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Message from the President

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In the past one year the College sees many interesting and challenging developments. For the start, as outlined in the last President's Message, the rapid growth in the mainland has brought us both opportunities and areas of concerns. The Minister of Health of China, in a recent visit to Hong Kong, has made it clear that he wishes the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine and its member Colleges to share their experience on training, admission and accreditation of specialists with the mainland counterparts, with a view to establish a model for the mainland as soon as possible. With this objective, an Academy delegation, in which I served as the College representative, visited Beijing in May, closely followed by another similar visit in July, and a reciprocal visit of the Ministry of Health's delegation in August to the Academy and several Colleges,

including pathology, and training centres in Queen Elizabeth Hospital. During these visits, we have had detailed discussions on training contents, supervision of training, accreditation of training units, training posts, and organization of examinations and CME/CPD. To address some important differences in pathology practices between the two places, we tried to make use of the opportunities to convince our counterpart that a broader scope for the profession, taking on board all pathology specialties, that is led by medically trained pathologists, rather than non-medical professionals as could be the case in some disciplines in the mainland, should be the best way forward.

While the new opportunities for liaison with pathologists in the mainland for academic and educational collaborations are welcomed,

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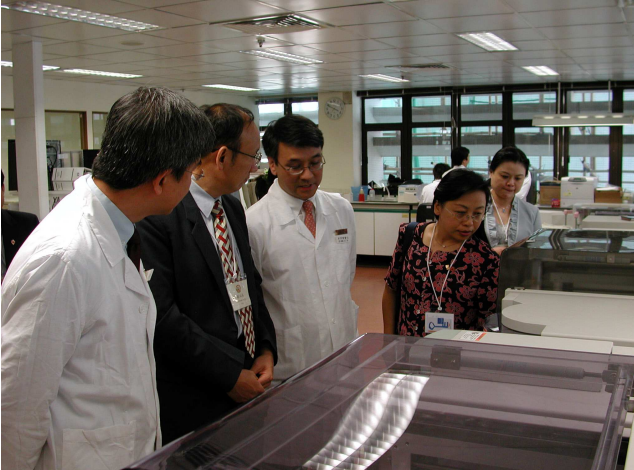
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Dr. K.C. Lee, our President, introducing our College to the Ministry of Health's delegation.



A group photo of the Ministry of Health's delegation with the representatives from our College.



Dr. K.F. Wong, Chief of Service of the Department of Pathology of Queen Elizabeth Hospital, introducing his laboratory to the Ministry of Health's delegation.



Some trainers and trainees explaining our training programme to the Ministry of Health's delegation.

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there are also concerns in how we could safeguard the best interest of our members in those, more policy-related, aspects of training accreditation and examinations. The whole issue could be complex and dynamic, and certainly requires all of us more thoughts and debate on it.

With the gradual recovery of the local economy, the manpower situations also appear somewhat relieved; at least the Hospital Authority seems to be more willing to renew contracts for the pathology trainees. Recently, the government has initiated a survey on the manpower requirements of medical specialists in Hong Kong. For this the Academy has set up a Manpower Planning Committee to look into the needs of individual medical disciplines through its member Colleges. While it is extremely

difficult to predict the manpower needs accurately, as experience of many developed countries show, I believe, given the current workforce and service demands, effective steps should be taken early or else soon we could face a substantial shortage in pathologists. This is especially true in areas where a significant increase in demand is anticipated, like in ensuring preparedness for emerging infectious diseases, or in toxicology to safeguard drug and food safety. Furthermore, if Hong Kong had the vision and the Chinese government in the mainland also see the advantages of asking Hong Kong to train for the purpose of supplying experts and specialists for the mainland, the demand could be quite substantial.

This past year also marks an important milestone for the College as for the first time we have examinations simultaneously in all six specialties. As you may know, our College is the first among the Academy Colleges to lay a firm foundation to our examination system and to publish a detailed "Regulations on Postgraduate Training and Examinations." In 1995, with the help and guidance from our overseas sister Colleges, we were also one of the first Colleges to hold specialist examinations independently. Now, ten years into the process, we have seen substantial harvests from seeds sown in former times, with our examination system in full swing to serve a vital function of the College in nurturing the next generations of the profession.

