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In the "Speech by Mrs Carrie Lam Cheng Yuet-ngor, GBS, JP" (Special Issue of the 194th Congregation and Prize Presentation Ceremony 2015, page 10), the honours of Mrs Carrie Lam should be **GBS, JP**

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# TRAINING THE BEST HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS FOR HONG KONG



Throughout the long history of HKU's Faculty of Medicine, medical students have benefited from successive curriculum innovations. Today, they can take advantage of the most recent changes that have been made possible by the six-year model for the MBBS phased in alongside Hong Kong's system-wide "3-3-4" education reforms from 2012. This additional year has allowed us to reform the curriculum, transforming the current Year 3 into an important period of enrichment.

The Enrichment Year is our latest initiative to provide students the opportunities to enhance their total learning experience and whole person development. Multiple learning options are provided during this year. Thus, students may elect to spend the whole or part of an academic year overseas in leading partner universities including but not limited to Cambridge, Oxford and University College London in the United Kingdom, and Pennsylvania, Princeton, Stanford and Yale in the United States. Alternately, students may want to spend extended time in less developed countries to deliver health promotion, teaching and humanitarian aid activities. For those who are more academically oriented, they may choose from intercalated programs such as the Master or PhD of Research in Medicine, and/or Master of Public Health, to name a few.

The above are just a few examples of what medical students can do during the Enrichment Year. Indeed, students are encouraged to organize their own activities that will enhance their wider knowledge and interests, and foster a humanistic mindset and other soft skills. For today's doctor, it is important that they do not only excel in their own profession but they must also be responsive to the changing societal context and health needs of our society.

The new academic structure has also given us space to enhance other undergraduate programmes. For example, "inter-professional education" (IPE) has been launched to encourage two or more professions to learn with, from and about each

other, in order to improve collaboration and ultimately the quality of care our graduates will offer. Students from different programmes work in partnership in a growing number of clinical attachments and patient care projects. In addition, the newly refurbished multi-disciplinary clinical skills training center, encourages effective sharing and inter-professional teaching. Our commitment to further consolidate IPE has also been boosted by the receipt of the mega University Grants Council Teaching Development Grants to develop a new pedagogy in the form of team based learning (TBL). This involves the building of a unitary platform for medical, nursing, Chinese medicine and pharmacy students to learn together.

To support these pedagogical developments we are keeping abreast, and making the best use, of technological advances. We have developed multiple web-based learning materials including video lectures, laboratory practicals, clinical skills demonstrations and self-assessment tools. The clinical skills map and simulation laboratory now under construction will further add to our students' clinical learning experience.

The Faculty has come a long way in its 130-year history. Over the years, we have been successful in attracting some of the brightest young people to join us. We have always emphasized on an integrated, learner-centered and whole person approach. We will continue to keep up the momentum to improve what we teach, through adopting multiple pedagogical initiatives with regular reviews and incremental changes. The ultimate aim is to ensure our curricula are "fit-for-purpose" and that our graduates are competent professionals who protect, promote and maintain the health and safety of the public.

**Professor Lau Chak-sing** (劉澤星)  
Associate Dean (Teaching and Learning)



## THE 130TH ANNIVERSARY CURRICULA: ENRICHED AND EMPOWERING



The dawn of the Faculty's 130th academic year will be marked with the launch of bold and forward-thinking curricular changes that will equip our students to become more empathetic and effective professionals and researchers and meet 21st century healthcare needs.

The changes are based on several years of assessment and feedback exercises involving our key stakeholders, including students, professional accreditation bodies and the Faculty's own academics. Recent milestones in Hong Kong's educational system mean that the time is right to incorporate their input and advance teaching and learning, according to the Dean, Professor Gabriel M Leung.

"One motivation for these changes has come from students," he said. "Every September my team and I hold formal consultations with students, in addition to our regular interactions with them. Since the six-year curriculum was launched in 2012, we have been learning a lot and taking notes. As a result, we will tweak some areas, overhaul or remove others and add some new components.

"A second motivating factor is that Hong Kong's 3-3-4 academic system has completed a full cycle. We now know where the pluses and minuses are so we've taken stock of that.

“And a third nudge has come from the experience gleaned from various review and accreditation exercises. We’ve received very helpful feedback from the Medical Council, Nursing Council, and Pharmacy and Poisons Board. The Faculty has also just completed its academic review – the first in 13 years.

“So we’ve distilled all this feedback and pulled together all the apparently disparate strands of work that we have been doing in teaching and learning, and we are now ready to launch the 130th Anniversary Curricula.”

The changes will be broad and innovative, extending across all programmes in phases – including MBBS, BNurs, BPharm, BBiomedSc, BChinMed and BSc (Exercise and Health). The result will be more integrated curricula and exciting new opportunities for students to take their learning in new directions.

## PERSONALISED EDUCATION

The main changes initially will take place in the MBBS, which has a history of pioneering curriculum reform. In 1997 the Faculty launched the acclaimed hybrid problem-based learning (PBL) curriculum – the first of its kind in Asia – to encourage students to integrate their learning and to work collaboratively. In recent years, medical humanities and ethics were added to the curriculum and received glowing reviews from the Medical Council. This time around the focus will be on rounding out student experience and outlook by providing a block of time that is tailored to individual learning interests and aspirations.

Professor Leung explained the rationale. “Our goal is to give students greater space and latitude to explore and discover. While the PBL curriculum has been well-regarded by other institutions who have adopted it as a model for their own curricula, and it has served our students well, it is now 20 years old. We need to keep fine-tuning and re-balancing to keep our curriculum up to date and provide our students with the best possible education.”

A centrepiece of the new curriculum will be the provision for students to go “off timetable” in their third year to pursue different kinds of learning, in consultation with their academic advisors and along the University’s visionary “3+1 I’s” strategy of “Internationalisation”, “Innovation” and “Interdisciplinarity” converging on to “Impact”. For instance, students may opt for the Medical Scholars Programme, through which they can read for a Master of Research in Medicine (MRes[Med]) degree (1 year),



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and on the basis of that may continue with a Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) degree (3-4 years). They may choose to undertake a research internship locally or internationally at world renowned laboratories. They could also choose to pursue an additional Master's degree in public health (MPH), which is a one-year full-time programme, or enrol in law courses for a Juris Doctor (JD) programme. Students who pursue a one-year Master's programme would obtain both the MBBS and a Master's degree within their six-year period of study.



Alternatively, students could select to go on exchange at one of HKU's partner institutions overseas or on the Mainland to fulfil part of their Common Core requirements (for instance, studying Renaissance history at Oxford or Yale or Chinese literature at Peking or Tsinghua University). Or they could take some of the Common Core courses and inter- and intra-faculty electives here at home in HKU, free from the usual timetable constraints of the tightly-packed medical programme. There is also the option to join the HKU Horizons Programme and undertake service trips in less-developed countries, doing such work as health promotion, teaching or delivering humanitarian aid.

"We have a lot of humanities and ethics work in the MBBS curriculum and they could put theory into practice. Instead of reading about the Zika virus outbreak in Brazil or the Yellow Fever outbreak in Angola, they might be able to go and help there and learn more," Professor Leung said.

The first two years are reorganised to allow for this third year of exploration and also to align the study blocks more closely with the conditions that students will encounter



when they practise medicine. For instance, three previously separate blocks – on the cardiovascular system, respiratory system and renal system – are now combined because all three are closely related in pathophysiology. Students will also be learning about advances in molecular biology and integrative systems biology. “We realise the interaction between these different systems is so complex that we need to help the learner put them together more easily,” Professor Leung said.

Overall, the changes will give students a stronger grounding in medical knowledge, as well as the opportunity for intellectual and personal development. “The whole third year will be a personalised enrichment year. It will fulfil learning requirements and competencies but in a much more tailored way. And importantly, this will not be just for the selected few based on DSE or other public examination results. This will be available to all 235 incoming students. We will work with each of them to have a tailored third year,” he said.

## NEW OPTIONS

Another aspect of the curriculum change is the introduction of new programmes and areas of focus.

Starting this September, we will offer a new pathway for BBiomedSc students. An agreement signed with the University of Sydney in June will let qualified students spend part of their undergraduate studies there and articulate into a Master of Physiotherapy (MPhty) programme.

Up to 10 students each year will be able to go to Sydney during the third year of their BBiomedSc to undertake the first year of the MPhty. The credits earned will be counted towards their HKU degree, and they will return to the Faculty in their fourth year to complete their BBiomedSc degree. Upon graduation, they can choose to return to Sydney for the final 15 months of the MPhty programme and qualify as physiotherapists. Scholarships will be available to help cover the costs.

“We are proactively exploring collaboration with world renowned universities overseas to offer students diverse articulation pathways for further study, and the study abroad programme at the University of Sydney is one such pathway,” Professor Leung said.

It follows a similar arrangement agreed in 2013 with The Royal (Dick) School of Veterinary Studies at The University of Edinburgh that allows BBiomedSc students to earn a Bachelor of Veterinary Medicine and Surgery in combination with the BBiomedSc (see the February 2016 issue of *Medical Faculty News*).



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## TEACHING TEAMWORK

The other major area of curricular development is inter-professional education (IPE). Health care providers work in a world where disciplinary boundaries and specialisation dominate – where it is easy to see problems largely within the narrow confines of one’s expertise. The Faculty has been working for years to break down the walls and in the 130th anniversary curricula we will push the boundaries further.

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One focus of attention is the Patient Care Project, which has been evolving since the late 1990s when BNurs and MBBS students began jointly visiting patients to understand their concerns and perspectives. This initiative was extended in 2014 to include pharmacy and Chinese medicine students.



“We believe IPE will result in better quality care for patients,” said the Assistant Dean for Biomedical Science & Health Professional Curricula & Assessment, Dr George Lim Tipoe, “but you can’t wait until after students graduate and expect them to do it then. It must start from the beginning of their education.”



The PCP previously involved students working in groups of one MBBS student, one nursing student and either a BPharm or Chinese medicine student, who were attached to a patient with a chronic disease. They visited the patient three times over nine months, in their home if possible, and discussed the patient’s thoughts about their illness, how they managed their medications, the stresses they underwent, and the factors that influenced their experience of consultations, such as their relationship with their health care providers or their involvement in the decision-making.

