Message from
President (2001-2003)
Hong Kong Dental Association

Dr. John Yu-Kong Ling

It gives me great pleasure and privilege to welcome your viewing of the inaugural edition of The Hong Kong Dental Journal, an official scientific publication of the Hong Kong Dental Association. The HKDJ is a dream come true for dental professionals in Hong Kong, not only it signifies the importance of evidence-based dentistry, it also serves to create a platform for both clinicians and academicians to share current knowledge pertinent to the daily practice of dentistry. We also hope that the Journal will arouse and stimulate local interest in dental research, original scientific articles and case reports from private practitioners are indeed welcome. This Journal will also enhance your active participation in presenting research in the printable media, augmentative to the HKDA’s life long learning programme for our members.

The Editorial Board of this publication has worked extremely diligently and on behalf of the Council of HKDA, I wish to express our sincerest gratitude to the members of the Editorial Board for a commendable job well done. This publication has been made possible by the generous support from the advertisers. I hope you will find this Journal interesting and enjoyable reading and we are looking forward for your input and suggestions, so as to keep us abreast of the frontiers of dentistry and make this Journal a proud jewel of HKDA.

Message from
President (2003-2005)
Hong Kong Dental Association

Dr. Eugene Kin-Keung Chan

It is with great honour and pleasure for me to address in this inaugural issue of Hong Kong Dental Journal HKDJ. It marks another milestone of our profession in 2004 as we have achieved the goal of publishing an official scientific journal belonging to the dental profession in Hong Kong. It will undoubtedly provide a forum for our colleagues to exchange knowledge of mutual interests and further enhance our scientific role in the region. May I take this opportunity to express my deep gratitude to Dr Tak-Kun Chow, Editor-in-Chief & his Editorial team and also to all members of the Publications Committee chaired by Dr Tony Ka-Hang Fok. This publication would not have become a success without their invaluable advice and unflinching endeavors. A special thanks to our Immediate Past President, Dr John Yu-Kong Ling who has always shown his support to the long-term development of the profession during this tenure of office. Once again, thank you to those who have contributed selflessly and we look forward to bringing you informative issues of HKDJ.