While I am greatly encouraged by the many progress in these and other College affairs, they have also put an enormous pressure and workload to our colleagues who help in preparing for the visits, analyzing manpower data, organizing the examinations, as well as in many other College activities. I could not imagine all these could have been done without dedicated and fully supportive members and an effective secretariat. I wish to say thanks to everybody for your immense contributions. There is no doubt that your continuous supports will be instrumental to furthering the development of the College.

Dr. KC Lee, the President

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PATHOLOGISTSSCIENTIA ILLUMINAT MEDICINAM
香港病理學專科學院**14th T.B. Teoh Foundation Lecture:****Lessons learned from
a single-gene disease**

Professor TSUI Lap Chee,
**Vice-Chancellor,
The University of Hong Kong.**

**26 November 2005 (Sat.)
5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.**

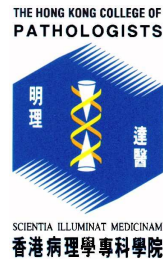
**The Pao Yue Kong Auditorium,
The HKAM Jockey Club Building,
99 Wong Chuk Hang Road,
Aberdeen, Hong Kong.**

1 CME/CPD point for Hong Kong College of Pathologists
1 CME/CPD point for attendance applied for other Colleges

All are welcome. Registration is not required.
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The Hong Kong College of Pathologists

Trainee Presentation Session



Date

26 November 2005 (Saturday)

Time

3:30 - 4:30 PM

(Immediately before the 14th T.B. Teoh Foundation Lecture
on the day of the Annual General Meeting)

Venue

Pao Yue Kong Auditorium
Hong Kong Academy of Medicine Jockey Club Building
Aberdeen, Hong Kong

Come and Support Our Trainees



Booking of College Conference Room

Fellows are welcome to book the conference room inside the College Chamber for meetings and examinations related to the College, various pathology societies of respective disciplines, and other colleges in the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine. The address of the College Chamber is Room 606, 6/F, the HKAM Jockey Club Building, 99 Wong Chuk Hang Road, Aberdeen, Hong Kong. Fellows booking the conference room are required to submit the Conference Room Booking Form to the College Secretary either by fax or by email at least two weeks before the booked date. The booking form and the guidelines can now be downloaded from the College website (www.hkcpath.org). Please note that fellows booking the conference room have to be physically present throughout the whole booked period.

Dr. Alexander C.L. Chan, Chairman of Professional & General Affairs Committee

Loan of College Regalia

The College Regalia can now be on loan to members and fellows for personal photo-taking, at a nominal service charge. Fellows/members should submit the Regalia Loan Form to the College Secretary by fax, by post or by email at least two weeks before the loan period. Collection of the Regalia will only be arranged when both the loan form and the cheque are received. The loan form and the guidelines can be downloaded from the College website at www.hkcpath.org.

Dr. Alexander C.L. Chan, Chairman of Professional & General Affairs Committee

Fine Needle Aspiration Cytology of Pancreas and Liver, Seminar and Workshop, 2005

This seminar with workshop, jointly organized by the College and the Hong Kong Society of Cytology, was held on 9-10 September, 2005, with favourable response.



Dr. Barbara Centeno giving the seminar on liver fine needle aspiration.



Dr. Centeno discussing cases under a multi-headed microscope with participants.



We are pleased to announce that the following candidates have passed the College membership examination/fellowship assessment. We hope you can join us to congratulate them on their success. (Please note that at the time of publication of this newsletter, the examinations in Haematology and Chemical Pathology have not yet finished):

Dr. YING Ho Wan (Fellowship Assessment in Forensic Pathology)

Dr. CHOW Chi Ying (Fellowship Assessment in Clinical Microbiology and Infection)

Dr. HUI Sau Chun (Fellowship Assessment in Clinical Microbiology and Infection)

Dr. NG Ho Leung (Fellowship Assessment in Clinical Microbiology and Infection)