The structure of the new PCP will be similar but the focus will be on end-of-life care – something that is increasingly important in Hong Kong’s ageing society. “Students will spend time with an end-stage patient undergoing palliative care whose caregiver needs respite care. They may also witness the patient’s final hours, the grieving process for the family, the funeral rites – all the consequences of death,” Professor Leung said.

In addition, a new initiative called Inter-professional Team-based Learning (ITPBL) will widen the circle of collaboration and bring the illness and disease experience more sharply into the picture. IPTBL had a soft launch in January this year with nearly 600 medical, health and social sciences students from HKU and the Hong Kong Polytechnic University. They discussed assigned cases and tried to reach a consensus on how they would care for the patient concerned.

IPE will also extend to pre-clinical studies from September when BPharm and MBBS students will jointly take classes in anatomy, physiology and biochemistry and engage in problem-based learning together. This will be an early opportunity to see what each discipline can offer in terms of knowledge and focus, and also to make personal contact.

“Being more integrated from the start can help in breaking down barriers that result from arbitrary delineation of practice. By exposing students to teamwork early on and reinforcing this throughout their study period, it is hoped that mutual respect will develop and become a natural, fluid feature of their practice when they become





professionals,” said Dr Alan Worsley, Director of Teaching and Learning in the Department of Pharmacology and Pharmacy.

All of these changes underscore the fact that there are no shortcuts to medical science, and no shortcuts to learning. The 130th Anniversary Curricula will offer an unprecedented range of opportunities for all students to enhance and enrich their learning “for extended periods of self-exploration, either in research, at the bedside, going on exchanges and humanitarian tours, or otherwise giving space for the little grey cells to wander,” Professor Leung said.

“Who knows what may result? How far do we wish to push back the starting line? As Hippocrates quoted, “*vita brevis, ars longa*” – life is short and the art is long. Enjoy the journey and make the most of life.”

## AGREEMENT SIGNED WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY ON STUDY ABROAD PROGRAMME

**Professor Lau Chak-sing** (劉澤星), Associate Dean (Teaching and Learning) and Daniel C K Yu Professor in Rheumatology and Clinical Immunology signed an agreement with **Professor Michelle Lincoln**, Deputy Dean of Faculty of Health Sciences on behalf of The University of Sydney (USYD) on June 17, 2016 to launch a study abroad programme between the two universities.

Starting from 2016/2017 academic year, the Bachelor of Biomedical Sciences (BBiomedSc) students may opt to study the Master of Physiotherapy (MPhty) in USYD on an elective mode. Up to ten places will be provided annually to the BBiomedSc students. The programme offers students diverse articulation pathways for further study and provides multiple exchange opportunities for undergraduate students to broaden their horizon.



**Professor Lau Chak-sing** (left), Associate Dean (Teaching and Learning) presented a souvenir to **Professor Michelle Lincoln** (right), Deputy Dean of Faculty of Health Sciences, The University of Sydney after signing an agreement on study abroad programme on June 17, 2016.

A LEGACY OF EXCELLENCE  
**THE NINTH INAUGURATION OF ENDOWED PROFESSORSHIPS**



HKU celebrated the Ninth Inauguration of Endowed Professorships on April 15, 2016, at the Loke Yew Hall. Five Endowed Professorships and two successive appointments from the Faculty were officially inaugurated at the event.

**ENDOWED PROFESSORSHIPS**



SOPHIE Y M CHAN PROFESSORSHIP IN  
 CANCER RESEARCH  
**Professor Guan Xin-yuan**  
 關新元



LI SHU FAN MEDICAL FOUNDATION  
 PROFESSORSHIP IN GASTROENTEROLOGY  
**Professor Leung Wai-keung**  
 梁偉強



BRYAN LIN PROFESSORSHIP IN  
 PAEDIATRIC CARDIOLOGY  
**Professor Cheung Yiu-fai**  
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LO SHIU KWAN KAN PO LING  
 PROFESSORSHIP IN PHARMACY  
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 PROFESSORSHIP IN PRECISION MEDICINE  
**Professor Jin Dong-yan**  
 金冬雁

**SUCCESSIVE APPOINTMENTS TO EXISTING ENDOWED PROFESSORSHIPS**



SUEN CHI-SUN PROFESSORSHIP IN  
 CLINICAL SCIENCE  
**Professor Sham Pak-chung**  
 沈伯松



S Y AND H Y CHENG PROFESSORSHIP IN  
 STEM CELL BIOLOGY AND REGENERATIVE  
 MEDICINE  
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 陳振勝

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## PLATFORMS FOR GROWTH

Advances in technology can also enable students to take charge of their learning and enrich their study experiences. Starting this September, the Faculty will unveil two new initiatives that offer such potential.

The Clinical Skills Platform is a one-stop centre where students can access information and videos on the core competencies they need to acquire at different levels of their training, and complete quizzes on what they have learned. The initial target is MBBS students but there is capability to expand to the other clinical disciplines too.

**Dr Gordon Wong** (黃田鎮), Co-director of the Bau Institute of Medical and Health Sciences Education, has been overseeing the project. “One of my overarching aims is to map out the list of skills which students will come across in their six years of medical training, and the level they need to reach each year. These can be skills they should be able to perform independently and accurately, such as taking blood pressure, and also skills they should be able to explain to patients but may not need competence in, such as open heart surgery. The platform is a way of normalising their exposure to these clinical skills.”

The Virtual Operating Theatre, meanwhile, will simulate conditions that more closely mimic a real ward environment.

The theatre is replacing the old storeroom-like clinical skills laboratory in the Pauline Chan Building with a set-up that includes hospital beds, human simulators, monitors and a backdrop that can be altered to evoke different scenarios,



from a quiet ward to a natural disaster. The human simulators are computer-driven mannequins that can give a variety of physiological responses as programmed by the instructor.

“The aim at this stage is to place students in that environment and teach them how to behave, such as how to stand, gowning and what to do if blood pressure drops,” Dr Wong said.

“Bedside teaching is great but it is better for groups of students to first learn these kinds of things here, given the overcrowded conditions in Queen Mary Hospital and busy hospital staff.”

While the theatre will initially be aimed at MBBS students, the intention is to eventually bring in students from other clinical disciplines. “This lab will provide us with physical space for inter-professional education and it makes it possible to bring everyone together,” he said.



## CROUCHER SYMPOSIUM ON ADVANCES IN CANCER GENETICS, CELL SIGNALLING AND TRANSLATIONAL STUDIES



The Symposium on Advances in Cancer Genetics, Cell Signalling, and Translational Studies, sponsored by the Croucher Foundation Advanced Institute, was held on November 19 and 20, 2015, at the Faculty. Four leading overseas scientists, including **Professor Nazneen Rahman** from the Institute of Cancer Research, UK; **Professor Michael Karin** from the University of California San Diego, USA; **Professor Jennifer Grandis** from the University of San Francisco, USA; and **Dr Philip Gotwals** from the Institute of Biomedical Research, USA, gave lectures. More than 100 participants attended.



NOVEMBER 19 AND 20, 2015 //

## CHINESE MEDICINE FOR MENTAL HEALTH EXPLORED IN PONG DING YUEN INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM

The 9th Pong Ding Yuen International Symposium on Traditional Chinese Medicine with the theme on "Chinese Medicine for Mental Health: From Bedside to Bench" took place from December 4 to 6, 2015. The symposium, sponsored by Pong Ding Yuen Endowment Fund for Education and Research in Chinese Medicine was hosted by the School of Chinese Medicine, and co-organised by: the Department of Psychiatry, Hong Kong Association for Integration of Chinese-Western Medicine, the Hong Kong College of Psychiatrists, Mental Diseases Specialty Committee of World Federation of Chinese Medicine Societies (WFCMS), Sleep Medicine Specialty Committee of WFCMS and Chinese Medicine Psychology Specialty Committee of WFCMS, with the Hospital Authority as the supporting organization. Clinicians and scientific researchers exchanged knowledge on the role of Chinese medicine in mental health. It attracted around 250 scientists, academics, experts and students from Hong Kong, Mainland China and overseas.



DECEMBER 4 TO 6, 2015 //

## SECOND HONG KONG-SHENZHEN INTERNATIONAL CANCER CONGRESS

The second Hong Kong-Shenzhen International Cancer Congress (HKICC), "Conquering Cancer by Multidisciplinary and Holistic Management", was held at the HKU-Shenzhen Hospital on December 6, 2015. The HKICC provided an excellent platform for knowledge exchange among Mainland, Hong Kong and international experts. This year, the congress focused on lung cancer, gastrointestinal cancers and psychosocial medicine. International leaders in their fields, including **Professor Christian Rolfo Cervetto** from the University Hospital Antwerp, Belgium; **Professor Marianne Pavel** from the Charite Universitätsmedizin Berlin, Germany; and **Professor Susan Blacker** from St. Michael's Hospital, Canada, gave lectures on the latest developments in their specialist areas. More than 400 overseas and local participants attended.



DECEMBER 6, 2015 //

## HONG KONG PATHOLOGY FORUM 2016

The Hong Kong Pathology Forum 2016 was held on January 8 and 9, 2016, at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre, aiming to promote communication among pathology professionals and other members of the medical community. The programme focused on the developments of modern pathology in breast cancer, paediatric, lung and urological disciplines, as well as dermatopathology. **Professor Sophia Chan Siu-chee** (陳肇始), Under Secretary for Food and Health of the Hong Kong SAR Government, delivered the opening address. **Professor Ian Ellis** of the University of Nottingham (UK) and **Professor Brett Delahunt** of the University of Otago (New Zealand) gave the Hou Pao-Chang Medical Memorial Fund Lecture and the James Gibson Lecture respectively. Around 200 delegates attended the event.



