Dear fellows, members and associate members,

Thank you for your endorsement and support of the new council in the Annual General Meeting (AGM) on 1 December 2012. The term of office of the new council began after the AGM and will end at the conclusion of the AGM in 2014. Of the 11 council members, 5 members come from the old council including the president and immediate past president. There is adequate diversity and representation among the council members, in term of subspecialty interest, working institutions (private sector and every cluster of Hospital Authority). On the other hand, the council is united to serve all members in various activities.

In the AGM of Hong Kong Orthopaedic Association (HKOA) and Hong Kong College of Orthopaedic Surgeons (HKCOS) in December 2012, both the past presidents briefed us that amalgamation was not proceeded after careful scrutiny and counseling of our legal advisor.

Nevertheless, close communication between HKOA and HKCOS will continue to enhance the collaboration and role delineation in various areas, particularly external affairs and strengthening of relationship with various orthopaedic associations or other professional bodies in Greater China and Asia Pacific region.

This year is the 20th anniversary of the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine (HKAM) and the HKCOS. To celebrate the anniversary, the theme of the 20th anniversary congress of HKAM is “Manpower needs in medicine: moving with the times”. In response to the specialist wastage crisis in Hospital Authority, an
informal manpower survey in public hospitals was done by the HKOA in early 2011. In HKCOS retreat in 2007, manpower planning was one of the issues discussed. It is essential to understand the realities of the orthopaedic manpower and needs for the preparation to meet the ever increasing demand of our patients and the aging population.

As you might already know, the HKOA is approaching its 50 years. The HKOA starts in 1962 as an Orthopaedic Club and the inaugural meeting was held in 1965. It will be the HKOA 50th anniversary in 2015. Your ideas and suggestions on the cerebration our golden anniversary is most welcome.

Wish you all have a happy, prosperous and auspicious 2013.

New Council Elected
The Annual General Meeting of HKOA was successfully held on 1st December 2012. The new council for 2013-2014 led by Dr ST Ho has been elected. Please continue to give your support to HKOA.

Symposium of Special Seating, Wheeled mobility and Advanced technology
The symposium will be held on 23rd February 2013 at the Postgraduate Education Centre, Prince of Wales Hospital. There will also be a pre-symposium workshop on 22nd February 2013. Further information

2013 Hong Kong International Elbow Surgery Workshop
The workshop will be held from 23 to 24th February 2013 at the Orthopaedic Learning Centre, Prince of Wales Hospital. For enquiry please contact the secretariat at (852) 2632 3074 or via email olc@ort.cuhk.edu.hk

The 10th Hong Kong International Orthopaedic Forum
This forum is organized by the Department of Orthopaedics and Traumatology, University of Hong Kong. The theme is Straightening the Crooked. The date is from 20 to 21st April 2013. Further information

Annual Meeting of AAOS:
19-23 March 2013 www.aaos.org

Global Spine Congress 2013
4-6 April 2013 Official web site

86th Annual Meeting of the Japanese Orthopaedic Association:
23-26 May 2013 www.joa.or.jp

Annual Scientific Congress of British Orthopaedic Association
1-4 October 2013 www.boa.ac.uk
More meetings information can be found in Orthopaedic Calendar from HKCOS: [http://www.hkcps.org.hk/calendar/index.aspx](http://www.hkcps.org.hk/calendar/index.aspx)

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