exit. Members supported the principle and agreed that the Subspecialty Board should have the autonomy to decide whether exceptions could be made on a case by case basis.

k) **Ballots counting**

As the Secretariat Office will have to check the validity of each of the returned ballot papers prior to the ballot counting, Members agreed that the ballot returns should arrive at the Secretariat Office in advance of the date of ballot counting, not right before the time of the ballot counting. This policy would be unified for all Subspecialty Boards.

It was also agreed to invite the nominees and all the eligible subspecialty fellows as observers for the ballot counting.

Dr Simon Lam asked whether a Representative of Council being as one of Members of the Subspecialty Board and also one of the Office Bearers at the same time would have any conflict of interest to be a returning officer and count the ballots. Dr Chan and CSB Members agreed that there were no conflicts of interest involved and advised CSB Members to self-declare if any conflict of interest was noted

l) According to the subspecialty guidelines, the Subspecialty Boards should report any changes in their training centre's facilities, services and trainees' / trainers' movements that may affect their subspecialty training centre accreditation status.

In order to help the Secretariat Office maintain updated records regarding the trainers and trainees status through respective Subspecialty Boards, Dr Simon Lam would like to discuss possible procedures/workflows to facilitate the Subspecialty Boards' works.

Members agreed that the Secretariat will devise a standard form to individual Subspecialty Board annually and the Board will return their updated list of trainers and trainees to Secretariat Office in order to maintain an updated record for College. For any significant changes that may affect the centre accreditation status, respective Subspecialty Boards should report to the CSB as soon as possible for further consideration.

- m) Dr Chan called for meeting with the First Fellows of PE on 29 November 2018 to explain the query of PE's naming and the description of the specialty "Paediatric Endocrinology" raised by the EAC of MCHK.

Dr Chan advised that in the future new subspecialties should provide more details for justifications of subspecialty naming and on the description of the subspecialty for the MCHK's consideration.

#### **IV) Review of Paediatric Subspecialty Accreditation and Development 2019**

##### **a) Background**

Following the establishment of the six subspecialties, the CSB would like to conduct an interim review of the subspecialty accreditation process. The aim was to identify areas of deficiencies for improvement and ensure that future subspecialty development remains robust and sustainable, especially considering the impact of subspecialty services and development on general paediatric services and commencement of the HKCH.

##### **b) Procedures and findings**

Four Fora and two Meetings under the CSB from February 2019 to July 2019 were conducted, providing platforms for discussion and inviting various stakeholders, including College Fellows, First Fellows, Chiefs of Service (COSs) and heads of Paediatric Departments of training centres, College Trainees, Young Fellows and representatives of Subspecialty Societies:

- CSB Forum with Fellows and First Fellows of the College dated 28 Feb 2019
- CSB Forum with the COSs dated 2 March 2019
- Meeting with the 'unsuccessful' First Fellows dated 2 March 2019
- CSB Forum for College Trainees and the Young Fellows dated 25 May 2019
- CSB Retreat dated 20 June 2019 and
- CSB Core Group meeting for the Review dated 11 July 2019

Through a series of fora/meetings, valuable opinions, feedback for subspecialty improvements and respective views and input were received for further study and recommendation to College Council for future development.

c) **Recommendations and report to Council**

- A. Interim measures for the next three years recommended to Council for discussion and endorsement on 17 September 2019:
  - a. Allow subspecialty trainees to supervise one basic trainee
  - b. Allow subspecialty trainers to simultaneously supervise one general paediatric trainee and one subspecialty trainee
  - c. Allow subspecialty training centres a 6-month grace period to continue training trainees when the full number of trainers not met, provided reasonable remedial actions are taken, but to treat as interruption of training if no trainer is available for an extended period of time
  
- B. Full report with recommendations for subspecialty revamp to Council was submitted in September 2019. Recommendations for discussion and endorsement include:
  - a. Subspecialty modules/single trainer training centres
  - b. Subspecialty training clusters
  - c. Part-time/honorary trainers
  - d. Measures to ensure general paediatric service and training is protected while subspecialty development progresses
  - e. Measures to ensure that existing subspecialty services and training (including subspecialties that are not fully accredited yet) are protected while new subspecialties develop
  - f. College to take a more active role to coordinate subspecialty trainee recruitment according to manpower needs
  - g. College to decide the overall direction of subspecialty development:
    1. Large general paediatric service with most paediatricians working as general paediatricians and fewer subspecialists working as full-time paediatric subspecialists. Subspecialty services to be concentrated in fewer centres.
    2. Smaller general paediatric service with larger subspecialty services, with more subspecialists spending a larger proportion of their time providing general paediatric services in addition to subspecialty services. Subspecialty services may be available in more centres.
  
- C. Since the accreditation of six subspecialties, the CSB has reviewed the progress of subspecialty accreditation and the impact this has had

on overall paediatric services and training in Hong Kong. Several issues regarding manpower restrictions, imbalances between general paediatric and subspecialty services and training, impact on non-accredited subspecialty services and training, and sustainability of the accreditation framework have been identified. Many interim measures may need to be implemented quickly while a definitive revamp of the subspecialty accreditation process is undertaken

## V) CONCLUSION

Year 2018 to 2019 is a vibrant year for the Hong Kong College of Paediatricians because we have achieved a lot through four regular business meetings and the smooth functioning of the Six Subspecialty Boards.

The greatest achievement for the Committee for Subspecialty Boards (CSB) is the “Review of Paediatric Subspecialty in Hong Kong”. The Review exercise is the result of the disharmony of training and services, the impact of the Hong Kong Children’s Hospital and the need to update the functioning of the “Committee for Subspecialty Boards (CSB)” and the “Subspecialty Boards” because the current system has been set up for 15 years and put into practice for more than 10 years. Time has come for our College to have a crucial review on its efficacy and effectiveness for good functioning. Through joint efforts, in good solidarity, of the President and officers of the College, the College Council in totality, all Fellows and Members, the CSB, the Subspecialty Trainers and Programme Directors, the relevant Service Providers (the COSs of HA) and others, we had critical analysis and discussion on the existing system especially its *strength, weakness, opportunities and threats* (the SWOT ANALYSIS) and come out with a Comprehensive Report (consisting of more than 24 pages) on the future direction and functioning of Subspecialty Training for Hong Kong Child Health and Paediatrics which was agreed and endorsed by all participating parties concerned. Conclusion of the exercise was submitted to the College Council with the following recommendations:

1. Radical changes on the *existing training system* to facilitate harmonious functioning of Training with Quality Assurance.
2. A Summit Meeting to be convened soon between the Key Service Providers of Hong Kong for Child Healthcare including the Health and Food Bureau, the Hospital Authority, the Department of Health, the Private Sector and other Stakeholders relevant to our College to facilitate the rotation of training programme.

3. The College is to conduct a manpower survey for manpower demand for child health and Paediatrics in Hong Kong in the coming 3 years, 5 years and 10 years respectively for best utilization of manpower in the SAR.
4. The College should conduct a Subspecialty Manpower Survey to facilitate subspecialty training for practical and accurate training and job projections.
5. There is need for revamping of the structures and functioning of the CSB in view of the need for updates and for further expansion of other Paediatric Subspecialties within the College when such are available.
6. The Hong Kong Children's Hospital should be respected as an Icon for Hong Kong Child Health and Paediatrics and the Hub-and-Spokes model should bring maximal benefit to Hong Kong Children. We need effort, patience and persistence, good nurturing and professional solidarity in order to bring excellent care to the HKSAR children that we serve.

I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to the College Officers and the College Clerks for their guidance, to the CSB (especially core members Dr Simon Lam, Dr Winnie Tse, Dr Wong Sik-nin and Dr Chiu Man-chun) for their hard work and innovative management, to the Subspecialty Board Chairpersons and their members for the time, effort, energy and devotion in keeping the Subspecialty activities of the College run so smoothly even though the College was not able to provide good meeting facilities and secretariat support to the Boards. Finally, I would like to show my appreciation to all Fellows, various College Committees and the College Secretariat for their immaculate support throughout the years. Without these generous assistances we would not have been functioning so well!

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

# Standing Committees

## Education Committee's Report

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	Dr FONG Nai-chung
	Dr KWOK Ka-li, Carrie
	Dr LAM Hung-san, Hugh Simon
	Dr LEE Kwok-piu
	Dr LEE Man-yau, Florence
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	Dr TSOI Nai-shun, Nelson
	Dr YAU Fai-to, Adrian
	Dr YOUNG Wan-yin, Betty

### 1. Terms of Reference

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. Membership

Prof LAU Yu Lung and Dr WONG Sik Nin retired from the Committee at the end of 2018. We would like to thank them for their tremendous contributions to the Committee. Prof LEUNG Ting Fan took up the Chair as from 2019.

### 3. Meetings

Four meetings (134<sup>th</sup> to 137<sup>th</sup>) were held during the period from October 2018 to July 2019.



## 4. Postgraduate Training

### 4.1 2019/20 Specialist Training Course

The Course aims to provide education guidance to Basic Trainees to help consolidate the clinical knowledge, attitudes and skills embodied in the Basic Training Curriculum. This year's Course has started on 24 May 2019 and will run until 21 February 2020. Thirty-nine Basic Trainees have been admitted to the Course. The programme comprises 20 bedside teaching sessions plus four Communication skills and Ethics/ Consultation and Management planning sessions. The teaching sessions take place in all Paediatric training units by turn, and the senior staff and Fellows of the hosting Departments contribute to the teaching. A new Genetics session given by the Geneticists from Department of Health Clinical Genetic Service was added this year.

### 4.2. Child Protection Simulation Training Course

Child Protection Simulation Training Course is one of the mandatory programmes of the Training curriculum. From 1 July 2009, all Trainees entering Basic Training are required to attend the Course within their six-year training period.