JANUARY 8 AND 9, 2016 //

## DOYENNE OF CHINESE MEDICINE SHARES SIX DECADES OF EXPERIENCE

The “Clinical Experience Sharing of a State Level Chinese Medicine Master, Professor Liu Minru, and Forum for Gynaecologists of Chinese Medicine and Western Medicine cum Honorary Professorship Conferment Ceremony” was held on January 24, 2016, at Cheung Kong Hai Conference Centre. The conference was jointly organised by the School of Chinese Medicine and Tung Wah Group of Hospitals. **Professor Liu Minru** (劉敏如) of Chengdu University of Traditional Chinese Medicine shared her clinical experience and research achievements of more than 60 years. Experts on Chinese Medicine Gynaecology from Mainland China and Hong Kong as well as Professor Liu’s mentees gave presentations at the conference.



JANUARY 24, 2016 //

## ASPPH VISIT TO SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH



**Professor Harrison C. Spencer**, President and CEO of the Association of Schools and Programs of Public Health (ASPPH), and **Professor Gary Raskob**, Dean, University of Oklahoma College of Public Health and Chair of ASPPH Board, visited the School of Public Health on January 27, 2016. Delegates of the ASPPH and colleagues of the School of Public Health exchanged views on the way forward to promote academic partnership and exchange in public health education, advocacy and scientific research.

JANUARY 27, 2016 //

## INAUGURAL AJS MCFADZEAN DISTINGUISHED LECTURE

The Inaugural AJS McFadzean Distinguished Lecture, supported by the AJS McFadzean Memorial Fund set up in 2015 by staff and former students of Professor AJS McFadzean, was held on February 15, 2016. **Professor Iain McInnes**, Arthritis Research UK Professor of Rheumatology, Muirhead Professor of Medicine, Director of Institute of Infection, Immunity and Inflammation, University of Glasgow, UK, delivered the lecture titled "Rheumatology – leading the molecular revolution in clinical medicine?" Guests included **Dr Donald Li Kwok-tung** (李國棟), President of Hong Kong Academy of Medicine; **Dr Constance Chan Hon-ye** (陳漢儀) and **Dr Cindy Lai Kit-lim** (黎潔廉), Director and Deputy Director of Health respectively; **Dr Leong Che-hung** (梁智鴻), the immediate past Chairman of HKU Council; **Professor Paul Tam Kwong-hang** (譚廣亨), Provost and Deputy Vice-Chancellor of HKU; and **Professor Gabriel M Leung** (梁卓偉), the Dean. More than 200 clinicians, researchers and students attended the lecture.



FEBRUARY 15, 2016 //

## FACULTY SPRING RECEPTION 2016

The Faculty Spring Reception was held on February 26, 2016, attended by more than 250 guests, donors, honorary teachers, staff, alumni, students and friends of the Faculty. The Dean, **Professor Gabriel M Leung** (梁卓偉), expressed his gratitude for their support, hard work and contributions over the year. The Decanal Team made sweet dumplings for guests, including **Professor Peter Mathieson** (馬斐森), President and Vice-Chancellor of HKU; **Professor Paul Tam Kwong-hang** (譚廣亨), Provost and Deputy Vice-Chancellor; **Professor Sophia Chan Siu-chee** (陳肇始), Under Secretary for Food and Health of the HKSAR Government; **Professor John Leong Chi-yan** (梁智仁), Chairman of Hospital Authority (HA); **Dr Leung Pak-yin** (梁柏賢), Chief Executive of Hospital Authority; **Dr Donald Li Kwok-tung** (李國棟), President of the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine; and **Dr Constance Chan Hon-ye** (陳漢儀), Director of Health, and **Dr Luk Che-chung** (陸志聰), Hospital Chief Executive of Queen Mary Hospital. Many donors and representatives of various self-help groups graced the event. A group of medical students added to the festive joy with their singing performance.



FEBRUARY 26, 2016 //



## BODY DONATION DAY AND FAREWELL CEREMONY FOR BODY DONORS 2015/2016

The Faculty designates March 3 as the University's Body Donation Day because the date leads one to think of the Chinese proverb “三三不盡”, which here means the never-ending influence people can have on others when donating their bodies for medical education, research and training. Such a donation cannot be realised unless the family supports the donor's wish. On this year's Body Donation Day, the daughter of a donor, herself a MBBS graduate (class of 2002), shared with medical students why the family supported her father's decision to become a Great Body Teacher.

In addition, from this year on, medical students will also participate in a Farewell Ceremony in the last dissection lesson. This year the ceremony was held on April 7. They returned the major organs to the bodies, closed the abdomens, and covered each Great Body Teacher with a cloth that reads “大體大得” to express their final respect. A social media video on this event generated more than 160,000 views in two weeks: <http://www.facebook.com/liveandfound/videos/605483016294031>



MARCH 3 AND APRIL 7, 2016 //

## DEDICATION CEREMONIES FOR SOPHIE Y M CHAN PROFESSORSHIP IN CANCER RESEARCH AND LI SHU FAN MEDICAL FOUNDATION PROFESSORSHIP IN GASTROENTEROLOGY

The Faculty received new pledges of support for cancer research and gastroenterology through the Endowed Professorship Scheme. Dedication Ceremonies were held in honour of the generous donations from the late **Ms Sophie Chan Yat-Mei** (陳一微) her family and from Li Shu Fan Medical Foundation. **Professor Guan Xin-yuan** (關新元) and **Professor Leung Wai-keung** (梁偉強) are the honoured holders of the endowed professorships respectively.

The ceremony for the **Sophie Y M Chan Professorship in Cancer Research** (陳一微基金教授席 (癌病研究學)) was held on March 5, 2016, at the University Lodge, while the ceremony for the **Li Shu Fan Medical Foundation Professorship in Gastroenterology** (李樹芬醫學基金會基金教授 (腸胃學)) was held on May 26, 2016, also at the University Lodge.



MARCH 5 AND MAY 26, 2016 //

## “EXPLORE THE WORLD OF MEDICINE” PUBLIC LECTURE SERIES 2016

The Faculty's annual event, “Explore the World of Medicine” Public Lecture Series, entered its tenth year in 2016. The series is co-organised by the Faculty and the Hong Kong Public Libraries, with the objective to enrich the public's understanding of health issues as well as to educate them on the prevention and treatment of different diseases. The first lecture of the new series, held on March 12, 2016, attracted an audience of more than 200. Details of the first group of monthly lectures are as follows:



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| March 12 | <b>Rare Diseases of the New Born – Detection and Management</b>        |
| April 9  | <b>Bone Health – Osteoporosis and Exercise</b>                         |
| May 7    | <b>Wise Use of Western and Chinese Medicine</b>                        |
| June 11  | <b>Learn More About Cancers – Holistic Treatment and Familial Risk</b> |

The second group of lectures will commence in September 2016. For more information, please visit [www.med.hku.hk/publiclecture](http://www.med.hku.hk/publiclecture).



MARCH 12, 2016 //

## INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM FOCUSES ON SCIENCE AND AGING



The Research Centre of Heart, Brain, Hormone and Healthy Aging held the 11th International

Symposium on Healthy Aging with the theme of "Science and Aging: An Era of Discovery" on March 12 and 13, 2016.

**Professor Andy T S Hor** (賀子森), Vice-President and Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Research) of HKU delivered the welcome address. Twenty-five renowned local and overseas speakers covered a wide range of aging-related topics. Young Investigator Awards (Oral Category) were presented to **Miss Jiang Qiufen** (蔣秋芬), of the School of Biomedical Sciences and **Mr Yang Jiayin** (楊佳銀), of the Department of Medicine. Young Investigator Awards (Poster Category) recipients were presented to **Miss Cai Zhujun** (蔡竹君), **Dr Hoo Lai-chong** (何麗莊), Department of Medicine; **Miss Kwan Pui-yi** (關佩宜), **Miss Anuri Shah**, School of Biomedical Sciences; **Mr Victor Li** (李岱軒), MBBS Year IV student; and **Mr Andy Man Wing-chung** (文穎聰), Department of Pharmacology and Pharmacy. The event attracted 540 local and international participants.



MARCH 12 AND 13, 2016 //

## ASIA LAUNCH FOR GLOBAL HEALTH RISK FRAMEWORK REPORT

The WHO Collaborating Centre for Infectious Disease Epidemiology and Control at the School of Public Health hosted the Asia Launch cum Seminar of the Report Recommendations of the Commission on a Global Health Risk Framework for the Future, in collaboration with the U.S. National Academy of Medicine, Bauhinia Foundation Research Centre of Hong Kong, and the Centre for Medical Ethics and Law of HKU. During the event, held at HKU on March 13, 2016, the report was presented in Asia for the first time. Speakers included **Dr Victor Dzau**, Chair of International Oversight Group of the Commission, President of the U.S. National Academy of Medicine; **Professor Lawrence Gostin**, Commissioner and Director of WHO Collaborating Centre on Public Health Law and Human Rights; **Mr Peter Sands**, Commission Chair and Former Group CEO of Standard Chartered PLC;

**Professor Tan Chorh Chuan**, Member of International Oversight Group of the Commission and President, National University of Singapore; **Professor Peter Mathieson** (馬斐森), President and Vice-Chancellor, HKU; and **Professor Gabriel M Leung** (梁卓偉), Commissioner and Dean, LKS Faculty of Medicine, HKU. Guests included **Professor Sophia Chan Siu-chee** (陳肇始), Under Secretary for Food and Health; **Dr Constance Chan Hon-ye** (陳漢儀), Director of Health; and **Dr TH Leung** (梁挺雄), Controller of the Centre for Health Protection. Members agreed that it is essential for global leaders to commit to creating and resourcing a comprehensive global health risk framework to counter infectious disease crises.



