

Hong Kong College of Paediatricians

Task Force for Higher Training of Paediatric Subspecialties in Hong Kong

“2nd Consultative Forum with
Subspecialty Groups”

11th February 2004, Wednesday
Hong Kong Academy of Medicine

Agenda for the Forum

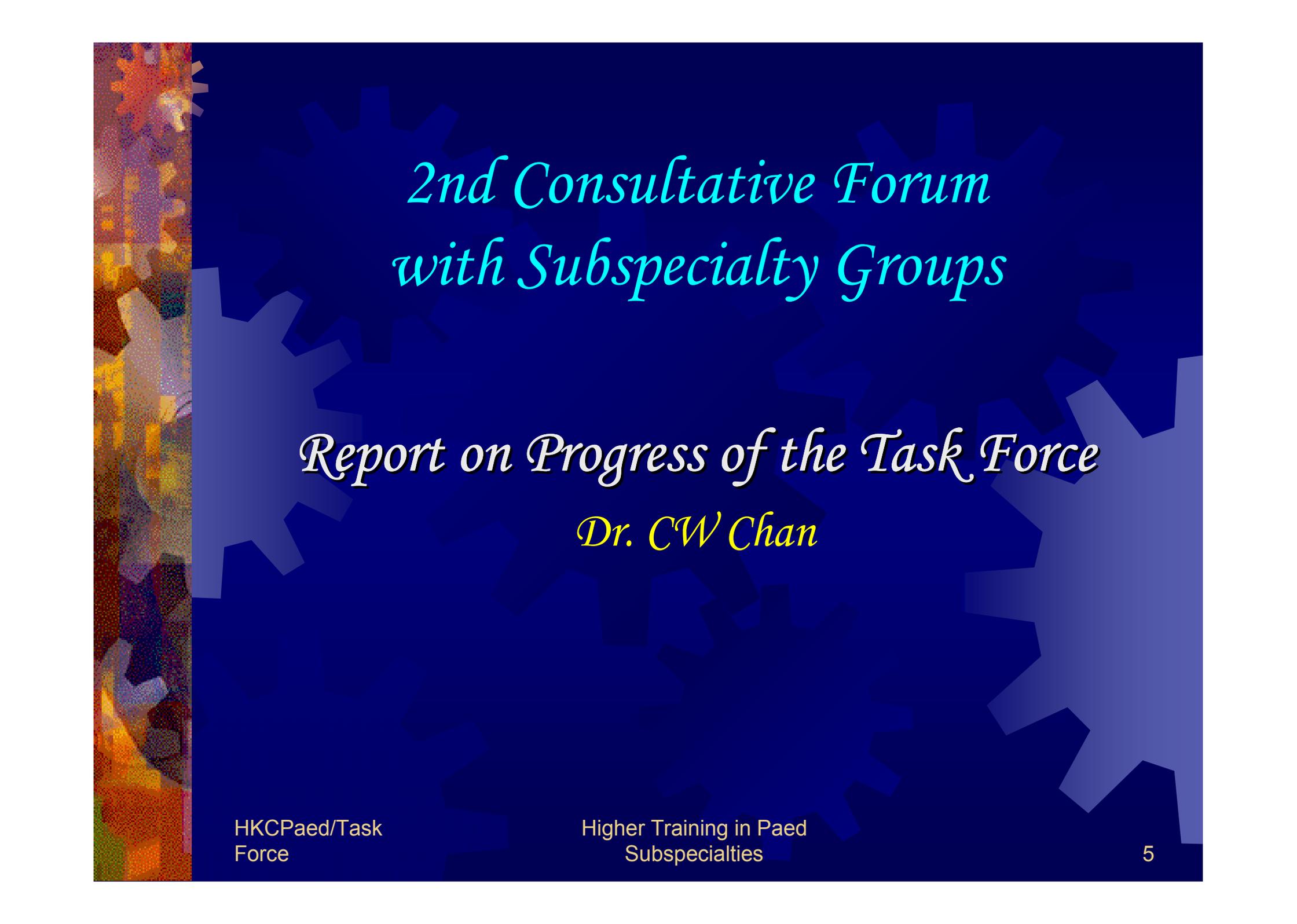
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Invited Guests to the Meeting