The venue for the Course has moved from the Academy to the Hong Kong Children's Hospital Simulation Training Centre. Initially organised on an annual basis, the Course is now held twice in a year to accommodate the increase in intake of Paediatric trainees and to promote multidisciplinary training. The Course is also co-organised with the Hong Kong College of Paediatric Nursing to formally open the training to nurses working in Paediatric Units. Priority for enrollment will be given to the Paediatric trainees. Two upcoming courses are scheduled on 12 October 2019 and 22 February 2020.

### 4.3 Paediatric Advanced Life Support Course (PALS)

The PALS Course is a mandatory component in the College Basic Training Curriculum.

In addition to our Annual College PALS Course, our College continues to collaborate in the joint monthly PALS Courses organized by the A&E Training Centre (AETC) at Tang Shiu Kin Hospital and the Hong Kong Paediatric Nurses Association under the license of American Heart Association (AHA).

The Steering Committee for the PALS Course is chaired by Dr CHEUNG Kam Lau, with membership comprising Dr Maurice LEUNG, Dr MIU Ting Yat, Dr SO Lok Yee, Dr TSOI Nai Shun, Dr WONG Sik Nin, Ms Susanna LEE, Ms Ella MA and Ms TANG Sze Kit (representing Hong Kong Paediatric Nurses Association).

The Annual College Course last year was held on 13-14 October 2018 at the AETC. Twenty-three paediatricians attended this Course.

The 2019 College PALS Course will be conducted on 16-17 November 2019 with Dr Alfred HU YOUNG continuing as the presiding AHA Regional Faculty for the China area.

The venue for this Course may be relocated to the Hong Kong Children's Hospital Simulation Training Centre in future.

#### 4.4 Neonatal Resuscitation Program (NRP)

The Neonatal Resuscitation Program of the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) is the key instrument in providing standardized training in the Delivery Room resuscitation of newborns to our Basic Trainees. The HK-NRP Provider Course has been designated as mandatory requirement for Basic Trainees since 1 July 2013.

The Course is being run by our College in Hong Kong by special agreement with American Academy of Pediatrics, in collaboration with Hong Kong Neonatal Society, Hong Kong College of Paediatric Nursing, Hong Kong Paediatric Nurses Association and Hong Kong College of Midwives. A local Coordinating Council oversees the organization of the NRP Courses in Hong Kong, which is chaired by Dr SO King Woon, with Prof NG Pak Cheung, Dr SIU Kiu Lok, Ms Maria CHAN and Ms LEE Wan Ming as members. The Coordinating Council has worked closely with training units to ensure that all Basic Trainees will receive the training within the desired time frame in their training curriculum.

The HK-NRP Course is held at Simulation Training Centre of the Hong Kong Children's Hospital since August 2018.

### 5. **Paediatric Update**

As from 2013, there will be two Paediatric Update seminars each year.

The second Paediatric Update for 2018 was held on 1 December 2018 at the Academy, which preceded the College Annual General Meeting and Conferment Ceremony. This seminar focused on Child and Adolescent Mental Health.

The first Paediatric Update for 2019 was held at Queen Elizabeth Hospital on 26 May 2019. The theme was on Paediatrics in the Genomic Era (Table 1).

The second Paediatric Update for 2019 will be held on 30 November 2019 at the Academy, on the same day as the College Annual General Meeting. The theme will be Paediatric Palliative Care.

## 6 Update Series on Child Health

The 2019 Update Series on Child Health jointly organized by our College and Hong Kong Paediatric Society and Hong Kong Paediatric Nurses Association was held monthly on Saturday afternoons from April to September. The series of six seminars covered a wide range of topics that are of interest to paediatricians, general practitioners and paediatric nurses, and were delivered by reputable and highly experienced specialists in the respective fields. (Table 2)

## 7. 2018 Annual Report of CME Subcommittee

*(prepared by Dr TSOI Nai Shun, Chairman of the CME Subcommittee)*

This is the twenty-third year since College CME Programme started in 1997, and is also the last year of the 2017-2019 CME cycle.

A total of 646 activities providing 2,924 Category A CME points were organized by various professional organisations including the College, Hong Kong Paediatric Society and paediatrics-related subspecialties. In addition, we have accredited a total of 259 meetings from individual Fellows providing 1,647 Category A CME points. The Paediatric units of 14 public hospitals continued to run regular CME meetings giving a total of 658 Category B CME points this year. In addition, three private study groups and 12 private hospitals continued to have regular programmes that provided a total of 82 meetings with 95 Category B CME points. This year, the College received 20 applications for Category C (publications) with 70 points approved. There were 829 applications for Category D (self-study) with 3330.25 points approved. We have also accredited a total of 417 meetings (1,993.5 Category E points) submitted by non-paediatric medical associations and individual Fellows for local and overseas conferences.

Based on the iCME/CPD profile up to August 2019, 147 Fellows have not yet completed the 3-year cycle requirement. This year Medical Council of Hong Kong had required the Academy to provide the list of non-compliance Fellows from all Colleges right after each CME cycle. In the past, only Fellows with non-remediable non-compliance and Fellows who failed to complete the remedial program (ie one year after the cycle) were reported. This change requires the Colleges to report to Academy all Fellows in the remedial CME program right after the end of each cycle.

There was no major revision on the CME/CPD guidelines for the 2020-22 cycle. Instead, there will be an update of the operational guidelines to facilitate the change in meeting formats and application process.

This year two young Fellows, Dr CHAN Cheong Wai Stephen and Dr YIM Sau Wing were invited into the Subcommittee to help reflect the perspectives of junior Fellows.

The progress in going paperless is quite slow because of various teething problems with the iCME/CPD customization. Secretarial support was difficult because of limited resources and frequent staff change-over. Hopefully these can improve next year.

**In 2018-2019, the CME subcommittee membership is as follows:**

Chairman:	Dr TSOI Nai Shun Nelson (HK Paediatric Society)	
Vice-chairman	Dr WONG Hiu Lei Lilian	
Hon. Secretary	Dr LAM Shu Yan David (Membership Committee)	
Members:	Dr BUT Wai Man Betty	Dr CHAN Cheong Wai Stephen
	Dr CHIU Cheung Shing Daniel	Dr HO Che Shun Jackson
	Dr KONG Yim Fai Albert	Dr LEE Wai Hong (Ed Com)
	Dr LEE Ngar Yee Natalie	Prof LEUNG Ting Fan (Ed Com)
	Dr TSE Wan Ting Philomena	Dr YAM Man Ching
	Dr YIM Sau Wing	

**Summary of CME Activities Accredited (2018)**

	Meeting organized	CME points approved
<b>Local Category A activities</b>		
Organisers application	387	1277
Individual applications	259	1647
Total	646	2924
<b>Category B activities</b>		
Private Practice Paediatricians	23	29
HA Hospitals regular activities	546	658
Private Hospitals	59	66
Total	628	753
<b>Category C</b>	20	70
<b>Category D</b>		
Individual applications	829	3330.25
<b>Category E</b>		
Organisers application	382	1806.5
Individual applications	35	187
Total	417	1993.5
Category A from Overseas Study Group	NA	NA
Category B from Overseas Study Group	-	-
Category E from Overseas Study Group	-	-
Individual Category A applications	10	58

		Date of Commencement of CME cycle (2017-2019)	No. of Fellows
Local	Fellows	01-01-2017	585# (#include 2 CSR)
	Fellows	01-07-2017 (75)	4
	Fellows	01-01-2018 (60)	19
	Fellows	01-07-2018 (45)	2
	Fellows	01-01-2019 (30)	12
	Fellows	01-07-2019 (15)	2
Over seas	Parallel Recognition	01-01-2017	10
	Fellows not on parallel recognition	01-01-2017	9
Total Fellows = 643		Fellows completed CME cycle in 2018 = 496	

## 8. Scientific and Research Subcommittee Report 2018-2019

*(prepared by Prof Godfrey CF CHAN, Chairman of Scientific and Research Subcommittee)*

### Membership for 2018-2019:

Chairman: Prof CHAN Chi Fung Godfrey  
Hon Secretary: Dr AU Cheuk Chung  
Members: Dr TSE Wing Yee Winnie (Ex-officio)  
Dr CHAN Ching Ching Kate  
Dr CHEN Hong  
Dr CHUNG Hon Yin Brain  
Dr HO Hok Kung Marco  
Dr KWAN Yat Wah Mike  
Dr LEE Pui Wah Pamela  
Prof LEUNG Ting Fan  
Dr LOUNG Po Yee Robert  
Dr MA Lap Tak  
Prof Tony NELSON  
Dr TING Yuk Joseph  
Dr WONG Pik Fung

### Joint Annual Research & Scientific Meeting 2019

The Hong Kong Paediatric Society, Hong Kong Paediatric Nurses Association, Hong Kong College of Paediatric Nursing and our Subcommittee hosted a Joint Annual Research and Scientific Meeting on 28 September 2019 at the Auditorium of Hong Kong Children's Hospital. It was a full-day event. Dr KO Pat Shing Tony, Chief Executive of the Hospital Authority, delivered the Keynote Lecture entitled

“Development of Paediatric Services in the New Era: Challenges and Opportunities”. The free paper sessions included poster and oral presentations categorized into clinical/hospital-based paediatrics/basic science and child health/community-based paediatrics sessions.