MARCH 13, 2016 //

## SHARING SESSION ADDRESSES GLOBAL HEALTH SECURITY CHALLENGES

The Global Health Risk Framework Seminar and Launch was complemented by the Sharing Session on Addressing Challenges on Global Health Security, held at the HKU medical campus on March 14, 2016, for visiting scientists and policy leaders in global health from across the Asia Pacific region. Participants included **Dr Alexander Ng**, Deputy Director of China Program, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation; **Dr PL Joshi**, Senior Public Health Consultant, National Institute of Health and Family Welfare, India; **Professor Wiku Adisasmito**, Professor of Faculty of Public Health, Universitas Indonesia; **Dr Jong-Koo Lee**, Director, JW Lee Center for Global Medicine, Seoul National University; **Datuk Dr Lokman Hakim Bin Sulaiman**, Deputy Director-General of Health (Public Health), Ministry of Health, Malaysia; **Professor Saw Swee Hock**, Professorial Fellow, Institute of Southeast Asian Studies in Singapore

and President's Honorary Professor of Statistics, National University of Singapore; and **Dr Vernon Lee**, Deputy Director, Communicable Diseases Division, Ministry of Health, Singapore. Seven delegates from the Asia Pacific region met to share their views and concerns on infectious disease outbreaks that may pose a threat to global health security.



MARCH 14, 2016 //



## PUBLIC LECTURE BY DR MARY-CLAIRE KING, DOCTOR OF SCIENCE, HONORIS CAUSA RECIPIENT 2016

The public lecture “Genomics of Inherited Breast and Ovarian Cancer: From Gene Discovery to Public Health” was delivered by **Dr Mary-Claire King** on March 17, 2016. The lecture was well-attended by more than 380 students, colleagues and external participants, including **Professor Peter Mathieson** (馬斐森), President and Vice-Chancellor of HKU; **Dr Constance Chan Hon-ye** (陳漢儀), Director of Health of HKSAR Government; researchers at HKU and its sister institutions, as well as students from secondary schools. Dr King, Professor of Genome Sciences and of Medicine (Medical Genetics) at the University of Washington, Seattle, USA, was the first to show that breast cancer is inherited in some families as a result of mutations in the gene that she named BRCA1. She was recently conferred the Degree of Doctor of Science *honoris causa* at HKU.



MARCH 17, 2016 //

## HYBRID PET-IMAGING SYMPOSIUM AND WORKSHOP 2016

The Hybrid PET-Imaging Symposium and Workshop 2016, jointly organised by the Department of Diagnostic Radiology, LKS Faculty of Medicine, HKU; and Department of Medical Radiology, Nuclear Medicine, University Hospital Zurich, was held from March 25 to 27, 2016. The one-day symposium was attended by 105 participants while 67 took part in the workshops, including delegates from Hong Kong, Singapore, Philippines, Australia, Malaysia, USA, and Europe.



MARCH 25 TO 27, 2016 //

## HONG KONG AND SHENZHEN SURGICAL FORUMS FOCUS ON HEAD, NECK AND NEUROSURGERY

The Department of Surgery, the China-Hong Kong Chapter of the American College of Surgeons, the International Society for Digestive Surgery - Asian Pacific Section (ISDS) and the Hong Kong Neurosurgical Society co-organised the biannual Hong Kong Surgical Forum, held on April 9, 2016. **Dr Gilberto Leung Ka-Kit** (梁嘉傑) and **Dr Jimmy Chan Yu-Wai** (陳汝威), Directors of the Organising Committee, put together an intensive programme on the theme “Neurosurgery and Head & Neck Surgery”. Experts from Beijing, Boston, Columbus, Tokyo and Hong Kong spoke at the forum, attended by over 230 participants. The Shenzhen Surgical Forum was held the following day at the HKU-Shenzhen Hospital, on the same theme.



APRIL 9 AND 10, 2016 //

## DIABETES THEME FOR WORLD HEALTH DAY 2016

The School of Nursing co-organised the World Health Day 2016 on April 9, 2016, at Sun Yat-sen Place in HKU,

echoing the World Health Organization's theme of the year, "Diabetes". The Opening Ceremony was jointly officiated by **Dr Ko Wing-man** (高永文), Secretary for Food and Health; **Professor Sophia Chan Siu-chee** (陳肇始), Under Secretary for Food and Health; **Dr Steve Cannon**, Executive Vice-President (Administration and Finance), HKU; **Dr Leong Che-hung** (梁智鴻), Patron of Hong Kong Academy of Nursing; **Dr Susie Lum Shun-sui** (林崇綏), President of Hong Kong Academy of Nursing; **Professor Rosie Young** (楊紫芝), Honorary President of Diabetes Hongkong; **Dr Daniel Fong Yee-tak** (方以德), Acting Head of the School of Nursing, and many other important guests. An on-site nurse consultation, including blood glucose, blood pressure and Body Mass Index measurement, was offered to all participants. This service was delivered by 23 HKU nursing students and volunteers from several professional institutes.



APRIL 9, 2016 //

## HKU AT HOSPITAL AUTHORITY CONVENTION 2016

The School of Public Health participated in the Hospital Authority Convention 2016 held at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre on May 3 and 4, 2016. The annual convention, organised by the Hong Kong Hospital Authority, featured speakers from Mainland China, Hong Kong, Europe and the Americas. The booth hosted by the School was well-visited by healthcare professionals interested in HKU's public health education and training programmes.



MAY 3 AND 4, 2016 //

## HONG KONG MEDICAL FORUM ATTRACTS RECORD ATTENDANCE

The 21st Hong Kong Medical Forum was held on May 7 and 8, 2016, at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre with a record of more than 2,000 registrations. The Organising Committee was chaired by **Professor Bernard**

**Cheung Man-yung** (張文勇). Among the speakers were 16 overseas experts, namely **Professor Antonio Anzueto** of South Texan Veterans Health Care System, USA; **Dr Jasmohan Bajaj** of Virginia Commonwealth University, USA; **Professor Michael Boyer** of University of Sydney, Australia; **Professor Jafna Cox** of Dalhousie University, Canada; **Professor Leonardo Fabbri** of University of Modena & Reggio Emilia, Italy; **Professor Gary Lee** of University of Western Australia, Australia; **Professor Patrick Maxwell** of University of Cambridge, UK; **Professor Juris Meier** of St Josef-Hospital of the Ruhr-Universität Bochum (RUB), Germany; **Dr Ioannis Parissis** of Attikon University Hospital, Greece; **Professor John Prins** of University of Queensland, Australia; **Professor Lars Rydén** of Karolinska Institute, Sweden; **Dr Ross Soo** of National University of Singapore, Singapore; **Professor Mark Thursz** of Imperial College, UK; **Professor Tsai Wen-Chan** of Kaohsiung Medical University Hospital, Taiwan; **Professor Gerald Watts** of University of Western Australia, Australia and **Professor Kazuhiko Yamamoto** of University of Tokyo, Japan. They and the local speakers covered a comprehensive range of topics across the various medicine disciplines.



MAY 7 AND 8, 2016 //

## SCHOOL OF BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES INAUGURAL SYMPOSIUM AND RETREAT

Following the establishment of the School of Biomedical Sciences on July 1, 2015, a Scientific Advisory Board (SAB), led by **Professor Lap-chee Tsui** (徐立之), HKU's immediate past Vice-Chancellor, was formed.

On May 19, 2016, the Inaugural Symposium of School of Biomedical Sciences was successfully held with 5 renowned overseas experts who are SAB members of the School, namely, **Professor Michael Häusser**, University College London, UK; **Professor Bjorn Olsen**, Harvard Medical School, USA; **Professor Janet Rossant**, University of Toronto, Canada; **Professor Patrick Tam**, University of Sydney, Australia; **Professor King-Wai Yau**, Johns Hopkins University, USA,



delivered lectures together with 8 local speakers. The Symposium attracted over 250 participants.

Following the symposium, the School Retreat was held at Auberge Discovery Bay on May 20-21, 2016, during which the SAB Chairman and members shared their scientific insights and provided valuable advice on the strategic direction of the School. The School enjoyed the fruitful and inspiring team building exercises and discussions at the Retreat.

MAY 19, 2016 //

## FRONTIERS IN HUMAN MICROBIOTA SYMBIOTIC INTERACTIONS 3RD ANNUAL MEETING OF THE BRIDGING BIOMEDICAL WORLD SERIES

Li Ka Shing Faculty of Medicine, Fondation IPSEN, The American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) and the AAAS/ Science Translational Medicine jointly held the Third Annual Meeting of the Bridging Biomedical World Series on May 23-25, 2016 with the theme "Frontiers in Human Microbiota Symbiotic Interactions". The meeting was officiated by **Professor Peter Mathieson** (馬斐森), President and Vice-Chancellor of HKU; **Professor Leung Suet-yi** (梁雪兒), Associate Dean (Research); **Dr Orla Smith**, Managing Editor of AAAS/Science Translational Medicine, Washington DC, USA and **Dr Yves Christen**, Chairman of Fondation IPSEN, Paris, France. 17 world-renowned speakers presented their latest findings on the trending topics including evolution of the host microbiota; microbes in the environment; host-microbiota interactions and the immune response; the nexus between diet, metabolism and the gut microbiota; and overcoming the challenges of big data, to the participants from more than 10 cities and countries.

MAY 23 TO 25, 2016 //

## RGC VISIT

The Research Grants Council visited HKU on June 16, 2016. The day started off with a welcome session and overview of HKU research by the President and Vice-Chancellor Professor Peter Mathieson on main campus. The delegation then split into sub-groups to visit different faculties. Dean of Medicine **Professor Gabriel Leung** (梁卓偉) and Dean of Dentistry, **Professor Thomas Flemmig** (傅立明) welcomed 10 panel members led by **Professor Benjamin Wah** (華雲生), Chairman of the RGC and **Professor Rocky Tuan** (段崇智), Convenor of the Biology and Medicine Panel, and presented the research achievements of the respective faculty. This was followed by a presentation by **Professor Malik Peiris** (裴偉士) on influenza research development and visit to the Surgical Skills Laboratory and Faculty Core Facility.

For more in-depth understanding of our research activities, poster presentations were made by researchers of the Centre for Genomic Sciences; Directors of State Key Laboratories; Coordinators of Theme-Based Research and Area of Excellence projects; Principal Investigators of Collaboration Research Fund and General Research Fund projects as well as representatives from the Dental Faculty. The visit panel also took the opportunity to meet with selected research postgraduate students and young faculty members. The one-day event concluded successfully with positive feedback from the Panel.



