Dear fellows, members and associate members,

It should be my last chance to write in the e-newsletter as an Honorary Secretary of the Hong Kong Orthopaedic Association (HKOA). I’d like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support to me and the HKOA council in these two years. Throughout this biennial year, under the leadership of President Dr Bobby KW Ng, we have accomplished several tasks.

1. There were more than 40 academic activities supported or co-organised by HKOA.
2. There were total 1 Research Grant and 15 Traveling Scholarship granted to our fellows, members and associate members.
3. There were 20 occasions of exchange ambassador programme from HKOA to our Sister Orthopaedic Associations. It was interesting to know that there were 4 fellows who had the honor to participate in this program in these consecutive two years. They were Dr PK Chan, Dr Margaret Fok, Dr TP Lam and Dr CH Yan. Congratulations to them.
4. We had developed a system to govern the submission of the report of the exchange ambassadors and published them in the HKOA website.
5. With the help of Dr Ivan Pang, HKOA website was upgraded and modified into a well-organised and modern layout.
6. Dr SW Kong helped to give joyful moments to our members through 8 social functions, which included football days, hiking, electric car test drive, dragon boat races and golf days. And it was a precious memory that HKOA won the Gold Cup and the first runner-up in the dragon boat races in these consecutive years.
7. With the input of Past Presidents Dr YL Lee and Dr ST Ho, electronic filing of HKOA old paper documents are now in progress. This helped to save the storage space while effectively preserving the important informations about HKOA.
8. Dr Bobby KW Ng had successfully devised a structured guidelines for the cooperation with commercial bodies/companies in organising events or academic activities, in order to promote and advance the practice of orthopaedics while all parties were treated with the same standard, the welfare of HKOA members were protected.
9. Dr Bobby KW Ng had explored the APOA federation membership system, opened a special forum and came up a decision to join the APOA federation membership. This helped to bring HKOA members to a wider international educational platform.

10. Dr Bobby KW Ng is exploring the friendship with Australian Orthopaedic Association and Korean Orthopaedic Association. We hope that we will have more Sister Associations and connection with big orthopaedic associations.

11. A funding mechanism for subspecialty chapters was developed. The biennial granting from HKOA to support educational activities organised by the subspecialty chapters was reinforced. This strengthened the platform for an in-depth educational development of the subspecialty chapters.

I have to thank Ms Terry Leung for her continuous support to HKOA, Ms Gloria Chan and Ms Jo Lo for succeeding Terry’s task.

I have to especially thank to Gina Wong for her unconditional help to me so that the work of the HKOA Honorary Secretary could be continued despite I had many occasions and long period of not staying in Hong Kong.

The Hong Kong Orthopaedic Association 36th Annual Congress is going to take place next month on 5-6th. It is a good opportunity for us, fellows, members and associate members, to share and gather. I am looking forwards to seeing you all. And please make sure to come to HKOA AGM 2016 at 18:00 - 18:30, in Room S221, HKCEC, on 5th November 2016. Then, you will know more what we had done in these two years, and witness the birthday of the new Council 2017-2018 under the leadership of Dr YC Wong. My best wishes to the new HKOA Council and I am sure HKOA is getting stronger and having many more prosperous years.

Thanks and yours,

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