A total of 96 abstracts were received, and the following four categories of prizes were awarded:

Paediatric research - Oral presentation:

- Doctor/Researcher:
  - 1<sup>st</sup> prize: Miss WANG Han (PRO1)
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> prize: Miss FUNG Lee Fong Jasmine (PRO5)
- Nurse/Allied Health:
  - 1<sup>st</sup> prize: Miss LEUNG Hoi Wan (PRO4)

Paediatric research - Poster presentation:

- Doctor/Researcher:
  - 1<sup>st</sup> prize: Dr CHAK Wai Kwong (PRP19)
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> prize: Dr KWONG Ka Yee (PRP1)
- Nurse/Allied Health:
  - 1<sup>st</sup> prize: Miss YIU Oi Yan Yoyo (PRP31)

Child health research - Oral presentation:

- Doctor/Researcher:
  - 1<sup>st</sup> prize: Dr TUNG Yuet Ling Joanna (CHRO4)
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> prize: Mr TUNG Tze Suen Keith (CHRO6)
- Nurse/Allied Health:
  - 1<sup>st</sup> prize: Miss KONG Tsz Ying (CHRO5)

Child health research - Poster presentation:

- Doctor/Researcher:
  - 1<sup>st</sup> prize: Dr CHUA Gilbert (CHRP25)
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> prize: Miss CHOW Reena (CHRP26)
- Nurse/Allied Health:
  - 1<sup>st</sup> prize: Mr LO Chun Wai (CHRP13)

**Best Dissertation Prize (BDP)**

Sixteen dissertations by candidates who passed the Exit Assessments on 20 Dec 2018 and 20 June 2019 were entered for selection of the Best Dissertation Prize. The Selection Panel recommended the following dissertation with the highest average score to be awarded the 2019 Best Dissertation Prize:

**“Excellent Outcome of Acute Lymphoblastic Leukaemia with TCF3-PBX1 Rearrangement in Hong Kong”**

**Author:** Dr Anna LIN (Average score: 79.33)

**Best Young Investigator Prize (BYIP)**

Sixteen papers submitted by College Fellows/Members who are aged 46 years or under and published between 1 July 2018 and 30 June 2019 competed for the Prize. The Selection Panel recommended the following paper, which had received the highest average score to be awarded the 2019 Best Young Investigator Prize:

**“Tectal glioma as a distinct diagnostic entity: a comprehensive clinical, imaging, histologic and molecular analysis”** (published in Acta Neuropathologica Communications, 25 Sept 2018)

**Author:** Dr LIU Pak Yin Anthony (Average score: 76.8)

**Report on 7<sup>th</sup> Hong Kong-Guangdong-Shanghai-Chongqing Paediatric Exchange Meeting (第七屆港粵滬渝兒科學術會議)**

The 7<sup>th</sup> Hong Kong-Guangdong-Shanghai-Chongqing Paediatric Exchange Meeting will be held at the Golden Tulip Shanghai Rainbow Hotel (上海虹橋鬱金香酒店) in Shanghai on 15 December 2019 (Sunday). The College strongly encourages members to participate and to submit free papers for presentation in this important biennial meeting among paediatricians from four Chinese cities. The College has committed to sponsor HK\$4,000 to members with presentations (no quota) and HK\$2,000 to members who participate in this event (quota of 20).

**9. Working Group for Curriculum Review**

Three meetings were held this year. Fourteen additional members were recruited in April 2019 with Dr KWOK Ka Li as Honorary Secretary and Prof Albert Martin LI as Working Group advisor.

The Goal of Curriculum Review is to set up a competency-based training framework to enhance the current time-based training program in order to better serve training and service needs. References will be made to the UK and the Australian Curricula, and the requirements of the Medical Council of Hong Kong and the General Medical Council for training medical practitioners. New assessment tools will be developed to guide learning and help trainees attain the defined competencies and achieve their training outcomes. Some additional components such as Mental Health, Genetics and Genomics and Community Child Health will be needed. Train-the-Trainer workshops will be organized in future to equip and support trainers.

**Prof LEUNG Ting Fan**  
Chairman, Education Committee  
Vice President

**Table 1: Details of Paediatric Update Seminars**

	<b>2018 Paediatric Update No 2</b>	<b>2019 Paediatric Update No 1</b>
Date	1 December 2018 (Saturday)	26 May 2019 (Sunday)
Venue	HKAM Lim Por Yen Lecture Theatre	QEH M Ground Lecture Theatre
Chairpersons	Dr Patrick CHEUNG Dr Florence LEE	Prof LEUNG Ting Fan Dr Ivan LO
Topic & Speaker	1. Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service in HK: the Gaps and Way Forward Dr Phyllis CHAN (COS Psych, QMH)	1. aCGH Findings – 5 years’ Experience in Hong Kong Dr Ivan LO (Head, Clinical Genetic Service, DH)
	2. Role of Paediatricians in Child and Adolescent Mental Health: ADHD and Beyond Dr TSUI Kwing Wan (COS Paed, AHNH)	2. Neurogenetics – an Update Approach to Uncover Genetic Diagnosis Dr Josephine CHONG (Clinical Professional Consultant, Paed and O&G, CUHK)
	3. Child and Adolescent Mental Health – Challenges and Approach in the Community Setting Dr Lilian WONG (Past President, HK Paediatric Society)	3. Clinical Dysmorphology – a Dying Discipline? Dr LUK Ho Ming (SMO, Clinical Genetic Service, DH)
	4. Local Sharing from Trainees’ Perspective Dr Purdy CHAN (Acting SMO, Child Assessment Service, DH) Dr CHAN King Ho (Paed, UCH)	
Attendance	Total: 66 < Fellow: 61> <Member/Associate: 3> <HK College of Psychiatrists: 2 >	Total: 85 < Fellow: 83> <Member/Associate: 1> <Visitor: 1 >



**Table 2: Update Series on Child Health 2019**

	<b>Date</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Speaker</b>
1	27/4/2019	Electronic cigarette–risks to adolescents  Long-term clinical outcomes of paediatric congenital heart diseases	Prof HO Sai Yin Daniel (School of Public Health, HKU)  Prof CHEUNG Yiu Fai (Dept of Paed, HKU)
2	25/5/2019	Advanced Management of Irritable Bowel Diseases  Online mental health support for youngsters-“Open up”	Prof Justin WU (Dept of Medicine & Therapeutics, CUHK)  Dr WONG Kwai Yau (Associate Director, Boys and Girls Club Association)
3	8/6/2019	Project for Kindergartens and Child Care Centres  Organ Donation in Hong Kong – Ethnicity consideration and Practical Difficulties	Dr SO Man Chit Amen (SMHO, Central Health Education Unit, DH)  Dr CHAU Ka Foon (Past President, HK Society of Transplantation)
4	20/7/2019	Internet Addiction and e-sports among youngsters  Assessment and Management for Children with Clumsiness	Mr TANG Chun Yu Joe (Centre-in-charge, HK Christian Service)  Ms Catherine CHEUNG (Senior Physiotherapist, TKOH)
5	24/8/2019	A Special Training Journey for Youngsters with Autism    Emergency care for children at home	Ms Janette TAM (Occupational Therapist, Haven of Hope) Ms Christine YAM (Social Worker, Haven of Hope)  Dr Daniel CHIU (Past President, HK Paediatric Society)
6	7/9/2019	Advanced Management of Haemangioma in Children  Education for children with medical complexities	Dr David LUK (COS Paed, UCH)  Mr KWOK Wing Hang (Secretary, HK Special School Council)

# Standing Committees

## Examination Committee's Report

Chairman:	Dr. CHAN Hin-biu, Bill
Honorary Secretary:	Dr. William WONG
Members:	Prof. CHEUNG Yiu-fai
	Dr. LEE Wai-hong
	Dr. LEUNG Chi-wai
	Dr SO King-woon, Alan ( <i>Deputy Hon. Secretary</i> )
	Dr. SO Lok-yee
	Dr. TSE Wing-yee, Winnie ( <i>ex-officio</i> )
	Dr. BUT Wai-man, Betty ( <i>co-opted member</i> )
	Dr LUK Chi-kong, David ( <i>co-opted member</i> )
	Dr SHEK Chi-chiu ( <i>co-opted member</i> )
	Dr YEUNG Kwan-yee, Wilson ( <i>co-opted member</i> )

### 1. Examination Committee Meetings

Four Examination Committee Meetings were held in 2018-19. Host Examiners were appointed as follows: QMH – Dr Shau Yin HA, PWH – Dr King Woon SO, PMH – Dr Chi Chiu SHEK and QEH – Dr Betty Wai Man BUT for MRCPCH Clinical Examinations. Dr Wilson Kwan Yee YEUNG and Dr David Chi Kong LUK were host examiners for DCH Clinical Examinations. Dr HB Bill CHAN was the coordinator of the Exit Assessment. Within the year, there were a total of 9 examinations / assessments held, including two Foundation of Practice, Theory & Science Examinations (FOP/TAS), two Applied Knowledge in Practice (AKP) theory 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 theory examinations were essentially unchanged.

### 2. Joint Intermediate / MRCPCH Examinations

Prof Yiu Fai CHEUNG, Dr David Chi Kong LUK, Dr Chi Chiu SHEK, Dr King Woon SO, Dr Wing Yee TSE and Dr Wilson Kwan Yee YEUNG 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 generating scenarios for 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. The UK Examination Board meetings in the last year focused mainly on the new format clinical examination which was officially launched in UK and Hong Kong in October 2019.

From 2017, the number of the regular Examination Board meetings were reduced from three to two per year. To maintain the same number of HK delegates in each Board, the RCPCH agreed to have three HK delegates to attend each Meeting from 2017. So, the total number of HK delegates will remain six per year.

Since 2013, the RCPCH has introduced 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.

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 MRCPCH clinical examination, which has taken the format of OSCE, has run smoothly and successfully in the past 15 years. A new format clinical exam has been introduced from October 2019 in Hong Kong, where modifications were made to both the structure and scoring system. The major changes were in the Video Station and the Development Station. The New Video Station reflects more real-life situations and enables discussions with the candidates on real cases. Instead of answering MCQ questions on the computer, the Video Station will be in interview setting that involves a structured discussion with an examiner, hence making better assessment of the clinical competency of the candidates possible.

