Guest Editorial

Dear Colleagues,

This issue of newsletter is specially dedicated to the collection of articles which were presented in the first local Palliative Care Symposium in Hong Kong: "A Panoramic view of Palliative Care in Hong Kong", which was held on 26th June, 2004.

For those who had attended this historical local symposium probably recognized four special features of this symposium: (1) all speakers were from local institutions, (2) the content covered both the art and science of palliative care, (3) the first time in Hong Kong when all local palliative care organizations came together as collaborators, (4) the response of enrollment was overwhelming with more than a thousand applicants, of whom many of them were non-palliative care workers.

The symposium is a success, but more than that, it also portrays the successful laying of foundation of palliative care in Hong Kong. The experiences shared by our local speakers signify that palliative care in Hong Kong has entered the stage of maturation. For everything under the sun, there is a time. Nevertheless, one would like to recapitulate the efforts that we had cultivated in the past days, by these we come to our being today.

Palliative Care is a collection of encountered life stories. Likewise, our newsletter is a collection of Palliative Care history. One fine day in future, while we recall, we will treasure the articles and this issue of newsletter.

Wishing every one of us a blessed life while we continue to bless others.

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