

50 YEARS



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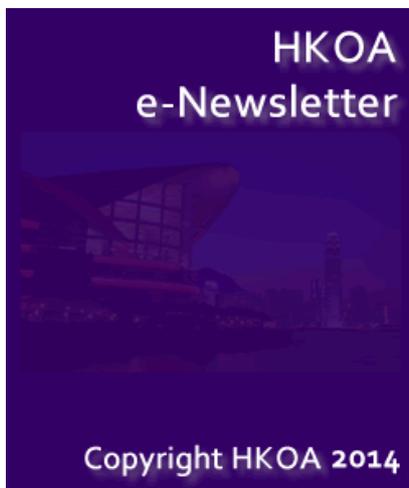


Dear Fellows, members and associate members,

The annual cycle of our association's activities restart again after our 50th Year anniversary congress. It has been an immensely enjoyable meeting that commemorated the 50 years achievement of our association. The congress and its associated activities brought together all of our past presidents, fellows and members, international presidents and ambassadors and invited faculties to celebrate this special event. The event has allowed us to look back on our achievements and to look forward to future developments. So we have passed the first half of century mark and we start the second half of the century. There are many changes and challenges that we face. The most evident is the transition period of senior fellow's retirements and the succession by their younger and energetic colleagues. The cycle of change is in motion. As the President of the association, I have aimed to structuralize the association and to develop strategies that would ensure stability and long term sustainability of the association. One of the key to this is the maintenance of our council structure develop infrastructure to maintain the succession lines. In the activities of the annual calendar, education activities are the main stay of our business and we have developed a financial structure to support more educational opportunities and activities. The subspecialty funding mechanism is beginning to support more subspecialty activities and allow more invited faculties to participate at our annual meetings. The invited overseas faculties ensured that we keep abreast

of the current development and we build a wide connection network in the world. This is one of the important function of HKOA that I particularly would like to strengthen. This would allow us to broaden up our views, strength the standing of the association and allow training opportunities for our future generations of orthopaedic surgeons. The theme topic for this 51st meeting in 2016 is on Hip Journey which is very appropriate to look at Orthopaedics practice as a cycle. Orthopaedics starts with Pediatric correcting a croaked child and the tree of Andry signifies the art and beauty of orthopaedics in restoring the croaked structure back to anatomical normality. The cycle also starts with hip. Hip Pathology is one of the most common condition in new born, in adolescents, middle and old age. We come into this world through the pelvis and in the elderly patients, hips fracture is also the condition that led to our demise. The excitement of the new born and the achievement of reducing a dislocated hip and ensuring its normal development is a most rewarding accomplishment in Orthopaedics. Our fore fathers from Galleazzi, Barlow and Ortolanni had shown us the art of diagnosis, Ramsey, Sommerville, Salter, Pemberton, Dega, Benson, Williamson, Broughton and recent times Weinstein, Ganz and Wenger left their marks in teaching us the different ways of treatment to achieve best hip stability and long term health of the hip development. In adolescent hips, there are many new developments since the ground breaking work of Dunn and currently Ganz, Siebenrock and Leunig in studying the basic anatomy and anthropometric difference and developing surgical dislocation Minimal invasive treatment for hip and femoral pathology demonstrates that orthopaedic is very much alive. The other pathologies that bother us are the tumour, degenerative conditions continues to provide us challenges. The burden of care of geriatric Hip fracture and the degenerative diseases constitute the major part of orthopaedic practice. The hip Journey of this year's meeting is going to take us through the whole spectrum of Orthopaedic. I encourage all to take active participation and enjoy this Orthopaedic Cycle.

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