The Development Station has become an extended station of a 22 minute duration that involves information gathering, development assessment and questions and discussion.

The scoring system has changed to domain marking. Candidates will be scored on several competencies or ‘domains’ assessed across stations – rather than be provided with a single global mark at each station. It is expected that there will be improved reliability and easy identification of the candidates’ weaknesses with such changes in the marking system.

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 (9 October 2018)

	<i>Pass/attendance</i>	<i>Pass rate</i>
Foundation of Practice	21/35	60%
Theory and Science	19/25	76%

##### Foundation of Practice, Theory & Science Examination (13 February 2019)

Foundation of Practice	15/25	60%
Theory & Science	11/13	85%

##### Foundation of Practice, Theory & Science Examination (9 October 2019)

Foundation of Practice	pending	pending
Theory and Science	pending	pending

Applied Knowledge in Practice Examination (13 Sept 2018)	8/11	73%
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Applied Knowledge in Practice Examination (9 May 2019)	28/35	80%
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Applied Knowledge in Practice Examination (12 Sept 2019)	14/24	58%
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Clinical Examination (23-24 October 2018)	8/25	32%
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Clinical Examination (28 February - 1 March 2019)	12/17	70%
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Clinical Examination (22-23 October 2019)	pending	pending
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*Examiners for the February -March 2019 MRCPCH Clinical Examination at Princess Margaret Hospital and Prince of Wales Hospital included: Prof Win Tin (Senior Examiner), Dr Sam Ibhanebor, Dr Amalia Mayo, Dr Chi Chiu SHEK (Host Examiner), Dr Wai Ming LAI, Dr Shu Yan LAM, Dr Chi Wai LEUNG, Dr Kei Chiu Niko TSE, Dr Sin Nin WONG, Dr King Woon SO (Host Examiner), Dr Hin Biu Bill CHAN, Dr Chi Kong LI, Dr Lok Yee SO, Dr William WONG and Dr Man Ching YAM.*

*Examiners for the October 2019 MRCPCH Clinical Examination at Queen Mary Hospital and Queen Elizabeth Hospital included: Prof Win Tin (Senior Examiner), Dr Poothirikovil Venugopalan (Chair, DCH), Dr Bruce McLain (Officer for the Overseas Examination), Dr Arvind Shah (Overseas PRE, South Asia), Dr Shau Yin HA (Host Examiner), Prof Chi Fung Godfrey CHAN, Dr Hin Biu Bill CHAN, Prof Yiu Fai CHEUNG, Dr Kwok Shing Alan CHIANG, Prof Ting Fan LEUNG, Dr King Woon SO, Dr Nai Shun TSOI, Dr Wai Man Betty BUT (Host Examiner), Dr David Shu Yan LAM, Dr Shuk Han Maria LEE, Dr Wai Hong LEE, Dr Chi Wai LEUNG, Dr Chi Chiu SHEK, Dr Lok Yee SO, Dr Wing Yee Winnie TSE and Dr Sin Nin WONG.*

One extra UK Examiner, amounting to a total of 4 UK Examiners, was sent and participated in the October 2019 clinical examination so as to provide better support as the New Format was being officially implemented in Hong Kong. The number of local examiners on each exam day was increased from 6 to 8 to enable more HK examiners exposed to the New Format.

### **3. Exit Assessment**

Two Assessments were conducted, one in December 2018 and one in June 2019. 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 (20 December 2018)	2/2	100 %
Exit Assessment (20 June 2019)	14/15	93 %

*Assessors for Exit Assessment in December 2018 included: Prof Chi Kong LI, Dr Nai Chung FONG, Dr Shuk Han LEE, Dr Hui Leung YUEN, Dr Kai Tung CHAU and Dr Kwing Wan TSUI.*

*Assessors for Exit Assessment in June 2019 included: Prof Chi Fung Godfrey CHAN, Dr Wa Keung CHIU, Dr Shau Yin HA, Prof Yiu Fai CHEUNG, Dr Chun Yuen David LAU, Dr Nai Shun TSOI, Prof Tony Nelson, Dr Yat Tung Eric CHAN, Dr Kei Chiu Niko TSE, Dr Lok Yee SO, Dr Shu Yan LAM and Dr Shing Yan Robert LEE.*

The Examination Committee has relaxed the grace period for a Higher Trainee to sit the Exit Assessment from 2 weeks to 6 weeks with effect from the December 2019 Exit Assessment. A Higher Trainee is allowed to sit the Exit Assessment if the three-year Higher Training is expected to be completed by 31 July of the same year (for June Exit) and 31 January of the following year (for December Exit), provided that the trainee will make up for the training deficiency after the Assessment. In such a case, elevation to Fellowship will commence only after the deficient training has been completed.

In order to be qualified to apply for the Exit Assessment, it was further clarified that candidates should not have left paediatric training for over 3 years.

The criteria to be a proposer of an Exit Assessment candidate were further specified. Both the candidate's proposers must be his/her current or previous trainers who have supervised his/her higher training currently or within 3 years before the deadline of application of the Exit exam in question.

The rules for re-sitting the Exit Assessment were 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.

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

#### **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 2019.

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 ninth year in October 2019 and with great success.

With effect from the October 2017 diet, passing the Foundation of Practice (FOP) paper will no longer be a prerequisite for entry into the DCH Clinical Examination. However, candidates still need to pass the FOP paper after passing the DCH Clinical Examination

in order to be awarded the DCH Diploma. The DCH Diploma will ONLY be issued when BOTH components (Theory & Clinical) are passed.

Whichever component is passed first, candidates will need to pass the other component within a 7-year period counting from the date the first component is passed.

If candidates are not able to pass the other component within the 7 years, the previously passed component is no longer valid and candidates have to re-sit and pass that component before being able to apply for the other component again.

There is no limit to the number of attempts that candidates can make with regard to the DCH Clinical and DCH Theory examinations.

#### Results of DCH Examinations

	<i>Pass/attendance</i>	<i>Pass rate</i>
Clinical Examination (25 October 2018)	5/7	71%
Foundation of Practice (9 October 2018)	0/0	/
Foundation of Practice (13 February 2019)	0/0	/
Foundation of Practice (9 October 2019)	Pending	Pending
Clinical Examination (24 October 2019)	Pending	Pending

*Examiners for the October 2019 DCH Clinical Examination at PYNEH included: Dr Poothirikovil Venugopalan (Senior Examiner, Chair, DCH), Prof Win Tin, Dr Arvind Rasiklal Shah (Overseas PRE, South Asia), Dr Kwan Yee Wilson YEUNG (Host), Dr Hin Biu Bill CHAN, Dr Kwok Piu LEE, Dr Chi Kong David LUK, Dr Shun Ping WU and Dr Hui Leung YUEN.*

Three Active Category E CME points will be awarded to DCH examiners effective 2017.

## **5. Chairman's message**

Thanks to all the host centres, the MRCPCCH and DCH examinations were conducted very smoothly in Hong Kong.

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

All theory examinations have been moved to Computer-based Testing (CBT) since January 2015. Medical invigilator was not required in CBT. There is a maximum capacity for theory examinations held in the CBT centre in Hong Kong.

The FOP/TAS examination and the AKP examination have been held in Hong Kong two times each year since 2016. The June FOP/TAS examination and the January AKP examination will not be held in Hong Kong.

Official launching of the new Format MRCPCH Clinical Examination took place in Hong Kong in October 2019 and with great success. The New Format exam is mapped to the RCPCH's newly implemented curriculum – 'Progress'. Some of the major changes introduced include

- An extended Neurodevelopmental Station which encompasses history taking, developmental assessment and management skills.
- Two Video Stations which no longer consist of an MCQ format but involves a video clip and a structured discussion with an examiner on management & decision.
- The Clinical Stations will no longer be restricted to particular systems or specialties. The number of Clinical stations has been reduced from five to four, but will continue to focus on assessing signs and making a differential diagnosis. Management planning would not be required within the 9-minute station.
- Marking scheme has been changed to domain-based, and grading has taken on the form of standard reached, borderline or below standard.
- 'Standard Setting' will be replaced by 'Bench Marking', which is a tool for scoring different domains.

To prepare for the new Format exam, the Examination Committee held a brief information sharing session in the afternoon of the AGM on 1 December 2018 for trainers and training supervisors to introduce the new Exam format and share significant issues from the recent examinations. The session was well attended by some 30 participants with very good response.

The Examination Committee organized two training sessions over the last year on 27 February 2019 and 21 October 2019 respectively to brief all local MRCPCH examiners on the new format. COS and trainers were also invited to join the October 2019 session. Both sessions were very well received and attended by over 50 local examiners and trainers.

The February training session was led by Prof Win Tin, Dr Amalia Mayo and Dr Sam Ibhanesebhor. Trainers for the October session included Prof Win Tin, Dr Poothirikovil Venugopalan, Dr Bruce McLain and Dr Arvind Shah.

A separate briefing session was run on 1 March 2019 at Prince of Wales Hospital for potential candidates who plan to sit the Clinical Exam from October 2019 onwards. The session was well attended by 20+ trainees and 30+ trainers.



All local examiners have been advised to join the Webinars which were hosted by the RCPCH on 28 June 2019 and 27 September 2019 respectively, and designed to provide a comprehensive update on the modifications and changes, including the scoring system of the New Format exam.

Following several rounds of email discussions, the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the RCPCH and our College that was first signed in January 2008, has been updated and vetted by both Colleges before signing in September 2019 so as to better reflect the current practice at the Hong Kong Centre.

The Data Sharing Agreement between the RCPCH and our College has been signed on 19 May 2019.