Dr. TANG Wei Tze, Julian (Fellowship Assessment in Clinical Microbiology and Infection)

Dr. MAK Siu Ming (Membership Examination in Anatomical Pathology)

Dr. Cherry WU (Membership Examination in Anatomical Pathology)

Dr. CHENG Yue (Fellowship Assessment in Anatomical Pathology)

Dr. KAN Nim Chi, Amanda (Fellowship Assessment in Anatomical Pathology)

Dr. WONG Shun (Fellowship Assessment in Anatomical Pathology)

Chan Woon Cheung Education and Research Fund in Pathology

The Council has decided to set the **31st of May** of each year to be the **deadline** for all future applications for the Chan Woon Cheung Education and Research Fund in Pathology. The applicants will be informed of the results no later than the end of August of the same year. Future applicants can download the application form from the College website (www.hkcpath.org). We are pleased to announce that Dr. KWOK Siu Yin, Janette, is our successful applicant this year.

Dr. Michael Suen, the Registrar

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

- **Distinguished Lecture: Tumours: nomenclature, classification, legacy and vanguard:** by **Dr. John K.C. Chan**: organized by the Department of Surgery, the University of Hong Kong; Underground Lecture Theatre, New Clinical Building, Queen Mary Hospital; 6 p.m. **Oct 28, 2005** (www.hku.hk/surgery).
- **Assessment matters in postgraduate training in haematology:** by **Dr. Charles Singer**: organized by the Hong Kong College of Pathologists and the Hong Kong Society of Haematology; The Hong Kong Medical Association, Dr. Li Shu Pui Professional Education Centre; 6.30 p.m. **Oct 28, 2005** (www.hkcpath.org).
- **3-day symposium on the applications of the technology in toxicology: Liquid Chromatography Mass Spectrometry (LC MS);** organized by the Hong Kong Society of Clinical Chemistry, the Hong Kong College of Pathologists and the Department of Chemical Pathology, CUHK; **Nov 11-13, 2005** (www.hkcpath.org).
- **14th Annual General Meeting of the Hong Kong College of Pathologists, Trainee Presentation Session and 14th T.B. Teoh Foundation Lecture** by **Prof. Tsui Lap Chee**; the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine Jockey Club Building; **Nov 26, 2005** (www.hkcpath.org).
- **"Brain 2005", the 3rd Asia Pacific Multidisciplinary Meeting on Nervous System Diseases;** organized by pathology, neurosurgery, neurology of the Faculty of Medicine, CUHK; Postgraduate Education Centre, Prince of Wales Hospital. **December 2-3, 2005** The topics this year are paediatric brain tumours, epilepsy and Parkinson's disease (www.acp.cuhk.edu.hk/brain05).
- **Annual General Meeting of the Hong Kong Society of Cytology and Slide Seminar and Workshop on Body Fluid Cytology;** University Pathology Building, Queen Mary Hospital; **Dec 3, 2005** (www.cytology.org.hk).
- **11th Annual Scientific Symposium of the Hong Kong Cancer Institute: Combined modality management of malignancies of head and neck and chest;** organized by the Hong Kong Cancer Institute and Department of Clinical Oncology, CUHK; Postgraduate Education Centre, Prince of Wales Hospital; **Jan 14-15, 2006** (www.clo.cuhk.edu.hk).

**The AGM of our College
will be held on
Nov 26, 2005 (Sat).
Mark it on your diary now!**

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APPOINTMENT OF NEW COLLEGE SECRETARY

We welcome **Ms Phoebe Wong**, our new College Secretary, who joined us on 17 October, 2005. She can be contacted at:

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We would also like to take this opportunity to thank our previous College Secretary, **Ms Heidi Chu**, for her marvelous job in the past few months. She has helped to set up an office system, and has made tremendous contributions to our College. We are sorry to see her leaving.

CHANGE OF PHONE NUMBER OF THE COLLEGE CHAMBER

Please note that with immediate effect, the phone number of the College Chamber has been changed to **2871 8756**. The old phone/fax line (2871 8755) will be reserved for fax only.

CHANGING ADDRESS??

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