HONG KONG MEDICAL ASSOCIATION



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With the continuous efforts of our colleagues, the Association's membership has grown steadily over the past year. The tie between colleagues at community level and the Council continued to be strengthened through various activities including but not limited to the countless continuous medical education (CME) programmes, public education events, community projects, research projects and social and recreational activities.

With the unfailing support from our members, we continued to speak for the profession and safeguard the health and welfare of the public. We worked closely with the Government, the Hospital Authority (HA) and the Department of Health (DH) on important issues relating to the Policy Address, legislation on medical devices, public-private partnership (PPP), revamp of HA, medical manpower planning, the Health Protection Scheme (HPS), Formula Milk and H7N9 influenza. We also worked with The Medical Council of Hong Kong on issues of lay representation in the Council and quotable appointments.

On the educational front, the 14th Beijing/ Hong Kong Medical Exchange on "Dermatological problems" was successfully held in Hong Kong. Numerous CMEs, certificate courses and training courses were organized with practical topics on influenza vaccination, diabetes management, chronic pain, medico-legal issues and many others. To improve doctor's communication skills, we organized series of Risk Management workshops. To help doctors become expert witness for inquiries, courts and tribunals, a twoday training course was held on a September weekend. Series of exercise for health training courses for various Community Networks were organized to teach participants different types of exercises for different chronic diseases so that

they could later apply in their daily practice and teach their patients. We also organized an exchange visit to Beijing and Inner Mongolia for young doctors and medical students.

At the same time, important and useful health messages were promoted to the public via public education day on Early Detection and Treatment of Hypertension and Kidney Disease. We also promoted the Dietary Approaches to Stop Hypertension (DASH) Diet. Medical check stations and free consultation were arranged for the public.

On social and recreational events, just like previous years, we arranged countless activities for our members. Sports events included the many ball games and matches-football, basketball, volleyball, badminton, tennis, table-tennis, squash, bowling, snooker and golf etc. We also had bench pressing and power-lifting, not to mention the usual dragon boat, trailwalker, hiking activities. On top of the annual swimming gala and family sports day, the Recreation Sports Club for Professional Bodies (RSCP) was formally established to foster friendship amongst different professions and their members. Besides, the Hong Kong Medical Association Photographic Society successfully held a photo exhibition at Hong Kong Cultural Centre and then tour around various hospitals. Tours to Jiuzhaigou and Luoyang in Mainland China were also well-received.

Our professional choir and orchestra continued their expertise in performing for various fund-raising activities, including our annual Charity Concert. Some members also participated in the Hong Kong Coalition of Professional Services' charity concert in June 2013 to raise funds for the rehabilitation of the victims of the Yan'an, Sichuan earthquake.

Internationally, we attended the 63rd WMA

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General Assembly in Bangkok, Thailand and the CMAAO luncheon in October 2012, and participated in the 48th CMAAO Council Meeting held in Macau in November 2012. Under the concerted efforts of all, the HKMA will continue to serve our profession and the public in all areas related to our health care system.





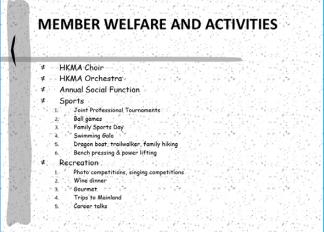


















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- # Council Meetings
- # 63rd WMA General Assembly in Bangkok, Thailand in October 2012
- ≠ 48th Council Meeting in Macau, China in November 2012
- # 12 monthly HKMA News
- # 12 monthly CME Bulletins
- # bimonthly Hong Kong Medical Journal