Dr Alan King Woon SO represented College and served as the examiner for the Macau Paediatrics Specialist Examinations (兒科專科培訓同等學歷認可考試) which were held on 4-5 July 2019.

With the increasing demand for MRCPCCH examiners, the Committee has recruited Prof Albert M Li to be a generic examiner. Prof Li's examiner application was endorsed at the UK Board in November 2018.

The appointment of the 4 newly recruited DCH examiners, viz. Dr Kwok Piu LEE, Dr Chi Kong David LUK, Dr Shun Ping WU and Dr Kwan Yee Wilson YEUNG was confirmed in November 2018.

The following colleagues joined the exit assessors' pool in 2018-2019. They were Dr Shing Yan Robert LEE, Dr Ping LAM, Dr Tsz Wang Louis CHAN and Dr Kwok Piu LEE. More colleagues will be recruited in future Exit Assessments.

The Chairman would like to thank all host centres, Committee members and local examiners for their contributions and support to the Examination Committee over the past year.

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

# Standing Committees

## House Committee's Report

Chairman	Dr. CHENG Chun-fai
Honorary Secretary	Dr. KO Po-wan
Members	Prof. LEUNG Nai-kong Dr. FONG Nai-chung ( <i>ex-officio</i> ) Dr FU Chun-cheung, Anthony Dr LAW Yuet-ho, Vivian Dr. LEUNG Cheuk-wa, Wilfred Dr SOO Man-ting, David Dr. WOO Lap-fai, Chris
Secretariat office	Ms Shelley TUNG

### 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

### The E-portfolio & Administrative Platform

With the successful implementation of all electronic paperless workflow for operations and archiving of non-current documents, the College has embarked on the establishment of a comprehensive e-platform dedicated to maintain the demographic; academic; professional and training data of the associates, members and fellows of the College as well as all the administrative measures in carrying out the assigned tasks. To facilitate the efficient development and implementation of these comprehensive functionalities, the Council commissioned a dedicated IT Subcommittee co-chaired by Dr CHENG Chun-fai & Dr Ko Po Wan for planning and oversight of the full project.

### New recruits from self-nominated members

The Council undertook to widen the scope of contribution from members and fellows and sent invitations for self-nominated Committee/subcommittee/Working group members to join the working force. We were happy to welcome Drs. Anthony Fu, Dr Vivian Law & David Soo onboard the House committee. Dr Fu & Dr Law joined the Administrative/

working Issues WG of the IT subcommittee and Dr Soo assigned as one of the Editors of the Newsletter.

### **Secretarial Staffing**

There has been some hectic turnover of our secretarial staff in recent months

#### Resignations:

Clara & Kendra had resigned for personal reasons

#### Sick leave

Blanche came down with sickness requiring prolonged recuperation and rehabilitation

#### New recruits

Replacement staffs were recruited but, for discrete reasons, the attrition rate had been high and marked by a period with rapid turnover of the working staff. Great efforts were levied on our President and Hon Secretary to conduct job interviews repeatedly & diligently to source new recruits and to resolve working issues. The situation has apparently stabilized in the recent months and our current work force is listed as follow:

#### Current work force

Vanessa (IC)

Kitty

Lily

Joyce (new)

Stephanie (new)

Shelley (new; part time)

Blanche (sick leave)

We have to express our heartfelt thank you to our incumbent secretarial staff: Vanessa; Kitty and Lily for their great contribution and persevering actions to stabilize and tie us over this period of operation turmoil and Joyce and Stephanie for taking up their new assigned tasks.

As our newly joined staffs take time to settle in with the ongoing jobs, you are most appreciated to exercise your tolerance towards the current less-than-efficient workflows during this interim period and to enlighten on any inadequacies that might be uncovered in your dealings with College operations.

### **Newsletter**

The College Newsletters are being published bi-monthly and provide updated information on the Council and its Committees; useful information and activities organized by the College. The newsletters are sent to the majority of members by electronic means. Dr SOO

Man Ting joined the Editorial Board of the College Newsletter this year, which is also comprised of Dr. Fong Nai Chung, Dr. CHENG Chun Fai, Dr. LEUNG Cheuk Wa, Wilfred.

**The College souvenir**

The call for submission for designs of the college souvenir has not been responded with much enthusiasm and the few available choices were quite unremarkable. In the face of underpowered secretariat workforce, the exercise would be pursued later when the overall workforce should become more optimal.

**The House chamber:**

With the archiving of most of the non-current documents and measures/equipments to ensure a paperless workflow, the College Chamber has emerged to be a more uncluttered & more pleasant working environment, and further enhanced by the diligent up keeping by our secretarial staff and regular outsourced cleaning practices.

**Dr. CHENG Chun-fai**  
**Chairman, House Committee**

# Standing Committees

## Membership Committee's Report

Chairman	Prof LI Chi-kong
Hon Secretary	Dr LEE Kwok-piu
Members	Dr CHENG Wai-tsoi, Frankie
	Dr CHIU Wa-keung
	Dr CHOW Chung-mo
	Dr KWAN Kwok-fan
	Dr LAM Hung-san, Hugh Simon ( <i>Ex-officio</i> )
	Dr LAM Kee see, Grace ( <i>co-opted member</i> )
	Dr LAM Shu-yan, David
	Dr LAM Yuen-yu
	Dr LING Siu-cheung
	Dr NG Hak-yung
	Dr. POON Wing-kit Grace
	Dr. WONG Wai-chun Sammy

In the year 2018/2019, Forty Associates were admitted to the College. Two Associates resigned. Twenty-eight Associates were elevated to Members. Sixteen Members passed the Exit Assessment and were admitted as Fellows. One Fellow resigned from overseas fellowship status. One did not pay the subscription fee and was removed from College fellowship. One was removed from the College because his name was removed from the Medical Council General Registry.

Presently, our Memberships are as follows (as at 17 September 2019):

Fellows:	654
Overseas Fellows:	22
Members:	72
Overseas Members:	2
Associates:	115
<b>Total Membership:</b>	<b>865</b>

**Prof. LI Chi-kong**  
Chairman, Membership Committee

# Standing Committees

## Professional and General Affairs Committee's Report

Chairman:	Prof. Leung Ting-fan ( <i>Ex-officio</i> )
Hon. Secretary:	Dr. Ng Chi-hang
Members:	Dr. Cheng Chun-fai
	Dr. Cheng James Wesley ( <i>wef July 2019</i> )
	Dr. Chua Gilbert
	Dr. Ho Po-ki ( <i>wef July 2019</i> )
	Prof. Hon Kam-lun Ellis
	Dr. Ip Patrick
	Dr. Ko Po-wan
	Dr. Lam Shu-yan David
	Dr. Leung Cheuk-wa Wilfred
	Dr. Leung Sze-yin Agnes
	Dr. Leung Tze-ching Vincent
	Dr. Li Chi-him
	Dr. So Lok-yee
	Dr. Yau Man-mut ( <i>wef July 2019</i> )
	Dr. Young Wan-yin Betty
Secretary:	Ms. Clara Yu ( <i>until July 2019</i> ) /
	Ms. Stephanie Lai ( <i>wef July 2019</i> )

### 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 on Clinical Practice in Collaboration with Local Paediatric Subspecialties:

PGAC has been collaborating with different paediatric subspecialty societies to disseminate updated information on clinical practice and management to College members. Such information would be published as “Update on clinical practice” and archived under “Publication” in the College website. In 2019, PGAC has revised and published an update on ‘Indications of growth hormone treatment’. Reviews on other topics of clinical practice have been in progress, such as acute bronchiolitis, febrile convulsion, acute diarrhea, atopic dermatitis and evidence-based-medicine. As soon as these revised updates are ready, PGAC would upload them to our website.

### Viewing for Guidelines and Updates Developed by HKCPaed:

In order to acknowledge the effort of the authors of the College Updates and Guidelines on our website and to benefit more health care professionals, College has endorsed PGAC's proposal to allow free access of these publications to the public. A disclaimer will be added to each document as well as on the relevant website. The access to HA Paediatric COC guidelines that are shared with our College will continue to be restricted to our College members.

### Enhancement of Professional Image:

In order to promote the visibility and public image of the Hong Kong College of Paediatricians, PGAC obtained support from the College Council to work with the Radio Hong Kong to hold a second series of live interviews under the programme '香港兒科醫學院系列II' at RTHK1 《精靈一點》 on the first Tuesday (14:00-15:00) of each month from 4 June 2019 to 6 October 2020. This programme aimed to introduce to the general public the various subspecialty societies and services of our College. A total of 17 subspecialty societies had confirmed to co-host this programme with the College.