- Subspecialty Groups: Subspecialty Societies or Representatives (at least one for each)
- University Professors in Paediatrics
- Chiefs-of-Service of HA Department of Paediatrics
- Consultants and Heads of Clinical Services Department of Health
- Consultant Paediatricians and Training Supervisors of HA Department of Paediatrics
- College Fellows

Paediatric Subspecialties Represented at the Meeting (Total: 14)

- ✦ Adolescent Medicine
- ✦ Cardiology
- ✦ Clinical Genetics
- ✦ Endocrinology and Metabolism
- ✦ Gastroenterology and Hepatology
- ✦ Haematology and Oncology
- ✦ Immunology
- ✦ Infectious Diseases
- ✦ Intensive Care
- ✦ Neonatology
- ✦ Nephrology
- ✦ Neurology
- ✦ Developmental Paediatrics
- ✦ Respiriology



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Report on Progress of the Task Force

Dr. CW Chan

Hong Kong College of Paediatricians Evolution in Subspecialty Development

- ★ **College M & A: Terms of Reference for the Accreditation Committee (1991)** "Its functions shall be that of assessing the suitability of the various units for training purpose and advising the Council on the training in paediatrics and the development of paediatric subspecialties."
- ★ **The White Book (Guidelines on Postgraduate Training and Accreditation) 1995**
- ★ **College Open Forum on Higher Training in Paediatrics (23/04/1996) at the HK Sanatorium & Hospital** : the Council would consider Higher Training in Paediatric Subspecialties only after 2001

Hong Kong College of Paediatricians: Evolution in Subspecialty Development

- ★ Meeting of the Subspecialty Groups by the Accreditation Committee (Grantham Hospital 22/09/1998)
- ★ Formation of the Task Force for Higher Training in Paediatric Subspecialties by the College Council at the 67th Council Meeting on 4th May 2000 (Minutes: Article 4.2)



Task Force for Higher Training in Paediatric Subspecialties: Terms of Reference

- to study development of paediatric subspecialties in Hong Kong
- to collect and evaluate local data and information on individual paediatric subspecialties in Hong Kong
- to set up accreditation criteria for higher training in paediatric subspecialties
- to recommend to the College Council on development of higher training in paediatric subspecialties in Hong Kong
- to implement any other duties as designated by the College Council



Task Force for Higher Training in Paediatric Subspecialties: Composition

- Chairmen of College Standing Committees (Accreditation, Education, Examination, Membership, Review)
- College Council Representatives
- Professors of Paediatrics (HKU and CUHK)
- Representatives from HA and DH
- Representatives from the Private Sector
- College Fellows

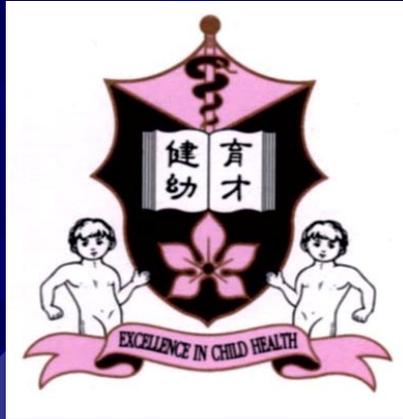
Task Force for Higher Training in Paediatric Subspecialties: Membership

- ★ Chan CW (Chairman)
- ★ Winnie Yam
(Hon Sec before 28/01/02)
- ★ LAU YL
(Hon Sec after 28/01/02)
- ★ Alex Chan
- ★ Chow CB
- ★ Chiu MC
- ★ Fok TF
- ★ Maurice Leung
- ★ Shirley Leung
- ★ Louis Low
- ★ Rita Sung
- ★ Tsao YC



Task Force for Higher Training in Paediatric Subspecialties
Core Group (Executive Subcommittee)

- ✦ Chan CW (Chairman)
- ✦ Lau YL (Hon Sec)
- ✦ Chow CB
- ✦ Fok TF
- ✦ Maurice Leung
- ✦ Louis Low



