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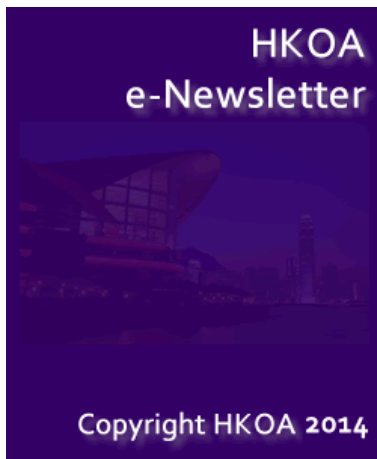
Dear fellows, members and associate members,

It gives me an immense pleasure to let you know that the Hong Kong Orthopaedic Association Dragon Boat Team finished the first runners up behind the Hong Kong Medical Association Team by only 0.03 seconds in the Hong Kong Medical Association Dragon Boat Fund Day at Sai Kung on 7 August 2016. Hearty Congratulations! Thanks to Dr Jackie Chau and the 20 team members for their good efforts and achievements. You are welcome to join the HKOA Dragon Boat Team 2017. If you are interested, please contact Dr Jackie Chau.

As in previous year, the Hong Kong Orthopaedic Association and Hong Kong College of Orthopaedic Surgeons jointly offer sponsorship to our fellows and members and the HKOA for associate members to attend the Chinese Orthopaedic Association Annual Congress 2016 (<http://www.coachina.org/2016/en/index.asp>) at Beijing from 17 to 20 November 2016. The early bird registration deadline is on 23 October 2016. You may download the application form for travelling scholarship from HKOA web site and send the completed form to HKOA secretary on or before 30 September 2016. The result will be announced in the first week of October 2016.

Recently, our President Dr Bobby Ng sent an e mails to all members on the issue regarding the Asian Pacific Orthopaedic Association (APOA) federation membership. Starting from 1 January 2016, APOA accepts national orthopaedic association to become federation member of APOA while the existing individual memberships will remains, allowing a hybrid membership system to evolve. We may opt to remain as a current Chapter member or to have both Chapter and Federation membership concurrently. The Council of APOA comprise of the 7 officers of APOA, 8 chairman of each specialty section, delegates from the 22 Chapter members (national orthopaedic association), and delegates from federation members (13 federation members at the time of writing). Hong Kong is one of the founding Chapter members (the former Western Pacific Orthopaedic Association formed in 1962, transformed to APOA in 2000). To know more the activities of APOA or the issue, do feel free to approach our national delegates Dr Michael To, Dr Wong Tak Man or Dr Bobby Ng. A forum will be held after Saturday inter-hospital meeting at Queen Elizabeth Hospital on 24 September 2016 to inform and gather your concern and feedback on the issue of joining APOA as a federation member. Please do come to the forum.

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