

Editorial

Greetings! It has not been long as we celebrated and entered the year of “Horse” according to the Chinese New Year Calendar. We wish you a year full of “horsepower” and though working hard, not to the degree of “being an ox; being a horse” as in Chinese saying! The council has also entered into a new year with our new council elected in the last Annual General Meeting. The list of council members and the report on the AGM and Scientific Meetings please refer to our related articles. We were honoured to have Professor David Kissane and Dr Samuel Ho to be our guest speakers for the occasion. Dr Ho has kindly prepared his article which is published in this newsletter.

With the changing over of the office bearers, we take this opportunity to invite Dr K S Chan, the immediate past chairman and Dr Doris Tse, our new chairman to share with us their thoughts in the newsletter. Dr Chan, being one of the leaders in palliative care in Hong Kong, described his article as his interim reflection as a palliative care physician. He believes that the essence of palliative care is life itself crystallized at the end of life care. His two stories would certainly stimulate our thoughts in dealing with end of life issues. Dr Doris Tse, in her article, echoed Dr Chan’s life-story concept and expanded on the relationship between us, the palliative care physicians and our patients. She also described about the cohesiveness and supportive environment in our palliative care field which are important elements in the future development.

There are other new changes. The newsletter would publish the dissertation abstracts of our palliative medicine trainees who successfully pass the exit examination and qualify as specialists in palliative medicine. We are also pleased to inform you that our newsletter is now available in our website. Please click to <http://www.fmshk.com.hk/hkspm> and follow the hyperlink to reach our newsletter content.

Last but not the least, the editorial board welcomes Dr Ng Kam Hung to join us and he would surely inject “new blood” to the newsletter.