JUNE 16, 2016 //

## DOCTORS SHARE SPECIALIST EXPERIENCES WITH STUDENTS IN MEDICAL SOCIETY CAREER TALKS

The Medical Society held its Annual Career Series Talk in November 2015. Doctors from various specialties in medicine and surgery were invited to share their valuable experience in choosing a specialty. The Health Committee has also organised health checks and counselling sessions for local residents.



## “PERPETRO” THE WORD FOR BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES SOCIETY CABINET

The Biomedical Sciences Society started a new session in December 2015. The cabinet is named “Perpetro”, which means to commit, accomplish and perform successfully. This was chosen to reflect its determination to serve members with diligence and devotion. In February 2016, the Society joined the Bio-Cup, competing with other student societies in a dodgeball competition. The team was first runner-up.



## ARTHRITIS AS THE FOCUS OF DRUG USAGE INFORMATION DAY

For the third year, the Pharmacy Society organised the Drug Usage Information Day for the general public. This year the event was held in Wong Tai Sin Chuk Yuen (South) Estate on “Arthritis (痛不欲「伸」關節痛)” on January 10, 2016. The topic was chosen because of the prevalence of arthritis among the elderly. More than 600 people, mostly elderly, participated in health checks and counselling. By serving the public, our students contributed to the promotion of the pharmacy profession in the community.



## HUMANITY MEETS MEDICINE AT EAST ASIAN MEDICAL STUDENTS' CONFERENCE



The Asian Medical Students' Association Hong Kong (AMSAHK) sent a delegation of 25 medical students from HKU and The Chinese University of Hong Kong to participate in the 29th East Asian Medical Students' Conference (EAMSC) held in Taipei, Taiwan, from January 24 to 29, 2016. This year's conference was focused on the theme "Medical Care in the Future - When medicine and technology meet humanity". HKU delegates participated in keynote lectures, community service, WHO simulation sessions, cultural workshops and sightseeing tours, while building friendships with medical students from across the world. They entered the Scientific Paper, Public Health Poster and Movie competitions, with the academic team winning second place in the Scientific Paper Competition.



## SECONDARY STUDENTS GET MEDSTART IN MEDICAL SCHOOL

"Cardiology" was the theme of this year's MedStart, an annual two-day programme organised by The Asian Medical Students' Association Hong Kong (AMSAHK) to give secondary school students a taste of medical school life. The programme, which took place on February 20 and 21, 2016, at the medical faculties of HKU and The Chinese University of Hong Kong, attracted more than 250 students. They participated in lectures, tutorials and practical sessions on cardiology, while learning more about medicine as a future career.



## MSF ORIENTEERING COMPETITION GIVES INSIGHT INTO MEDICAL AID

Second-year MBBS students **Miss Allison Fok** (霍姿穎), **Miss Natalie Lau** (劉欣霖), **Mr Samuel So** (蘇善恆), and **Miss Wendy Yang** (楊健) were awarded first runner-up in the "On Track to Save – MSF (Médecins Sans Frontières) Orienteering Competition 2016" on March 13, 2016, at Pak Tam Chung, Sai Kung. From planning the route to navigating the competition site in search of pre-set control points, the team gained an insight into the demanding environments frontline MSF field workers experience in delivering medical aid. Through this meaningful event, the team learnt more about the persistence and dedication required of healthcare workers, which they hope to bring to their future practice.



## SCHOOL OF NURSING SHOWS TALENT AT WORLD HEALTH DAY 2016

Singing team "N17 Girls" from HKU School of Nursing reigned champions in the "Nurses' Got Talent" Talent Show held at Sun Yat-sen Place, HKU, on April 9 to mark World Health Day 2016. Another team from the School, "Nurtruism", was awarded 1st Runner Up. The talent show was one of the activities of World Health Day, which aimed to raise awareness of community health. This year, The focus was on diabetes. For more photos, please visit Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/hkuson/>



## TEDDY BEAR HOSPITAL REACHES OUT TO VULNERABLE CHILDREN

In collaboration with Heep Hong Society and Christian Action, Medical Outreachers initiated an innovative health education programme targeting children with mental disabilities and children from asylum seeker and refugee families. The programme, aptly named Teddy Bear Hospital, utilises soft-toys as models. Activities such as surgery and doctor-patient interactions are demonstrated through role-play in order to promote healthier lifestyles among children and reduce their anxieties when visiting a doctor.



## STUDENTS RECEIVED AWARDS IN INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS

During the 22nd Annual Congress of International Liver Transplantation Society (ILTS), which was held in Seoul on May 4-7, 2016, **Dr Li Chang Xian** (李長賢) (Third from the left), PHD student from Department of Surgery, has got the Rising Star Award as a Mentee together with his supervisor **Professor Man Kwan** (萬鈞) as the Mentor. It is the fifth time getting this most prestigious award from ILTS for the research team led by **Professor Lo Chung-mau** (盧寵茂) and **Professor Man Kwan**. Two PhD students – **Miss Liu Hui** (劉慧) (Third from the right) and **Dr Liu Jiang** (劉江) (first from the left) also got the Young Investigator Awards in this ILTS Congress.



## STUDENTS REPRESENTED HK IN RESEARCH PAPER COMPETITION AT ASIAN MEDICAL STUDENT CONFERENCE

This year the Asian Medical Student Conference was held in Manila, Philippines from June 28 to July 5 with the theme of "Health Beyond Our Clinics". Students of the Faculty **Mr Pias Tang Hoi-kiu** (鄧凱喬) and **Miss Li Dong-mei** (李東美) formed part of the team representing Hong Kong in the Research Paper Competition on social determinants of health. With their extended abstract titled "Preliminary Findings on the Association between Migrant Status and Mental Well-Being and Depressive Symptoms in Hong Kong", they were shortlisted as finalists to present the preliminary findings at the Conference. The group was supported by **Dr Michael Y Ni** (倪宇軒) from the School of Public Health.

This topic is of particular concern to the community of Asian medical students with regards to "Health Beyond Our Clinics", the theme of the Conference. In Asia, there has been a rapid rise in migration in the past two decades. Past studies have shown that cultural, language, legal and economic barriers limit



migrants' access to healthcare services, therefore hinder their health. In addition, substantial life changes and stress associated with migration make the mental health well-being of migrants a particular concern. Hong Kong has traditionally been a major centre for migration and with homogenous migration from the Mainland on the rise, Hong Kong's unique blend in population composition makes it the ideal setting to study potential health determinants related to immigrant status. Their study sought to assess the association between migration and the mental well-being of Mainland Chinese migrants in the context of Hong Kong.

## APPLAUSE

**Mr Chiu Kung-chun** (趙公雋), PhD candidate, Department of Pathology, and **Mr Law Cheuk-ting** (羅卓庭), MPhil candidate, Department of Pathology, were awarded Best Poster Presentations of the 20th Research Postgraduate Symposium by the Faculty in December 2015.

**Miss Chloe Fung** (馮采怡), Bachelor of Biomedical Sciences student, was awarded the FameLab Hong Kong 2016 Grand Final Winner by FameLab Hong Kong in March 2016.

**Mr Man Wing-chung** (文穎聰), PhD candidate, Department of Pharmacology and Pharmacy, was awarded the Young Investigator Award (Poster Category) at the 11th International Symposium on Healthy Aging "Science and Aging: An Era of Discovery" in March 2016.

**Mr Philip Tang Chiu-tsun** (鄧昭俊), MPhil candidate, Department of Pharmacology and Pharmacy, was awarded the British Pharmacological Society Poster Prize by the British Pharmacological Society in December 2015.

**Miss Angel Wong Yun-sum** (黃潤森) and **Miss Celine Chui Sze-ling** (徐詩鈴), PhD candidates, Department of Pharmacology and Pharmacy, were awarded ISPE Rising Stars by The ISPE's 9th Asian Conference on Pharmacoepidemiology held in Bangkok, Thailand, in November 2015.

**Miss Xu Mingjing** (徐明婧), PhD candidate, Department of Pathology, was awarded Oral Presentation – The 2nd runner-up presenter of the 20th Research Postgraduate Symposium by the Faculty in December 2015.

**Miss Xu Yingying** (徐瑩穎), PhD candidate, Department of Pharmacology and Pharmacy, was awarded Poster Presentation Prize by The 2015 Vaccine Summit held in London, UK, on October 15, 2015.

**Miss Yang Kangmin** (楊康敏), PhD candidate, Department of Pharmacology and Pharmacy, was awarded Graduate Student Travel Award by ASPET Annual Meeting at Experimental Biology 2016 held in San Diego, USA, in February 2016.



## ALUMNI CELEBRATE THE MONKEY YEAR

HKUMAA organised its annual Spring Dinner on March 3, 2016, to celebrate the Year of the Monkey and wish its members and friends well. More than 200 alumni, their families and friends enjoyed the warm sharing across different generations, as well as the lucky draw, a fantastic *a cappella* performance by talented medical students and the trophy presentation to HKUMAA Sports Team members. Senior alumni who graduated 50 or more years ago also shared their recollections of their days in HKU.



Senior alumni celebrate their long careers with HKUMAA officers past and present. From left: **Dr Laurence Hou** (1956), **Dr Wong Kwok-on** (1956), **Professor Donald Yu** (1960), **Dr Kathleen So** (1971) (President, HKUMAA), **Professor Rosie Young** (1953), **Professor Moira Chan** (1962), **Professor John Leong** (1965), **Dr Cheung King-wai** (1965), **Dr Peter Lo** (1961), **Dr Wat Kwong-sang** (1966), and **Professor Leung Nai-kong** (1966) (Immediate Past President, HKUMAA).





## NEW CABINET FOR HKU NURSING ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

The HKU Nursing Alumni Association (HKUNAA) held its Annual General Meeting on December 19, 2015. Members reviewed the achievements of the past year and selected a cabinet for 2016-2017. The new leadership will strive to deepen connections among alumni, students, faculty and staff. It welcomes more alumni to join its upcoming events.



## HKU REUNION AT THE RACES

The "HKU Reunion at the Races" this year was held on June 5, at the Jockey Club Box, Sha Tin Racecourse. Organised by the HKU Foundation and held in conjunction with the HKU Alumni Association Challenge Cup, the Faculty hosted 3 tables on this special occasion where over 200 donors, alumni, professors, staff and friends reunited to share a wonderful Sunday afternoon at the Races.

