



## Message from the President on the FMSHK's 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

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The Federation of Medical Societies of Hong Kong was founded in the year 1965, and this year marks our 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary. To date we now have 128 members, and FMSHK is truly our family of all health professionals, of which we are proud to belong to. With our increasing membership year by year, we are more determined to treasure and reach out to every single member society. We shall invite our members for collaboration in our various functions.

To commemorate our 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary, a series of social, professional and charity events has been planned. Our Spring Gathering in March was well attended and the memorable photography on display reminded us on the rich heritage of the Federation built by our predecessors. Our two social events, the interest talk on safe driving in March, and the test driving cum family fun day at the Disneyland Hotel in July proved successful and popular. The latter was indeed an excellent occasion for professionals and their families to gather together on a fine Sunday afternoon. Coming social events include a talk on smart investment in overseas property on September 21<sup>st</sup>, and another on overseas education in October. Soccer five competition in autumn will attract our keen sportsmen as previous. On the academic side, our annual scientific meeting in July raised a very good platform to discuss the scientific evidence, issues and concerns with the clinical application of cord blood, and we look forward to also a half day symposium on health services later in the year.

The highlight of activities this year will have to be our charity project for bereaved children. Our affiliated Foundation has been established in 1999, to synergise the good will of our fellow professionals in contribution to our society, not just through our work capacity, but also through our commitment as a member of the Hong Kong community. On September 19<sup>th</sup> this year, we shall be hosting a charity concert and announce the commencement of a Foundation fund, towards the mission of helping bereaved children, who have lost their parents through tragedy and illnesses. Through my work in palliative care, I have seen unfortunate children: 3 year old girl holding tight and not letting go her 30 year old mother who

has passed away; an 8 year old losing her mother and father, while also being forsaken by her step-father. You must have seen equally if not more heart-breaking scenarios. The charity event on September 19<sup>th</sup> will help to enable a series of projects, for which we hope to engage you and other colleagues in participation. The programme details can be found in the next page. We would like to appeal for donations from you, and all our Friends of the Federation. Your generous support is needed, and will be fully acknowledged.

As for now, best wishes to you and your families from all of us in FMSHK. Thank you for your continuing support and I look forward to seeing you in our various activities soon.