	播出日期	建議節目內容	備 註
1	4/6/2019	青蔥成長路	Hong Kong Society for Adolescent Health 香港青少年健康學會
2	2/7/2019	兒童健康發展40年	Hong Kong Paediatric Society 香港兒科醫學會
3	6/8/2019	兒童糖尿病	Hong Kong Society of Paediatric Endocrinology and Metabolism 香港兒童內分泌科學會
4	3/9/2019	兒童淋巴瘤/骨癌診斷與治療	Hong Kong Paediatric Haematology and Oncology Study Group 香港兒童血液及腫瘤科學會
5	1/10/2019	認識兒童腦癇症與治療方法	The Hong Kong Society of Child Neurology and Developmental Paediatrics 香港兒童腦科及體智發展學會
6	5/11/2019	如何診斷罕見病	Hong Kong Society of Medical Genetics 香港醫學遺傳學會
7	3/12/2019	常見兒童皮膚病的迷思	Hong Kong Paediatric and Adolescent Dermatology Society 香港兒童及青少年皮膚醫學會
8	7/1/2020	如何治療罕見病	Hong Kong Society of Inborn Errors of Metabolism 香港先天性代謝病學會

9	4/2/2020	新生兒常見的問題	Hong Kong Neonatal Society 香港新生兒科醫學會
10	3/3/2020	抽動症和頭痛	Paediatric Neurology Association of Hong Kong 香港兒童腦神經科學會
11	7/4/2020	兒童傳染病及藥物過敏	Hong Kong Society for Paediatric Immunology Allergy and Infectious Diseases 香港兒童免疫過敏及傳染病學會
12	5/5/2020	TBC	Hong Kong Society for Paediatric Rheumatology 香港兒童風濕病學學會
13	2/6/2020	兒童便秘問題	Hong Kong Society of Paediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition 香港兒童腸胃肝臟及營養學會
14	7/7/2020	兒童慢性咳嗽和非哮喘性咳嗽	Hong Kong Society of Paediatric Respiriology and Allergy 香港兒童呼吸及過敏學會
15	4/8/2020	TBC	Hong Kong Paediatric Nephrology Society 香港小兒腎科學會
16	1/9/2020	TBC	Hong Kong Society of Paediatric Cardiology 香港兒科心臟學會
17	6/10/2020	TBC	The Paediatric Cardiology Chapter 香港心臟專科學院

### Annual Social Function:

Every year, PGAC will arrange a joyful outdoor social function for our members and their families so that they could enjoy a relaxing day and know more each other. The social function for this year was a thrilling full-day tour outside Hong Kong. We visited Zhuhai of the Greater Bay Area via the magnificent and reputed HK-Zhuhai-Macau Bridge on 27<sup>th</sup> October 2019. With the subsidy from our College, the price for this social function was HK\$280 each for the member and the first two guests aged 12 years and older, HK\$340 each for the third and fourth guests, and HK\$140 each for children aged 3-11 years old. Children aged two years and below were free to participate. About 80 members, friends and guests joined this fun-filled event, which brought a fantastic journey to all participants with eye-opening attractions as well as a happy, warm and memorable gathering.

**Prof. LEUNG Ting-fan**  
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-pan, Patrick

In the year 2018-2019, the Review Committee received from a candidate a request for review of his result in the 42<sup>nd</sup> Exit Assessment held on 20<sup>th</sup> June 2019.

After an in depth review of the case, the Review Committee arrived at the conclusion that there were no evidence of procedural irregularities or injustice during the assessment. Hence the Review Committee upholds the original results of the candidate's assessment.

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

## Other Committees and Subcommittees Report

### Credentialing Committee's Report

Chairman:	Dr TSE Wing-yee, Winnie
Hon Secretary:	Dr WU Shun-ping
Members:	Dr SO King-woon, Alan
	Dr LEUNG Ping, Maurice
	Dr YUNG Tak-cheung
	Dr TAM Yat-cheung, Alfred
	Dr LAM Shu-yan
	Dr YAU Kin-cheong, Eric
	Dr CHAN Eugene

The Credentialing Committee has continued to coordinate and consolidate the progress of discussion on the credentialing standard of cardiac catheterization and flexible bronchoscopy. All stakeholders were consulted in the past year and the working groups are approaching the completion of drafting the credentialing standards according to the requirements of the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine.

**Dr. Winnie WY TSE**  
Chairman, Committee

## Other Committees and Subcommittees Report

### Information Technology Subcommittee's Report

Co-Chairman :	Dr. CHENG Chun-fai
Co-Chairman :	Dr. KO Po-wan
Members :	Dr CHAN Chi-ngong, Lawrence
	Dr CHAN Yau-ki, Wilson
	Dr CHENG Ching-hei, James Wesley
	Ms Lisa CHIM
	Dr CHUNG Hon-yin, Brian
	Dr LAM Hung-san, Hugh Simon
	Dr LEE Pui-wah, Pamela
	Dr LEE Kwok-piu
	Dr SOO Tsung-liang, Euan
	Dr WU Shun-ping
	Dr WAN Hin-fan, Stephen
	Dr TSE Wing-yee, Winnie ( <i>ex-officio</i> )

### E-portfolio for training & full digital work flow for College operations

Following on the successful implementation of paperless workflow and document archiving of the college operations, the House Committee was tasked to embark on the establishment of a total e-platform dedicated to maintain the demographic; academic; professional and training data of the associates, members and fellows of the College as well as the administrative measures in carrying out the assigned tasks. To cater for the development and implementation of these comprehensive functionalities, the Council commissioned a dedicated IT Subcommittee to carry out such tasks.

4 Working Groups were formed under the IT Subcommittee to cater for specific areas in relation to its operations.

#### i) Administrative functions/working Issues

- Scope: workflow of the secretariats iCME/CPD and finance/online payment & other activities;
- Members included:

Dr CF Cheng (Chairman)	Dr KP Lee (Membership)
Dr Simon Lam (Financial Sec)	Dr James Wesley Cheng (IT)
Dr Wilson Chan (YFS)	Dr Lawrence Chan(YFS)
Dr Anthony CC Fu(Fellow)	Dr Vivian Law(Fellow)

ii) Communication and Website

- Scope: College Communications & Website
- Members included:

Dr PW Ko (Chairman)	Dr Wilson Chan (YFS)
Dr Lawrence Chan (YFS)	Dr Euan Soo (YFS)

iii) E-Portfolio of Fellowship Training; SLE activities

- Members included:

Dr PW Ko (Chairman)	Dr Brian Chung/Pamela Lee (e-Portfolio; Training supervisor)
Dr James Wesley Cheng (IT)	Dr SP Wu (AC; Training Supervisor)
Dr Stephen Wan (Higher Trainee)	Dr Cheung Kai O (Basic Trainee)
Lisa Chim (Administrative Sec)	

E-Portfolio of Sub-Specialist Training

- Members included:

Dr Winnie Tse (Chairman)	Dr Simon Lam (CSB)
Dr Brian Chung (Training Supervisor/GGP; e-portfolio)	Dr Pamela Lee (Training Supervisor/PIAID; e-portfolio)
Dr SP Wu (Training Supervisor; AC(Overlap year Higher Training)	Dr James Wesley Cheng (IT)
Dr Purdy Chan (Subspecialist DBP)	Dr Euan Soo (YFS; Fellow)

iv) Vendor and Procurement:

- Set up procurement policy and vendor selection to comply with ICAC provisions.
- Items to be included in the development of the e-portfolio and projected functionalities.
- Members included:

Dr CF Cheng/ PW Ko (Chairman)	Dr Simon Lam (Financial Sec)
Dr James Wesley Cheng (IT)	
Dr Lawrence Chan (College Rep WG E-Portfolio, HKAM)	

Detail items of the data fields and their relational architecture; task related workflows; user interface identifications; connecting portals with the HKAM platform; operation platforms; administrative requirements and oversights; security issues had been outlined and specs for the full system released to potential vendors for evaluation and quotations. The Council would make decisions when all submissions become available.

**New recruits for the House Committee and IT Subcommittee from self-nominated members**

The Council undertook to widen the scope of contribution from members and fellows and sent invitations for self-nominated Committee/subcommittee/Working group members to join the working force. We were happy to welcome Drs. Anthony Fu & Dr Vivian Law onboard the IT Subcommittee & they are allocated to join the WG on Administrative functions/Working Issues.

**Dr. CHENG Chun-fai, Dr. KO Po-wan**  
Co-Chairperson,  
IT Subcommittee

## Other Committees and Subcommittees Report

### Young Fellows Subcommittee's Report

Chairperson:	Dr. CHAN Chi-ngong, Lawrence
Vice-chairperson:	Dr. CHAN Yau-ki, Wilson <i>(Representative to Young Fellows Chapter, HKAM)</i>
Hon Treasurer:	Dr. LAM Kee-see, Grace
Hon Secretary:	Dr. HUI Wun-fung, Alvin
Ex-officio:	Dr. SOO Tsung-liang, Euan Dr. CHAN Ching-ching, Kate
Members:	Dr. LOUNG Po-yee Dr. LAM King-fai, Alva Dr. YAU Lo-yee, Maggie

The Young Fellows Subcommittee serves as a platform for young paediatricians to voice out their ideas and concerns with regards to our College's development. One of the more important issues at hand is the continuity, sustainability and pace of paediatric subspecialty development. An electronic survey was sent to all young fellows, members and associate members to collect their thoughts on this matter. The survey covered an array of topics, from whether subspecialty development should continue, to how we could tackle the problems identified. The survey results were relayed back to the Committee for Subspecialty Boards, presented during the forums on subspecialty development, and considered in the review process of paediatric subspecialty accreditation and development. We hope this survey served as a tool to allow the voices of younger paediatricians to be heard.

On a lighter note, the Young Fellows Subcommittee organized its annual social event in April this year. A coffee cupping and latte art class was arranged for our young fellows and Ms Chantel Pang, associate at Kennedys, was invited to share on common medico-legal pitfalls.



**Dr. CHAN Chi-ngong, Lawrence**  
Chairperson, Young Fellows Subcommittee





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

### Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Hong Kong College of Paediatricians (the "College") set out on pages 5 to 14, which comprise the statement of financial position as at 31st March, 2019, and the income statement for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the financial statements of the College are prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with the Hong Kong Small and Medium-Sized Entity Financial Reporting Standard ("SME-FRS") issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants ("HKICPA") and have been properly prepared in compliance with the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance.

### Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Hong Kong Standards on Auditing ("HKSAs") and with reference to PN 900 (Revised) "Audit of Financial Statements Prepared in Accordance with the Small and Medium-Sized Entity Financial Reporting Standard" issued by the HKICPA. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are independent of the College in accordance with the HKICPA's Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants ("the Code"), and we have fulfilled our other responsibilities in accordance with the Code. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

### Responsibilities of Council members and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Statements

The council members are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the SME-FRS issued by the HKICPA and the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance, and for such internal control as the council members determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the council members are responsible for assessing the College's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the council members either intend to liquidate the College or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the College's financial reporting process.