## MBBS CLASS 1985 REUNION

Alumni of MBBS Class 1985 celebrated their 30th anniversary at The Hong Kong Jockey Club Happy Valley Racecourse on November 7, 2015. More than 100 alumni and their families enjoyed a delicious Saturday night dinner.



## APPOINTMENTS AND PROMOTIONS



**Dr Christy Hui Lai-ming** (許麗明), previously Research Assistant Professor of the Department of Psychiatry, has been appointed as Assistant Professor.



**Dr Leo Poon Lit-man** (潘烈文), previously Associate Professor of the School of Public Health, has been appointed as Professor.



**Dr Jenny Lam Ka-wing** (林嘉穎), previously Assistant Professor of the Department of Pharmacology and Pharmacy, has been appointed as Associate Professor.



**Dr Agnes Marie Tarrant** (戴美怡), previously Associate Professor of the School of Nursing, has been appointed as Professor.



**Dr Rong Jianhui** (榮建輝), previously Assistant Professor of the School of Chinese Medicine, has been appointed as Associate Professor.



**Dr Chen Honglin** (陳鴻霖), previously Associate Professor of the Department of Microbiology, has been appointed as Professor.



**Dr Walter Seto Wai-kay** (司徒偉基), previously Clinical Assistant Professor of the Department of Medicine, has been appointed as Clinical Associate Professor.



**Dr David Siu Chung-wah** (蕭頌華), previously Clinical Associate Professor of the Department of Medicine, has been appointed as Clinical Professor.



**Dr Susan Yung Sou-ying** (翁秀英), previously Assistant Professor of the Department of Medicine, has been appointed as Associate Professor.



**Dr Ivan Hung Fan-ngai** (孔繁毅), previously Clinical Associate Professor of the Department of Medicine, has been appointed as Clinical Professor.

## ACHIEVEMENTS AND AWARDS

**Dr Ryan Au Yeung Shiu-lun** (歐陽兆倫), Post-doctoral Fellow; **Professor Lam Tai-hing** (林大慶), Chair Professor of Community Medicine; **Professor Gabriel M Leung** (梁卓偉), Dean of Medicine and Chair Professor of Public Health Medicine; and **Dr Catherine Mary Schooling**, Cluster Leader of Non-communicable Diseases in Global Health, were awarded 2015 Articles of the Year (One of the Best Ten of 2015) by American Journal of Epidemiology (AJE) and the Society for Epidemiologic Research, on April 15, 2016.

**Ms Phoebe Chan Wing-lam** (陳穎琳), Lecturer of the Department of Pharmacology and Pharmacy, and **Dr Joanna Ho Wen-ying** (何文英), Lecturer of the School of Biomedical Sciences, have been awarded the Faculty Teaching Medal 2014-2015 by HKU.

**Professor Chan Ying-shing** (陳應城), Deputy Director of the School of Biomedical Sciences, was appointed as the Founding Editor-in-Chief of IBRO Reports by the International Brain Research Organization in February 2016.

**Dr Julie Chen Yun** (陳芸), Assistant Professor of the Department of Family Medicine and Primary Care, was awarded the Best Oral Presenter at the 13th Asia Pacific Medical Education Conference by National University of Singapore in January 2016.

**Professor Huang Jiandong** (黃建東), of the School of Biomedical Sciences was awarded the Outstanding Research Award 2014-15 by HKU.

**Dr Michael Huen Shing-yan** (禡承恩), Associate Professor of the School of Biomedical Sciences, was awarded the Outstanding Young Research Award 2014-15 by HKU.

**Professor Lam Tai-hing** (林大慶), Chair Professor of Community Medicine of the School of Public Health, was awarded 中國控煙突出貢獻獎 by Chinese Association on Tobacco Control (中國控制吸煙協會) in October 2015, and was appointed as World Cancer Research Fund Hong Kong (WCRF HK) Ambassador by the World Cancer Research Fund International in March 2016.

**Professor Lau Yu-lung** (劉宇隆), Chair Professor of Paediatrics of the Department of Paediatrics and Adolescent Medicine, was awarded the Outstanding Asian Pediatrician Award by the Asia Pacific Pediatric Association (APPA) in January 2016, and has been appointed as President of the Hong Kong College of Paediatricians.

**Dr Lin Xiang** (林响), Post-doctoral Fellow of the Department of Pathology, was awarded the Outstanding Presentation of Young Investigator at the International Symposium of Transplantation & Cancer Immunology by Institut National de la Santé et de la Recherche Médicale (Inserm), France, and HKU in May 2015.

**Professor Lu Liwei** (呂力為), of the Department of Pathology and **Dr Lin Xiang** (林响), Post-doctoral Fellow of the same department, were awarded the Beijing Science and Technology Award by the Beijing Government in December 2015.

**Professor Keith Luk Dip-kei** (陸颺驥), Chair Professor of the Department of Orthopaedics and Traumatology, was appointed as President of the International Society for the Study of the Lumbar Spine (ISSLS) in May 2016.

**Professor Malik Peiris**, Director of the School of Public Health; **Professor Guan Yi** (管軼), Director of the Centre of Influenza Research; and **Dr Leo Poon Lit-man** (潘烈文), Associate Professor and Division Head of Public Health Laboratory Sciences, were named among the World's Most Influential Scientific Minds 2015 by Thomson Reuters in January 2016, based on a citation analysis of their global impact in their field of study.

**Dr Dino Samartzis**, Assistant Professor of the Department of Orthopaedics and Traumatology, has been appointed as the Editor-in-Chief of Scoliosis and Spinal Disorders Journal.

**Professor So Kwok-fai** (蘇國輝), Chair Professor of the Department of Ophthalmology, was appointed as Fellow of the US National Academy of Inventors by the National Academy of Inventors in December 2015.

**Dr Julian Tanner**, Associate Professor of the School of Biomedical Sciences, was awarded the Outstanding Teaching Award 2015 by HKU.

**Dr Joseph Wu Tsz-kei** (胡子祺), Associate Professor; **Professor Benjamin John Cowling** (高本恩), Division Head of Epidemiology and Biostatistics; **Ms Vicky Fang Jing** (方婧), Assistant Technical Manager; **Dr Wu Peng** (吳蓬), Research Assistant Professor; **Dr Eric Lau Ho-yin** (劉浩然), Assistant Professor; **Dr Michael Ni Yuxuan** (倪宇軒), Clinical Assistant Professor; and **Professor Gabriel M Leung** (梁卓偉), Dean of Medicine and Chair Professor of Public Health Medicine, were awarded the Outstanding Research Output Prize 2014-2015 by HKU.

**Professor Xu Aimin** (徐愛民), of the Department of Pharmacology and Pharmacy and of the Department of Medicine, was awarded a Croucher Senior Research Fellowship 2016.

## SHARING CORNER



**Mr Hui Lok** 許諾  
(MSc (BSE) 2013) and  
**Ms Fion Lau Hiu-wa**  
劉曉華 (BNurs 2012)



**Mr So Ngai-hong**  
蘇毅康 (BNurs 2010,  
MNurs 2014) and  
**Ms Tang Sau-chun**  
鄧秀珍 (BNurs 2009,  
MPH 2012)



**Ms Lam Ping-fong**  
林平方 (BCM 2007) and  
**Mr Lui Siu-sing** 呂兆陞  
(BCM 2007) with  
their baby girl  
**Lui Wan-ching**  
呂昀靜



## HELLO



**Dr Matthew Peter Aldred** joined the Department of Anaesthesiology as Clinical Assistant Professor in February 2016.



**Dr Jonathan Chan Cheuk-hung** (陳焯鴻) joined the Department of Ophthalmology as Clinical Assistant Professor in December 2015. Dr Chan studied medicine at the University of New South Wales, Australia, graduating with the degree of Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery (Hons.), and Bachelor of Medical Science. Returning to Hong Kong after his internship, he began his ophthalmology training at United Christian Hospital. After obtaining specialist qualifications in 2005, he was promoted to associate consultant at Queen Mary Hospital in 2008, where he participated in research and teaching activities as an honorary Faculty member. This encouraged him to further his interest in medical research and teaching. Dr Chan's research interests include glaucoma surgery and therapeutics, cataract surgery, and eye disease screening.



**Dr Cheung Tan-to** (張丹圖) joined the Department of Surgery as Clinical Associate Professor in January 2016. Dr Cheung, who completed his medical degree at HKU before joining Queen Mary Hospital as a surgeon, is currently the Chief of the Division of Hepatobiliary and Pancreatic Surgery in the Department of Surgery, Queen Mary Hospital, HKU, and a Council member of the Hong Kong Society of Hepatobiliary and Pancreatic Surgery. He is one of the leading experts in laparoscopic liver resection in Hong Kong. He is also a world-leading expert in high intensity focused ultrasound (HIFU) therapy for hepatocellular carcinoma. His main research interests include liver transplant, complicated liver surgery, ALPPS procedures and minimally invasive surgery for liver cancer.



**Dr Lydia Cheung Wai-ting** (張慧婷) joined the School of Biomedical Sciences as Assistant Professor in April 2016. Dr Cheung received her BSc and PhD at The University of Hong Kong. She then obtained postdoctoral training in cancer genomics research in the MD Anderson Cancer Center (Houston, US). The major focus of her research is functional characterisation of genomics abnormalities in cancers, with a goal of devising optimal therapeutic strategies for cancer patients.



**Mr Hao Dong-fang** (郝東方) joined the School of Chinese Medicine as Lecturer in March 2016. Mr Hao gained his Master degree in Studies and Applications of Acupuncture from Hong Kong Baptist University in 2010. He has over 20 years clinical experience, specialising in the combination of traditional Chinese and Western medicine and applying integrative therapy in sports medicine to musculoskeletal system. His clinical specialty includes cervical spondylosis, frozen shoulder, herniation of intervertebral discs, acute and chronic lumbago, lumbar hyperplasia and degenerative osteoarthritis. His research interests are focused on the integrated Chinese and Western medicine treatment of musculoskeletal diseases and clinical practice of traditional Chinese medicine in sports medicine.



