Dear fellows members and associated members,

It has been more than half a year since I was offered the opportunity to serve our Orthopaedic community by taking up the role as a council member. In the beginning, I had some hesitation because I was totally naive about the routine of the Council. However, with the assistance and guidance from my fellow members, I am taking up this new challenge with confidence and momentum.

One of the biggest challenges ahead of us is competition from other specialties. As an Orthopaedic Spine Surgeon, my grievance and despondency in this aspect is perhaps not difficult to understand. It is pointless to list out the reasons leading to our loss of territory as at today. Nevertheless, if we do not put our arrogance and prejudice on the shelf; if we do not open ourselves to new thinking and development and if we do not stand up for our specialty in unity, our other traditional strongholds will be broken into sooner or later by other specialties and paramedics!

Echoing the message of our President-elect, Dr. Bobby Ng, in March newsletter, subspecialization is certainly one of our sharpest weapons at hand. One is certainly blowing his own horn if he claims himself to be proficient in knowledge as well as techniques in every Orthopaedic subspecialty nowadays. On the other hand, our potential and strength increase exponentially if experts from different subspecialties join hand to stand up for our Orthopaedic fraternity. Seeing the germination of various Chapters, I am fully convinced that we are going on the right track! Some of us may puzzle, “Are we, the Orthopaedic Association, going to break up with further and deeper subspecialization?” As far as every Chapter is sprouting from the main trunk of the Orthopaedic Association, which serves as a podium for academic cooperation, knowledge
exchange, experience sharing as well as social gathering, both the Chapters and the Association will benefit mutually to become stronger and healthier. In order to support the development of subspecialization, the Association is planning to bestow extra resource on each Chapter, details of which will be announced shortly.

Please support our Association by enrolling in the corresponding Chapter(s) that you would like to develop further and deeper!

Golf Day
We are delighted to inform you that the Arthur Yau Memorial Cup will be held on 18 September 2013 (Wednesday) at Hong Kong Golf Club. Details about application will be announced soon. For further info please contact Dr. NG Hung Kwong Tommy Suite 608, Central Building, 1 Pedder Street, Central Fax: 2973-0833 Email: drtommyng@gmail.com

New Issue of JOTR is available online!
Please click to the following link to view the latest issue of Journal of Orthopaedics, Trauma and Rehabilitation: June 2013 (Volume 17, Issue 1): http://ejotr.org/current_issue.aspx

New website of Public Information Service (PIC)
The PIC of Hong Kong College of Orthopaedic Surgeons has been relocated to the following address: http://www.orthoinfo-hkcos.org

New Look of HKOA website
Check http://hkoa.org for the latest news and updates of our association.

The 33rd Hong Kong Orthopaedic Association Annual Congress
'Defying the Aging Spine - Our Mission Continues'
Date: 23-24 Nov 2013
Venue: The Hong Kong Convention & Exhibition Centre
Deadline of Abstract Submission: 31 July 2013
Deadline of Early Bird Registration: 30 Sep 2013
Abstracts must be submitted in electronic format through Internet. Online abstract submission form can be found in www.hkoa.org after 01 June 2013.
An extended abstract is required if you wish to enter the 'Award Paper' selection for Oral Presentation.

One day course on Management of Early Onset Scoliosis - 6 August 2013
(Deadline for Registration: 26 Jul 2013), 3 September 2013
(Deadline for Registration: 23 Aug 2013).
Program Details: click here

Annual Scientific Congress of British Orthopaedic Association
1-4 October 2013 www.boa.ac.uk

ASEAN Arthroscopy and Sports Medicine Congress 2013, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
6-9 November 2013 Link

中華醫學會第十五屆骨科學術會議暨第八屆COA國際學術大會
會議時間: 2013年11月7-10日
會議地點: 北京國家會議中心
征文截止時間: 2013年7月31日
提前注冊截止日期: 2013年9月30日
網址: http://www.coachina.org/2013

AADO Symposium 2013 - Major Trauma & Pelvic-Acetabulum Fracture
31 August 2013 http://www.aado.org

More meetings information can be found in Orthopaedic Calander from HKCOS: [http://www.hkcos.org.hk/calendar/index.aspx](http://www.hkcos.org.hk/calendar/index.aspx)

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