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

### Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. This report is made solely to you, as a body, in accordance with section 359(1)(a) of the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance (Cap. 622), and for no other purpose. We do not assume responsibility towards or accept liability to any other person for the contents of this report. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with HKSAs will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.



Certified Public Accountants (Practising)

Hong Kong, 30th September, 2019



**HONG KONG COLLEGE OF PAEDIATRICIANS****INCOME STATEMENT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 2019**


	<u>Note</u>	<u>2019</u> HK\$	<u>2018</u> HK\$
<b>Revenue</b>	(3)	1,433,807	1,813,986
Other revenue		2,474,721	4,912,445
Operating expenses		<u>(4,540,612)</u>	<u>(6,162,774)</u>
<b>(Deficit) / Surplus for the year</b>	(4)	<u><u>(632,084)</u></u>	<u><u>563,657</u></u>

The notes on pages 86 to 92 form part of these financial statements.

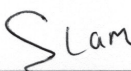
**HONG KONG COLLEGE OF PAEDIATRICIANS****STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION**  
**AT 31ST MARCH, 2019**

	<u>Note</u>	<u>2019</u> HK\$	<u>2018</u> HK\$
<b>Non-current Assets</b>			
Available-for-sale Financial Assets	(8)	3,068,797	3,367,222
Held-to-maturity investments	(9)	2,368,567	978,660
Interest in an associate	(10)	(159,194)	(133,937)
		<u>5,278,170</u>	<u>4,211,945</u>
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Bank fixed deposits		492,346	489,000
Cash at bank		9,380,629	11,458,106
Cash in hand		219	182
		<u>9,873,194</u>	<u>11,947,288</u>
<b>Current Liabilities</b>			
Accrued charges		<u>18,000</u>	<u>95,360</u>
<b>Net Current Assets</b>		<u>9,855,194</u>	<u>11,851,928</u>
<b>Net Assets</b>		<u>15,133,364</u>	<u>16,063,873</u>
Represented by:			
<b>Accumulated Surplus</b>	(11)	<u>15,133,364</u>	<u>16,063,873</u>

The financial statements on pages 83 to 92 were approved and authorised for issue by the Board of Council members on 30th September, 2019.

  
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 Dr. Tse Wing Yee  
 President

  
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 Dr. Fong Nai Chung  
 Honorary Secretary

  
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 Dr. Lam Hugh Simon Hung San  
 Honorary Treasurer

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**HONG KONG COLLEGE OF PAEDIATRICIANS**

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 2019**

	<b>Income and Expenditure <u>Account</u> HK\$</b>	<b>Revaluation <u>Surplus</u> HK\$</b>	<b>Accumulated <u>Surplus</u> HK\$</b>
<b>At 1st April, 2017</b>	14,118,452	734,480	14,852,932
Revaluation on Available-for-sale Financial Assets	-	647,284	647,284
Surplus for the year	<u>563,657</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>563,657</u>
<b>At 31st March, 2018 and 1st April, 2018</b>	14,682,109	1,381,764	16,063,873
Revaluation on Available-for-sale Financial Assets	-	(298,425)	(298,425)
Deficit for the year	<u>(632,084)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(632,084)</u>
<b>At 31st March, 2019</b>	<u><u>14,050,025</u></u>	<u><u>1,083,339</u></u>	<u><u>15,133,364</u></u>

The notes on pages 86 to 92 form part of these financial statements.



## **HONG KONG COLLEGE OF PAEDIATRICIANS**

### **NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS** **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 2019**

#### **1. GENERAL INFORMATION**

Hong Kong College of Paediatricians is incorporated in Hong Kong with limited by guarantee, such that under the provisions of the Articles of Association, every member shall, in the event of the College being wound up, contribute such amount not exceeding one hundred dollars as may be required to meet the liabilities of the College, for each member.

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. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

##### **a) Basis of preparation**

The College qualifies for the reporting exemption as a small private company under section 359(1)(a) of the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance (Cap. 622) and is therefore entitled to prepare and present its financial statements in accordance with the Small and Medium-sized Entity Financial Reporting Standard (SME-FRS) issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

These financial statements comply with SME-FRS and have been prepared under the accrual basis of accounting and on the basis that the College is a going concern.

The measurement base adopted is the historical cost convention.

##### **b) Held-to-maturity investments**

Held-to-maturity investments are non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments and fixed maturities that the Company's management has the positive intention and ability to hold to maturity. At the end of each reporting period subsequent to initial recognition, held-to-maturity investments are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less any identified impairment losses. An impairment loss is recognised in profit or loss when there is objective evidence that the asset is impaired, and is measured as the difference the asset's carrying amount and the present value of estimated future cash flows discounted at the effective interest rate computed on initial recognition. Impairment losses are reversed in subsequent periods when an increase in the investment's recoverable amount can be related objectively to an event occurring after the impairment was recognised, subject to the restriction that the carrying amount of the asset at the date the impairment is reversed does not exceed what the amortised cost would have been had the impairment not been recognised.

##### **c) 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 end of the reporting period. Gains and losses on foreign exchange are recognised in the income and expenditure account.

**HONG KONG COLLEGE OF PAEDIATRICIANS**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 2019**

**2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)**

**d) Financial instruments**

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised when a Company becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and financial liabilities are initially measured at fair value. Transaction costs that are directly attributable to the acquisition or issue of financial assets and financial liabilities (other than financial assets and financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss) are added to or deducted from the fair value of the financial assets or financial liabilities, as appropriate, on initial recognition. Transaction costs directly attributable to the acquisition of financial assets or financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss are recognised immediately in profit or loss.

Financial assets

(i) Financial assets at "fair value through profit or loss" (FVTPL)

A financial asset is classified as held for trading if:

- it has been acquired principally for the purpose of selling it in the near future; or
- on initial recognition it is part of a portfolio of identified financial instruments that the Company manages together and has a recent actual pattern of short-term profit-making; or
- it is a derivative that is not designated and effective as a hedging instrument.

Financial assets at FVTPL are stated at fair value, with any gains or losses arising on remeasurement recognised in profit or loss. The net gain or loss recognised in profit or loss incorporates any dividend or interest earned on the financial asset and is included in the other income line item in the statement of comprehensive income.

(ii) Available-for-sale financial assets (AFS financial assets)

AFS financial assets are non-derivatives that are either designated as available-for-sale or are not classified as loans and receivables, held-for-maturity investments or financial assets at FVTPL.

AFS financial assets are measured at fair value at the end of the reporting period. Changes in fair value are recognised in other comprehensive income and accumulated under the heading of investments revaluation reserve. Where the financial asset is disposed of or is determined to be impaired, the cumulative gain or loss previously accumulated in the investments revaluation reserve is classified to profit or loss.

AFS equity investments that do not have a quoted market price in an active market and whose fair value cannot be reliably measured and derivatives that are linked to and must be settled by delivery of such unquoted equity investments are measured at cost less any identified impairment losses at the end of the reporting period.



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Financial assets, other than those at FVTPL, are assessed for indicators of impairment at the end of each reporting period. Financial assets are considered to be impaired when there is objective evidence that, as a result of one or more events that occurred after the initial recognition of the financial asset, the estimated future cash flows of the investment have been affected.

For AFS equity investments, a significant or prolonged decline in the fair value of the security below its cost is considered to be objective evidence of impairment.

When an AFS financial asset is considered to be impaired, cumulative gains or losses previously recognised in other comprehensive income are reclassified to profit or loss in the period.

In respect of AFS equity investments, impairment losses previously recognised in profit or loss are not reversed through profit or loss. Any increase in fair value subsequent to an impairment loss is recognised in other comprehensive income and accumulated under the heading of investments revaluation reserve. In respect of AFS debt investments, impairment losses are subsequently reversed through profit or loss if an increase in the fair value of the investment can be objectively related to an event occurring after the recognition of the impairment loss.

**e) 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.

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**2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)**

**f) Revenue recognition**

Revenue is recognised when it is probable that the economic benefits will flow to the College and when the revenue can be measured reliably, on the following bases:

- i) Subscriptions and admission fees income is recognised on the actual basis.
- ii) Donation income is recognised on the actual basis.
- iii) Administrative charges income is recognised on the actual basis.
- iv) Rental of College's gown income is recognised on the actual basis.
- v) Sale proceeds for College's tie income is recognised on the actual basis.
- vi) Secretarial support fee income is recognised on the actual basis.
- vii) Interest income from bank deposits is accrued on a time-apportioned basis by reference to the principal outstanding and the rate applicable.

**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. REVENUE**

An analysis of the College's revenue is as follows:

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
	HK\$	HK\$
Subscriptions and admission fees received	1,386,820	1,770,868
Administrative charges received	17,500	23,500
Rental of College's gown	2,400	5,000
Sale proceeds for College's tie	800	1,000
Secretarial support fee received	12,000	12,000
Bank interest received	14,287	1,618
	<u>1,433,807</u>	<u>1,813,986</u>



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**4. (DEFICIT) / SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR**

This is stated at after charging / (crediting) the followings:-

	<u>2019</u> HK\$	<u>2018</u> HK\$
Auditor's remuneration	18,000	15,500
Council members' remuneration (note 6)	-	-
Staff costs (note 7)	1,763,018	1,709,643
Loss on disposal of held-to-maturity investments	4,029	-
Coupon income	<u>(84,638)</u>	<u>(30,000)</u>

**5. TAXATION**

No provision for Hong Kong Profits Tax has been provided in the financial statements as the College is an approved charitable institution under Section 88 of the Inland Revenue Ordinance (Chapter 112) and is therefore exempted from taxes levied under this Ordinance.