Hong Kong College of Paediatricians

Task Force for Higher Training of Paediatric
Subspecialties in Hong Kong

“First Meeting with the Subspecialty Groups”

22nd February 2002, Friday
Hong Kong Academy of Medicine

Definition of a Subspecialty

- ★ As defined in the White Book (original 15 subspecialties)
- ★ Community Paediatrics would NOT be regarded as a Paediatric Subspecialty
- ★ General Paediatrics should NOT be sacrificed as inferior to other Paediatric Subspecialties
- ★ Primary Care, Preventive Paediatrics and Social Paediatrics should be emphasis in the future
- ★ Concept of Primary, Secondary and Tertiary Services should be global, comprehensive and broad-based.

Paediatric Subspecialties VS Child-Health Related Specialties

- ★ Child Health Related Specialties: Specialties which are currently trained by one of the Academy Colleges such as ENT, Eye, Psychiatry
- ★ Paediatric Subspecialties: Disciplines under the College of Paediatricians as defined by the White Book

The Training Programme

- ✦ Factors for accreditation should include: training centre, trainers, trainees, caseload, related medical & allied health professional service, supporting facilities and others.
- ✦ A uniform structure for all subspecialties training should be established for consistency and standard assurance
- ✦ The programme should preferably involve networking amongst hospitals, DH service and the Private Sector for pooling of local resources and cross-pollination between service providers

First Set of Questionnaire

- ✱ 14 sets of Questionnaires sent out and requested to return by June 2002
- ✱ Final deadline on June 2003
- ✱ Total 11 sets of Completed Questionnaires received
- ✱ **General Paediatrics** NO return
- ✱ 2 subspecialties would like to postpone return till a later date (**PICU** and **Adolescent Medicine**)
- ✱ All Returns carefully studied by the Core Group and all details cautiously noted
- ✱ Results summarized for detailed reference with common and variations noted between subspecialties.

Source for Data Processing

- ★ Guidelines from the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine (Basic Laws for College reference)
 - The Guidelines for Recognition of Specialties and Subspecialties (November 1997)
 - Guideline for Admission of "First Fellows" in New Specialty/Subspecialty (August 2003)
- ★ Reference from international accreditation bodies (Canadian Accreditation Programme for Paediatric Subspecialties)
- ★ Subspecialty Boards from sister colleges under the Academy
- ★ Data from Questionnaires Returns.
College's website : www.paediatrician.org.hk)

General Principles for Consideration

- ✦ Consensus of opinion amongst the subspecialty groups vital
- ✦ No preset priorities for subspecialty implementation by the College
- ✦ Maturation, service needs, readiness are some of the factors for considerations
- ✦ Final subspecialty approval depends on Application Form returns from subspecialty groups

Quotability for Subspecialists

☀ Quotability

- Quotability at Academy Level (Academy Guidelines)
- Specialist Register (the Medical Council of Hong Kong)
- College Level

☀ Consideration by the Task Force:

- Double Fellows
- Diploma
- **Subspecialty Board Certified**

Final Documents for Consideration

- ★ Criteria and Guideline for Subspecialty Accreditation
- ★ Governance of Subspecialty Boards
 - Formation of Subspecialty Boards
 - Composition
 - Running of the Boards
 - Education, Training, Examination, CME etc
 - Quality Assurance
 - Linkage with the College Council (via Committees or direct linkage e.g. a Director for Subspecialty Boards)

Source of Consultation Re: the Two Documents by the Task Force to date

- ★ Consultation of College Committees
- ★ Comments from the College Council
- ★ Consultation of Paediatric Subspecialty Groups
 - 3 Groups returned with constructive comments (HKCNDP, Nephrology, Haematology & Oncology)
- ★ Documents amended according to comments (five times) and approved by the 87th College Council Meeting on 18th November 2003 (College Minutes Article 11)



Purpose of this Consultative Forum

- ✦ Report on the progress of work by the Task Force
- ✦ Elaboration on the Document on Criteria and Guideline on Subspecialty Accreditation
- ✦ Introduction and elaboration on the Subspecialty Application Form
- ✦ Collection of Views
- ✦ Procedure of Accreditation

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