**Dr Lam Tai-chung** (林泰忠) joined the Department of Clinical Oncology as Clinical Assistant Professor in February 2016. He graduated from HKU in 2003. He received his specialist training in the Clinical Oncology Department of Tuen Mun Hospital and post-fellow training at the Radiation Oncology Department of Harvard School of Medicine. His research interests include breast cancer, neuro-oncology, palliative radiation therapy, stereotactic body radiation therapy (SBRT) and psychosocial care of advanced cancer patients.



**Dr Wong Siu-lun** (黃兆麟) joined the School of Biomedical Sciences as Assistant Professor in March 2016. He graduated from The Chinese University of Hong Kong in 2005 and completed his PhD at The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology in 2011 before taking up the post of Postdoctoral Fellow/Associate at MIT Synthetic Biology Center, Research Laboratory of Electronics, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, USA. His research interests include combinatorial genetics, synthetic biology, genome engineering and disease biology.

# GOODBYE

We would like to express our gratitude and best wishes to the following staff members who have left or will be leaving the Faculty:

**Dr Johnny Chan Chun-yin** (陳俊彥), Department of Medicine

**Dr Camie Chan Wing-yan** (陳詠欣), School of Biomedical Sciences

**Dr Fan Kit-ling** (樊潔玲), Emergency Medicine Unit

**Dr Rita Anil Gangwani** (江高文思), Department of Ophthalmology

**Dr Kenny Kung** (龔敬樂), Department of Family Medicine and Primary Care

**Dr Eric Law Chun-yiu** (羅震耀), Department of Pathology

**Dr Lee Chin-peng** (李之朋), Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology

**Dr Angela Leung Yee-man** (梁綺雯), School of Nursing

**Dr Vivian Lui Wai-yan** (呂偉欣), Department of Pharmacology and Pharmacy

**Dr Terence Lee Kin-wah** (李建華), Department of Pathology

**Dr Roberta Pang Wen-chi** (彭詠枝), Department of Surgery

**Dr Angela Sin Wing-to** (單詠濤), Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology

**Dr Janice Tsang Wing-hang** (曾詠恆), Department of Medicine

**Dr Patrick Alexander Ward**, Department of Anaesthesiology

**Dr Felix Yuen Kwan-hok** (阮君岳), School of Nursing

We wish them all the best in their future endeavours.

## IN REMEMBRANCE

With deep sorrow, we mourn the passing of the following Faculty alumni and friends:

**Dr Patrick Cheung Pak-chue** 張柏柱 (MBBS 1956) was a distinguished alumnus of the Faculty and a devoted doctor.

**Dr Kenneth Kwan Kee-charm** 關其湛 (MBBS 1956) was a distinguished alumnus of the Faculty and a devoted surgeon.

**Dr Jonathan Tsang Moon-kwong** 曾滿光 (MBBS 1987) was a distinguished alumnus of the Faculty and a doctor devoted to the development of ophthalmology.

These alumni each earned respect from their patients, friends and professional peers for their contributions to the enhancement of social wellbeing and to their specialist fields.

(In alphabetical order by surname)

## 10,000,000 or above

**Ms Chan Yee-man & Ir Raymond Chan Kin-sek**

*In support of the establishment of Sophie Y M Chan Professorship in Cancer Research*

**The Jessie & George Ho Charitable Foundation**

*In support of the establishment of The George and Pauletto Ho Professorship in Visual Science and the 12-month pilot eye-screening programme, the Chloe Ho Safeguarding Vision Initiative*

**Li Shu Fan Medical Foundation**

*In support of the establishment of Li Shu Fan Medical Foundation Professorship in Gastroenterology*

**Mr Bryan Lin**

*In support of the establishment of Bryan Lin Professorship in Paediatric Cardiology*

## 1,000,000 or above

**Mr Au Siu-yim**

*In support of the setup of the Yip Cheung Yip Ka Bing Residential Scholarship and Lee Sum Ping Medical Humanities Enrichment Award*

**DC Foundation**

*In support of DC Foundation Scholarships*

**Lichi Charitable Foundation Limited**

*In support of the on-going research on chronic hepatitis B undertaken by Professor Lai Ching-lung, Department of Medicine*

**T.S. Lo Foundation**

*In support of the establishment of a 2-year Enhanced Asthma Care Program*

**Ng Teng Fong Charitable Foundation Limited**

*In support of the research activities in Endocrinology & Metabolism undertaken by Professor Karen Lam siu-ling, Department of Medicine*

**Dr Elizabeth Shing Shiu-ching**

*In support of the work of the Division of Gastroenterology and Hepatology of the Department of Medicine*

**Professor John Wong**

*In support of the Department of Surgery*

**Dr Serena Yang Hsueh Chi**

*In support of the Yang Hsueh Chi Visiting Professorship at the Department of Orthopaedics and Traumatology*

**Mr Yeung Chun-fan of The Glorious Sun Holdings Ltd**

*In support of the research in hepatology undertaken by Professor Yuen Man-fung, Department of Medicine*

**ZeShan (H.K.) Foundation**

*In support of the collaboration between HKU and the Council of the Queensland Institute of Medical Research*

## 500,000 or above

**Mr Chiu Chee-mun**

*In support of the research projects undertaken by Professor Lau Chak-sing of the Division of Rheumatology and Clinical Immunology, Department of Medicine*

**Mrs Amy Ho Leung Lai-ling**

*In support of academic research in hepatobiliary and pancreatic surgery of the Department of Surgery*

**Mr Winston Leung Wing-ching**

*In support of the research undertaken by Professor Sydney Tang Chi-wai, Department of Medicine*

**Wai Hung Charitable Foundation Ltd**

*In support of scientific research in the area of lupus nephritis conducted by Professor Daniel Chan Tak-mao of Division of Nephrology, Department of Medicine*

**Yang Cheng Development Ltd**

*In support of the Miu Chuk Shing Medical Prize tenable to all undergraduate student studying the MBBS for annual award, and Miu Chuk Shing Research Fund for the training and research activities of Division of Neurosurgery of the Department of Surgery*

## 100,000 or above

**BNP Paribas**

*In support of the research and teaching activities undertaken by HKU-Pasteur Research Pole*

**C P Limited**

*In support of the establishment of the Professor John Wong Young Surgeon Award scholarship*

**Mr Chan Kwok-keung**

*In support of the medical research undertaken by Professor Sydney Tang Chi-wai, Department of Medicine*

**Madam Chan Mei-yuk**

*In support of the research undertaken by Dr David Lam Chi-leung, Department of Medicine*

**Ms Penny Cheuk Wan-ping**

*In support of the establishment of a prize in Medical Humanities in memory of Professor LC Chan*

**Gaining Investments Ltd (Mr Kwan Chi-wing & Mr Kwan Chee-yung)**

*In support of the aging research conducted by Dr Joseph Kwan Shiu-kwong, Department of Medicine*

**Great King International Limited**

*In support of the research activities in Hepatology undertaken by Professor Lai Ching-lung, Department of Medicine*

**Mr Ho Man Kit**

*In support of the academic and research pursuits of the Department of Surgery*

**Hong Kong Shun Lung Yan Chak Foundation Limited**

*In support of the publication of the book on eye diseases entitled “視視關心 破解謬誤 珍惜寶貴視力”, by the Department of Ophthalmology*

**JS Foundation Limited**

*In support of the research project entitled “A Platform to Study Pathogenesis & Effective Treatment for ALD” research project by the Department of Ophthalmology*

**Mr Johnston Lam Yee-ming**

*In support of the research on hepatology activities undertaken by Professor Yuen Man-fung, Department of Medicine*

**Mrs Kong Leong Pui-ye**

*In support of the research undertaken by Dr Gary Lau Kui-kai, Department of Medicine*

**Dr Kwan Chi-yun**

*In support of research on aging conducted by Dr Joseph Kwan Shiu-kwong, Department of Medicine*

**Dr Lai Kai Sum**

*In support of AJS McFadzean Memorial Fund at the Department of Medicine*

**Mr Brian Lau Kim-tim & Ms Catherine Lee Yee-kai**

*In support of the research project entitled “Improve the Outcome of Patients with Ankylosing Spondylitis in Hong Kong” undertaken by the Department of Medicine*

**Mr Lau Ming-wai**

*In support of the “Asia Launch cum Seminar of the Report Recommendations of the Commission on a Global Health Risk Framework for the Future” held on March 13, 2016 by the School of Public Health*

**Thomas and Linda Lau Family Foundation**

*In support of the lung cancer research activities undertaken by Dr James Ho Chung-man, Department of Medicine*

**Dr Ares Leung**

*In support of the establishment of Emergency Clinical Skills and Teamwork Prize*

**Ms Olivia Nip**

*In support of the Faculty of Medicine*

**Ms Poon How-ling**

*In support of the academic and research pursuits of the Division of Esophageal and Upper Gastrointestinal Surgery under the leadership of Professor Simon Law Ying-kit, Department of Surgery*

**Sweet N Fun Limited**

*In support of the research project entitled “A Platform to Study Pathogenesis & Effective Treatment for ALD” undertaken by the Department of Ophthalmology*

**Mr Tony Sze Sun-sun**

*In support of the hepatology research activities undertaken by Professor Yuen Man-fung, Department of Medicine*

**Wai Lok Hong Ltd**

*In support of the Stroke Research undertaken by Professor Raymond Cheung Tak-fai, Department of Medicine*

**Mr Yung Chun-sing**

*In support of the basic research on organ fibrosis conducted by Dr Susan Yung under the research team of Professor Daniel Chan Tak-mao, Department of Medicine*

The Faculty keeps the Hong Kong community informed of the latest developments in health-related issues, and encourages a healthy lifestyle by contributing to TV and radio programmes, such as “精靈一點”, “鏗鏘集” (Radio Television Hong Kong), “醫療專題”, “The Pearl Report”, “星期五檔案”, “敢創·香港”, “新聞透視”, “東張西望” (Television Broadcasts Limited, TVB), “至Fit男女” (Cable TV), “杏林在線” (Now TV), “莫鳳儀會客室” (DBC) and “我的事務所” (Metro Finance). It produces regular health columns in local newspapers including the Oriental Daily News 《東方日報醫健寶庫系列》 (Saturdays), am730 《香港大學李嘉誠醫學院護理學院二十周年系列》 (Mondays), am730 《香港大學李嘉誠醫學院預防癌症系列》 (Mondays), am730 《博極醫源》 (Thursdays, bi-weekly) and Ming Pao Daily 《大醫精誠》 (Mondays, bi-weekly). It also lined up 《港大婦產科學系90週年系列》 columns for the 90th anniversary of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology in Hong Kong Economic Journal. Please visit our Knowledge Exchange - Engaging the Community section at <http://www.med.hku.hk> to find out more.