**6. COUNCIL MEMBERS' REMUNERATION**

Council members' remuneration disclosed pursuant to section 383(1) of the Companies Ordinance is as follows:

	<u>2019</u> HK\$	<u>2018</u> HK\$
Council members' fees	-	-
Other emoluments	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

**7. STAFF COSTS**

	<u>2019</u> HK\$	<u>2018</u> HK\$
Salaries and allowances	1,680,126	1,628,820
Mandatory provident fund	<u>82,892</u>	<u>80,823</u>
	<u>1,763,018</u>	<u>1,709,643</u>

**8. AVAILABLE-FOR-SALE FINANCIAL ASSETS**

	<u>2019</u> HK\$	<u>2018</u> HK\$
Investment in Listed Shares		
- HSBC Holdings	<u>3,068,797</u>	<u>3,367,222</u>



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**9. HELD-TO-MATURITY INVESTMENTS**

	<u>2019</u> HK\$	<u>2018</u> HK\$
At cost	2,455,241	978,486
Change in fair value	<u>(86,674)</u>	<u>174</u>
Balance at the end of the year	<u><u>2,368,567</u></u>	<u><u>978,660</u></u>

**10. INTEREST IN AN ASSOCIATE**

	<u>2019</u> HK\$	<u>2018</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>(159,195)</u>	<u>(133,938)</u>
	(159,194)	(133,937)
Amount due from an associate	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u><u>(159,194)</u></u>	<u><u>(133,937)</u></u>
Summarised financial information in respect of the College's associate is set out below :		
Total assets	41,012	134,927
Total liabilities	<u>(359,400)</u>	<u>(402,800)</u>
Net liabilities	<u><u>(318,388)</u></u>	<u><u>(267,873)</u></u>
College's share of net assets of an associate	<u><u>(159,194)</u></u>	<u><u>(133,937)</u></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.

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**11. ACCUMULATED SURPLUS**

	<u>2019</u> HK\$	<u>2018</u> HK\$
Accumulated Surplus :		
Hong Kong College of Paediatricians	11,116,499	11,326,079
HKCPaeds - The H. M. Lui Memorial Fund (note 12)	<u>4,016,865</u>	<u>4,737,794</u>
	<u>15,133,364</u>	<u>16,063,873</u>

**12. THE H. M. LUI MEMORIAL FUND ACCOUNT**

	<u>2019</u> HK\$	<u>2018</u> HK\$
<b>Income</b>		
Bank interest received	3,580	1,649
Dividends income	178	129
Exchange gain	<u>52</u>	<u>5,950</u>
Total Income	<u>3,810</u>	<u>7,728</u>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Bank service charges	1,226	1,296
Courier charges	52	-
H. M. Lui Fellowship Awards	112,161	293,258
Training Programme at Shanghai	<u>312,875</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Expenditure	<u>426,314</u>	<u>294,554</u>
Deficit for the year	(422,504)	(286,826)
Accumulated surplus brought forward	<u>4,737,794</u>	<u>4,377,336</u>
	4,315,290	4,090,510
Revaluation (deficit) / surplus on Available-for-sale Financial Assets	<u>(298,425)</u>	<u>647,284</u>
Accumulated surplus carried forward	<u>4,016,865</u>	<u>4,737,794</u>

**13. 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 2018/2019**

<i>DR CHAN Ling Yee Francis</i>	陳令貽醫生
<i>DR CHENG Ying Wai</i>	鄭英偉醫生
<i>DR CHEUNG Kwok Lam</i>	張國林醫生
<i>DR CHOI Wing Man Ann</i>	蔡穎敏醫生
<i>DR CHUA Gilbert T</i>	蔡宇程醫生
<i>DR KWOK Ka Hang Andy</i>	郭嘉恒醫生
<i>DR LAM Cheuk San Ivan</i>	林卓燊醫生
<i>DR LAU Cheuk Lam</i>	劉卓林醫生
<i>DR LIN Anna</i>	林安娜醫生
<i>DR MO Chung Yin</i>	巫仲然醫生
<i>DR SOU Da Rosa Duque, Jaime</i>	陸俊文醫生
<i>DR TO Sharon Wing Yan</i>	杜詠恩醫生
<i>DR TRACY, Nikole Ada</i>	卓凌醫生
<i>DR YAM Wing In</i>	任穎妍醫生
<i>DR YAU Nang</i>	邱嵐醫生
<i>DR YEUNG Man Fung</i>	楊萬鋒醫生

## NEW MEMBERS

**The following doctors were elected as  
Members of the Hong Kong College of Paediatricians  
in 2018/2019**

<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 LAI Hui Fung Stephanie</i>	黎栩風醫生
<i>DR LAI Sin Ting</i>	黎倩婷醫生
<i>DR LAU Shirley Wai Yin</i>	劉偉賢醫生
<i>DR LAW Hiu Fung</i>	羅曉楓醫生
<i>DR LEE Hon Lam</i>	李漢霖醫生
<i>DR LEE Shu Fung David</i>	李樹豐醫生
<i>DR LEE Tsz Shun Toria</i>	李梓淳醫生
<i>DR LEUNG Po Yee</i>	梁寶宜醫生
<i>DR LEUNG Wing Yan</i>	梁穎欣醫生
<i>DR MOK Kwai Yi Claudia</i>	莫桂怡醫生
<i>DR NG Ka Wai Selina</i>	吳家慧醫生
<i>DR NG Sui Lun</i>	吳瑞麟醫生
<i>DR POON Wing Yiu Sarah</i>	潘穎瑤醫生
<i>DR SO Chi Tak Enoch</i>	蘇智德醫生
<i>DR TSANG Ho Yin</i>	曾浩然醫生
<i>DR TSANG Ming Cui Michelle</i>	曾名翠醫生
<i>DR TSOI Chi Hei Kathleen</i>	蔡芷熹醫生
<i>DR WONG Chi Hang</i>	黃智恒醫生
<i>DR WONG Guan Yuet</i>	黃君悅醫生
<i>DR WONG Kin Lok</i>	王健樂醫生
<i>DR WONG Tsun Hung</i>	黃俊雄醫生
<i>DR WONG Tsz Sum</i>	黃梓琛醫生
<i>DR WONG Wai Kin</i>	黃偉健醫生
<i>DR WONG Wai Yu</i>	黃慧如醫生
<i>DR YEUNG Tsz Wing</i>	楊芷穎醫生
<i>DR ZHANG Wenjie</i>	張文杰醫生

## NEW ASSOCIATES

**The following doctors were elected as  
Associates of the Hong Kong College of Paediatricians  
in 2018/2019**

<i>DR CHAN Oi Man</i>	陳靄敏醫生
<i>DR CHAN Suk Yan</i>	陳淑欣醫生
<i>DR CHAU Ho Ching</i>	周可晴醫生
<i>DR CHEUNG Kai O</i>	張啓奧醫生
<i>DR CHEUNG Winnie Wing Yi</i>	張詠儀醫生
<i>DR CHIU Chi Ying Jaime</i>	趙芝瑛醫生
<i>DR CHOW Chau Yi</i>	周秋怡醫生
<i>DR CHUNG Ka Shing</i>	鍾嘉成醫生
<i>DR CHUNG Wai Hung</i>	鍾偉鴻醫生
<i>DR FAN On Ki</i>	樊安淇醫生
<i>DR FONG Tsz San</i>	方梓燊醫生
<i>DR FUNG Chung Ho Dominic</i>	馮琮皓醫生
<i>DR HO Chung Sum Samuel</i>	何頌琛醫生
<i>DR HO Manda Hiu Ting</i>	何曉婷醫生
<i>DR KWOK Wing Sze</i>	郭詠詩醫生
<i>DR KWONG Hiu Ching</i>	鄺曉晴醫生
<i>DR LAI Siu Tung</i>	黎少東醫生
<i>DR LAU Ka Shing</i>	劉家誠醫生
<i>DR LEE Pascoe Ao Ting</i>	李遨頌醫生
<i>DR LEE Yuen Lam</i>	李沅霖醫生
<i>DR LEE Jesse Zhen Cheng</i>	李振誠醫生
<i>DR LEUNG Hoi Huen</i>	梁愷萱醫生
<i>DR LEUNG Lai Ting</i>	梁礪婷醫生
<i>DR LEUNG Yuk Chi</i>	梁育芝醫生
<i>DR LIM Yat Man</i>	林逸敏醫生
<i>DR LUK Hoi Yee</i>	陸凱儀醫生
<i>DR MAK Yuen Kwan</i>	麥婉君醫生
<i>DR NG Sze Wing</i>	吳思穎醫生
<i>DR NGAI Suet Yi</i>	魏雪兒醫生
<i>DR TO Cheuk Kiu</i>	杜卓翹醫生
<i>DR TSE Cheuk Tung Vincent</i>	謝卓東醫生
<i>DR TSUI Heung Ching</i>	徐向澄醫生
<i>DR WAN Cheuk Hin</i>	尹焯軒醫生
<i>DR WONG Chi Chung</i>	黃智忠醫生
<i>DR WONG Chung Wai</i>	黃重維醫生
<i>DR WONG Ka Nam</i>	王家楠醫生
<i>DR WONG Yu Hei Bithia</i>	王予希醫生
<i>DR YEUNG Pak Kwan</i>	楊百鈞醫生
<i>DR YUNG Vivian Queenie</i>	容君怡醫生



Our Local Examiners and the RCPCH Examiners,  
Dr Joanna Walker, Dr Bruce McLain and Prof Win Tin  
at the Examiners Meeting on 22 October 2018



College members and their families and friends in front of the Zhuhai Grand Theatre  
(or called “Zhuhai Sun and Moon Shells”)  
during Annual Social Function on 27 October 2019