

**Message from
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It is my very great pleasure to salute this exciting new initiative by the Hong Kong Dental Association. For many years learned and public-spirited Societies in various cultures have used the mechanism of the written word in the form of journals and proceedings to disseminate the wisdom of their members and like-minded individuals, thereby stimulating progressive discussion of important scientific and related matters.

Now the Dental Association in Hong Kong follows that path with a new Dental Journal. The best wishes of the Faculty of Dentistry, The University of Hong Kong and the Prince Philip Dental Hospital are sent for the prosperity of the publication.

I encourage all my colleagues in Hong Kong to support the venture so that as time passes by we will gradually accumulate an impressive archive of scholarly dental material originating from this dynamic area of Southeast China.