## DEC

- 17 HKU scientists find three coronavirus species co-circulating in dromedary camels in Saudi Arabia and the Korean outbreak of MERS was caused by a recombinant variant. 港大發現沙特駱駝中同時流行三種冠狀病毒，其中變種MERS是韓國「新沙士」爆發的罪魁禍首
- 23 HKU leads the first Chinese exome-wide genetic study on blood lipids and coronary artery disease. 港大發表全球首個華人全基因外顯子組血脂及冠心病普查
- 28 HKU discovers how SARS-CoV evades respiratory innate immunity to establish a systemic infection. 港大發現「沙士」冠狀病毒綁架固有免疫細胞導致人體感染

## JAN

- 5 HKU and international research teams quantify influenza virus diversity and transmission in humans. 港大及國際研究團隊發現流感病毒的多樣性及傳播時的有效病毒粒子數量
- 14 HKU joins international collaborative research team to develop a new predictive model for progression of adolescent idiopathic scoliosis. 港大參與國際研究，冀建立能預測青少年原發性脊柱側彎生長狀況之模型
- 19 HKU hosts FAMILY: A Jockey Club Initiative for a Harmonious Society “Using Information and Communication Technologies and Family Well-Being in Hong Kong” Press Conference and advocates “Quality Face-to-Face Communication” to improve family harmony. 港大舉辦愛+人：賽馬會和諧社會計劃香港家庭關係及電子科技溝通新聞發布會，提倡「優質面對面溝通模式」以促進家庭和諧
- 26 HKU announces latest research on hereditary breast cancer and Dr Ava Kwong reflects on care of breast cancer patients through “Healing Breast Cancer with Love”. 港大發表最新遺傳性乳癌研究，鄺靄慧醫生從新書《愛是最好的療愈》帶出照顧乳癌患者新方向
- 27 HKU finds that extending statutory no smoking areas reduces childhood lower respiratory tract infections. 港大研究發現擴大法定禁煙區可減少兒童患上呼吸道感染
- 31 HKU joins the RUBICON Project funded by the European Commission. 港大參與由歐洲委員會資助的「RUBICON」跨學科研究計劃

The Faculty arranged interviews with colleagues for their comments and expertise on sudden death, early psychosis, Wilson’s disease, nasopharyngeal cancer, arthritis, rare diseases, Zika virus and other health-related issues.

The Faculty provided media consultancy and assistance to MBBS students in organising the Health Advocacy Project. The event attracted positive media coverage.

Recent Faculty press events include:

## FEB

- 5 “Walk to Care” to raise funds for the Faculty. 「徒步千里 踏出關愛」行動為港大李嘉誠醫學院籌款
- 18 HKU discovers that antioxidants lead to growth in liver cancer cells. 港大發現抗氧化物刺激肝癌細胞生長
- 26 The Dean meets the press and talks about the Faculty’s campus extension plan. 院長會見傳媒講解醫學院擴建計劃

## MAR

- 2 HKU and PolyU collaboratively develop the world’s first internally motorised minimally invasive surgical robotic system for single incision or natural orifice (incision-less) robotic surgery. 港大及理大合作開發全球首創內置馬達微創外科手術機械人系統以應用於單切口或經自然腔道（無切口）機械人手術
- 13 Asia Launch cum Seminar of the Report Recommendations of the Commission on a Global Health Risk Framework for the Future. 「未來全球健康風險框架委員會報告建議」亞洲區發佈會暨研討會
- 16 HKU reveals novel mechanisms by which H5N1 Influenza virus causes acute lung injury in humans and discovers novel therapeutic strategies. 港大發現H5N1禽流感導致急性肺部損傷之機制及新治療方法
- 30 “Comfy Acupressure for the Elderly” developed by HKU and Yan Chai Hospital improves the quality of life for the elderly. 港大及仁濟設計「怡老按摩」有效改善長者生活質素

## APR

- 5 HKU scholar publishes study on environment and physical activity in The Lancet. 港大學者於國際權威期刊《刺針》發表文章，探討居住環境與體適能的關係
- 7 HKU hosts Farewell Ceremony for Great Body Teachers. 港大為大體老師舉辦結業感恩儀式
- 13 Professor Aimin Xu of the Faculty receives Croucher Senior Research Fellowship. 港大李嘉誠醫學院徐愛民教授獲裘槎基金會頒授「優秀科研者獎」
- 25 HKU scientists effectively suppress tumour growth by converting Salmonella into YB1 anaerobe bacterium. 港大成功改造沙門氏菌成「YB1」厭氧細菌，有效抑制癌症腫瘤生長

## JULY //

### Update Certificate Course in Endocrinology & Diabetes

July 2 - 3, 2016

Lecture Theatre 1, Cheung Kung Hai Conference Centre, William MW Mong Block, 21 Sassoon Road, Pokfulam

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🌐 [http://www.medic.hku.hk/postdip\\_certcourse.htm](http://www.medic.hku.hk/postdip_certcourse.htm)

### HKU Symposium in Cornea and Refractive Surgery 2016

July 8 - 9, 2016

Sheraton Hong Kong Hotel & Towers

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Dr Kendrick Shih, Department of Ophthalmology

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### 13th HKU-Pasteur Virology Course

July 10 - 22, 2016

7th Floor, Hong Kong Jockey Club Building for Interdisciplinary Research, 5 Sassoon Road, Pokfulam

*Information*

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🌐 [http://www.hkupasteur.hku.hk/index.php/Teaching/Courses/13th\\_hku-pasteur\\_virology\\_course\\_bats\\_and\\_viruses](http://www.hkupasteur.hku.hk/index.php/Teaching/Courses/13th_hku-pasteur_virology_course_bats_and_viruses)

### Croucher Summer Course "Vaccinology for Public Health and Clinical Practice in the 21st century"

July 18 - 22, 2016

Hong Kong Jockey Club Building for Interdisciplinary Research, 5 Sassoon Road, Hong Kong

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🌐 <https://csc.influenza.hk/>

## AUGUST //

### Croucher Summer Course 2016: Advances in Immunology in Health and Disease

August 16 - 20, 2016

Hong Kong Jockey Club Building for Interdisciplinary Research, 5 Sassoon Road, Hong Kong

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🌐 [https://www.medic.hku.hk/croucher\\_summer\\_course\\_2016.htm](https://www.medic.hku.hk/croucher_summer_course_2016.htm)

## SEPTEMBER //

### Advanced Trauma Care for Nurses (ATCN) Provider Course

September 8 - 9, 2016

Surgical Skills Centre, Department of Surgery, Laboratory Block, 21 Sassoon Road, Pokfulam

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### Distinguished Lecture 2016

September 23, 2016

Underground Lecture Theatre, New Clinical Building, Queen Mary Hospital, 102 Pokfulam Road, Hong Kong

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General Office, Department of Surgery

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🌐 <http://www.surgery.hku.hk/>

### Hong Kong Surgical Forum - Autumn 2016

September 24, 2016

Lecture Theatre, Cheung Kung Hai Conference Centre, William MW Mong Block, 21 Sassoon Road, Pokfulam

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### Shenzhen Surgical Forum - Autumn 2016

September 25, 2016

Lecture Theatre, The University of Hong Kong-Shenzhen Hospital, No. 1 Hai Yuan Yi Lu, Futian District, Shenzhen, Guangdong, China

*Information*

Forum Secretary, Shenzhen Surgical Forum, Department of Surgery

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🌐 [http://www.surgery.hku.hk/sh\\_forum.php](http://www.surgery.hku.hk/sh_forum.php)

## OCTOBER //

### The Hong Kong Distinguished Lecture 2016

October 7, 2016

Cheung Kung Hai Conference Centre, William MW Mong Block, 21 Sassoon Road, Pokfulam

*Information*

Ms Jenny Tam, Department of Orthopaedics & Traumatology

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### Information Day for Undergraduate

Admission 2016

October 29, 2016

Medical Faculty Campus, 21 Sassoon Road, Pokfulam

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## NOVEMBER //

### 3rd International Conference on Phase 1 and Early Phase Clinical Trials ICPOEP2016)

November 3 - 4, 2016

Hyatt Regency Hong Kong, Tsim Sha Tsui

*Information*

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### 20th Annual Scientific Meeting of the Institute of Cardiovascular Science and Medicine

November 19, 2016

Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre

*Information*

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## DECEMBER //

### 196th Congregation and Prize Presentation Ceremony

December 4, 2016

Grand Hall, Lee Shau Kee Lecture Centre, Centennial Campus, HKU

*Information*

Secretariat, Faculty Office

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### The 4th International Anatomical Sciences and Cell Biology Conference

December 4 - 6, 2016

Cheung Kung Hai Conference Centre, William MW Mong Block, 21 Sassoon Road, Pokfulam

*Information*

Ms Edith Chung, School of Biomedical Sciences

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### HKU-QMH CARE 30th Anniversary Conference

December 10 - 11, 2016

Lecture Theatres 3-4, Cheung Kung Hai Conference Centre, William MW Mong Block, 21 Sassoon Road, Pokfulam

*Information*

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### HKU-QMH CARE 30th Anniversary Celebration

December 18, 2016

Lecture Theatres 1-4, Cheung Kung Hai Conference Centre, William MW Mong Block, 21 Sassoon Road, Pokfulam

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