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Successful Conclusion of Hong Kong Academy of Medicine 30th Anniversary Celebration

Reflecting on Past Achievements, Embracing the Future in Nurturing Medical Experts, and Safeguarding Public Health Together

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(Hong Kong – 8th December, 2023) Hong Kong Academy of Medicine (“the Academy”) celebrates its 30th anniversary this year. To mark this important milestone, under the theme “Nurturing Specialists for 30 Years: Guarding the Health of the Community,” the Academy has organised a series of exciting celebration activities since early 2023, bringing joy to its Fellows and specialist trainees. Today, the Academy held its 30th Anniversary Gala Dinner at the Run Run Shaw Hall of the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine Jockey Club Building, marking a fitting ending to a year-long celebration. The Gala Dinner was hosted by the Academy President Prof. Gilberto Ka-kit Leung and graced by the presence of The Hon John KC Lee, The Chief Executive of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, and Mr. Xuejun Yu, Vice-minister of National Health Commission of People's Republic of China as distinguished officiating guests. It was also a great honour for the Academy to have the presence of various guests, including past presidents of the Academy, Council Members of the Academy and around 300 local and overseas delegates, who gathered to share and witness this joyful moment together.

Fulfilling the statutory roles in nurturing specialists and supporting the health and well-being of medical and dental practitioners

During the Gala Dinner, Prof. Gilberto Ka-kit Leung, President of the Academy, said, “Over the past 30 years, the Academy has continued to fulfil its statutory roles in postgraduate medical education, advising the government on healthcare policies, nurturing and supporting medical and dental specialists to meet societal needs, upholding professionalism and ethical standards. In promoting the Primary Healthcare Blueprint, the Academy provides diverse training and continuous medical education programs to enhance the medical knowledge and skills of family physicians. We also optimise the training systems of different specialties, such as implementing in-service training assessments, allowing clinical performance evaluations to be integrated into the training process and devise plans to modernise training programmes, embracing the application of emerging technologies in education and in clinical practice etc. The Academy will continue to conduct vetting and accreditation of specialist qualifications for non-locally trained doctors in an open, fair and transparent manner through the prevailing mechanisms of Certification for Specialist Registration (CSR) and Certification for Specialist Qualification (CSQ) to ensure that every specialist practicing in Hong Kong

possesses the relevant knowledge and skills to practice amidst the competition for talent and help alleviate the challenge of manpower shortage."

Prof. Leung also stressed the paramount importance of the Academy's roles in updating and transforming healthcare education, and highlighted that the Academy has officially entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Faculty of Medicine of The Chinese University of Hong Kong (CU Medicine), LKS Faculty of Medicine at The University of Hong Kong (HKUMed), and the Hospital Authority (HA) in November 2023 for the collaboration on the healthcare education. The involvement of the four parties underpins the importance of actualising the continuum of professional training from undergraduate to postgraduate education and postgraduate practice. The MOU has also established a collaborative platform for the four parties to explore and discuss issues concerning the healthcare sector and the evolving professional landscape in Hong Kong.

Prof. Leung continued, "On the other hand, the personal physical and mental well-being of doctors is particularly important in delivering high-quality medical services. Therefore, The Academy has initiated the 'Well-being Charter' and introduced various measures, such as the recruitment of a 'Peer Supporter Scheme' to support the physiological, psychological, and social well-being of Fellows and specialist trainees. In the future, The Academy will allocate more resources to incorporate the awareness of physical and mental health into the continuous professional development for medical and dental practitioners, and establish mechanisms for mutual support within the industry."

Furthermore, Prof. Leung also shared the latest updates on the "Shenzhen-Hong Kong Medical Specialist Training Centre" established by The Academy in 2019. He said, "At present Shenzhen-Hong Kong Medical Specialist Training Centre offers training in different specialties, namely clinical oncology, nephrology, emergency medicine, obstetrics and gynaecology. These programs aim to enhance the level of specialised medical care in the Greater Bay Area, benefiting a wide range of people."

Gathering together to celebrate the 30th anniversary of Hong Kong Academy of Medicine

At the Gala Dinner, the Academy and guests recalled the 30th anniversary celebration events held over the past year. These included the HKAM 30th Anniversary Opening Ceremony, Tripartite Medical Education Conference, the "Health for All, Move Forward Together" Run/Walk Challenge event, and "Mapping Professional Journey Across the Continuum" exhibition. Three bands composed of HKAM Fellows and representatives from different specialist colleges, namely Medical Musicians HK, Medipella, and King's Harmonica Quintet, who all delivered outstanding performances at the HKAM 30th Anniversary Gala Dinner, adding vibrancy to the event and creating an unforgettable night for all attendees.

For the celebration activities of the 30th anniversary of the Academy, please visit

<https://hkam30.hkam.org.hk>

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Prof. Gilberto Ka-kit Leung, President of the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine, delivered a welcome speech on the 30th Anniversary Gala Dinner.



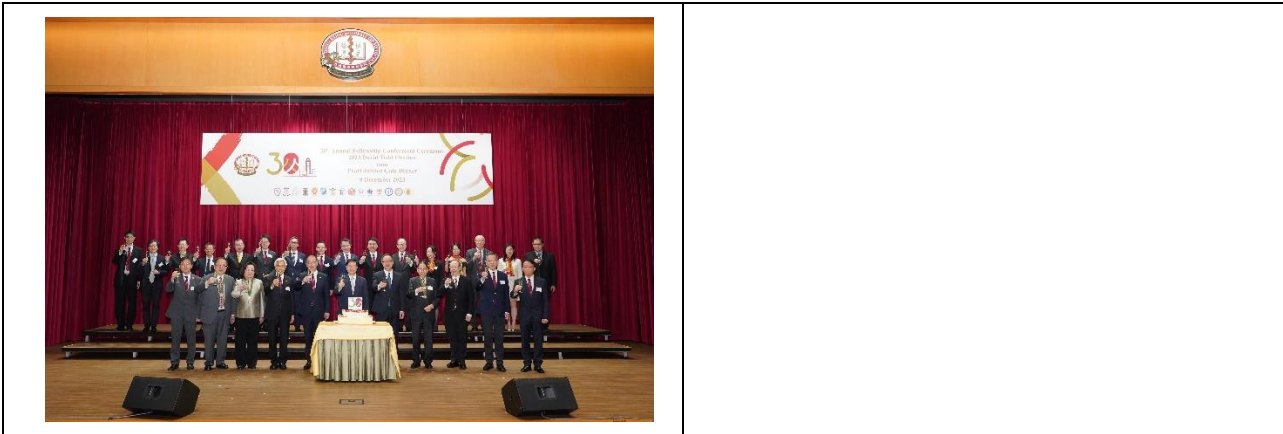
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About the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine

Established in 1993, the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine is an independent institution with statutory power to organise, monitor, assess and accredit all medical and dental specialist training, and the responsibility to oversee the continuing medical education and continuous professional development to maintain the standard of specialists practising in Hong Kong. There are now 72 specialties with more than 9,000 Academy Fellows, who are eligible for registration in the Specialist Register of the Medical Council of Hong Kong and Dental Council of Hong Kong on the recommendation of the Academy.

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