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Honorary Secretary

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Dear Fellows, Members and Associate members,

I'm glad and honoured to write this e-newsletter as an Honorary Secretary of HKOA. When I was asked to be a secretary, I had no idea of what I should and I have to do. Thanks Dr Charles Ng and all the council members who are still helping and guiding me a lot. Throughout the process, I get more chances to look deeper into the context of HKOA, its history, constitution, and the conversations of HKOA to other parties. I am amazed of so many great men who had contributed to the operation of the HKOA that I have here to give a salute to them all.

2015 is the first year of the biennial year. So far, we have total 491 valid HKOA members. There are 383 Life Fellows, 12 Fellows, 43 Ordinary Members and 53 Associate Members. Life fellows are those elected from Fellows who have paid the life membership subscription. Fellows are those who are elected from orthopaedic surgeons resident in Hong Kong who possess the Diploma of Fellowship of Hong Kong College of Orthopaedic Surgeons, or have practised orthopaedic surgery for a minimum of 5 years. Ordinary Members are those elected from applicants who are medical practitioners registrable in Hong Kong and who show an active interest in orthopaedic surgery. Associate Members are those elected from persons of allied disciplines who show an active interest in orthopaedic surgery. We have no corresponding fellow since 2012, who should be elected from distinguished orthopaedic surgeons resident abroad. There are 5 Chapters of HKOA, including Chapters of Adult Joint Reconstruction, Foot and Ankle, Paediatric Orthopaedics, Spine and Sports Medicine. Only HKOA members can be entitled to join in. There are 108 valid chapter members of Adult Joint Reconstruction Chapter, 40 of Foot and Ankle Chapter, 38 of Paediatric Orthopaedics Chapter, 84 of Spine Chapter, and 129 of Sports Medicine Chapter. I would like to make this opportunity to encourage those who have not yet registered to come and join us to enjoy the membership privileges. HKOA has a strong bonding with the overseas orthopaedic associations, overseas and local organisations, and is supportive to all kinds of related academic events, educational symposiums, researches, overseas scholarship and ambassador programs, and even social activities in the benefit and privilege to our members. The objects of HKOA are many. Some are listed below.

1. promote the science, art and practice of orthopaedic surgery and its allied disciplines,
2. develop, support, and augment the education of persons engaged in the practice of orthopaedic surgery for the public benefit,
3. promote, encourage and assist, for the public benefit, research and education on orthopaedic medicine and therapy including publication of books, monographs, articles and other writings,
4. enhance and promote medical training on orthopaedic medicine and therapy in Hong Kong,
5. draw and assist to draw the public's awareness of the knowledge of orthopaedic medicine and therapy in Hong Kong,
6. grant scholarships, donate money, provide funds, offer and award prizes,
7. foster the continuing medical education of orthopaedic surgeons who have completed their training for the public benefit,
8. undertake research into the special problems arising from orthopaedic surgery and its allied disciplines and into methods of alleviating suffering arising therefrom and to publish the results,
9. carry out and perform all and any other acts, works, enterprises or things as are of a charitable nature, and etc.

We now have a strong team with enthusiastic council members as led by President Dr Bobby Ng, with the Vice-President Dr SW Kong, President- Elect Dr YC Wong, and Immediate Past President Dr ST Ho. I am very happy to work with all the council members. In the coming 2 years, I would try my best to serve the Association and all members. Please let me know where I can do better and have improvement. Thank you all for your support and excuse me of any ignorance.

My best regards,

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