

**President's Address**  
**Annual General Meeting 19<sup>th</sup> June 2010**

Dear members of HKGS,

This is my first term as the President of HKGS and I thank you for the trust you have bestowed on me.

Soon after the AGM in June, HKGS appeared on RTHK 精靈一點 to give a series of geriatric topic on 6 consecutive Thursday afternoon. At the same time, we sent a delegation to Paris in July for the 2009 IAGG World Congress. The Council has sponsored five members as speakers in two well attended and successful symposiums chaired by Dr TK Kong and Dr MF Leung.

In September, I was invited by Medical City in Philippine to deliver a lecture on "Pneumonia in Elderly" in their Post-graduate Program. In October, I attended the Hong Kong Jockey Club Cadenza Yuen Long event highlighted the importance of early health management especially in elderly. In April 2010, I represented HKGS in the First Outstanding Residential Home Award hosted by Hong Kong Association of Gerontology as a supporting organization.

The monthly interdepartmental geriatric meeting has put more emphasis on specialty training and HKGS has worked closely with Geriatric Specialty Board in providing a higher quality program with more trainees and fellows participating in upgrading and sharing in both basic and advance geriatric medicine.

In this term, we have organized and co-organized 4 symposiums, 2 round table discussions, 1 work shop and one local conference on varies topics including dementia, osteoporosis, nutrition and COPD. In May, we were honored to be invited as a co-host of the 11<sup>th</sup> Regional Osteoporosis Conference by the Osteoporosis Society of HK.

HKGS has written two papers in respond to the consultation on enduring power of attorney (personal care) and the Elderly Commission consultation paper on residential care. We attended the Legco meeting on issues related to elderly care and continue to upholding the best care for seniors in Hong Kong.

We have set up two new subcommittees - Professional Development Subcommittee and Publicity and Public Education Subcommittee with Dr CF Ko and Dr TW Au

Yeung as the respective conveners. This term, we have also revamped the SIGs with a steering committee under the guidance of Dr CB Law. The council has agreed to support the current six interest groups and putting more resources to promote research and in-depth study in the various field of geriatric medicine. The continence in elderly SIG underwent a large scale post stroke continence study and results will be announce in the ASM 2010 and a press conference arranged on 20th June 2010.

The HKGS website and newsletter have a face lift with enhance features thanks to the wonderful work of Dr YM Wu and WM Wong.

Not all is work and the annual outings was successfully held on 24 Jan 2010. Eleven member families joined the trip to Ngong Ping 360 and everyone fully enjoyed the fellowship and fragternity.

There has been so much happening all the time that keeping it up is an overwhelming experience. This is not possible without a strong and devoted team. I must thank my committee and without their enthusiasm, loyalty and dedication, nothing can be materialized. The greatest gift I received as the President is your friendship. Every single person in my committee and fellow geriatricians have given me more than I can ask for. I sincerely thank everyone who has supported me without reservation and stood by me in good and in hard times. Your support has encouraged me to go on even in the most testing times.

HKGS will continue to foster closer tide with geriatricians in Asia Pacific region:-  
The Asian Pacific Regional Conference of the Alzheimer's Disease International in Kuala Lumpur in October, Asian Pacific Geriatrics Conference Cebu Philippines in early 2011 and Canadian Geriatrics Society Society meeting in April 2011 are good opportunites to reach out. We hope to attract more fellows and trainees to attend these coming events.

Together we are starting a task that will outlive our own generation. Let us now begin a major effort to secure the best for our younger fellows and hopefully attracts more to join the profession.

Dr Bernard Kong  
President 2009-2010