Personal farewell from the Editor-in-Chief

All Hong Kong Dental Association (HKDA) members have now received and viewed the excellent Chinese Edition of the Journal of the American Dental Association, jointly published by the HKDA and the Chinese Stomatological Association (CMA), as a privilege of membership. This new venture took a great deal of planning, time, effort, and support of the HKDA Council, as well as input from the senior leadership of the CMA in resources and dedication. Many members of the HKDA are contributors and members of the Editorial Board. With this much higher standard of a journal of international standing, it is timely that the role of the *Hong Kong Dental Journal* (HKDJ) should be re-examined so that it does not compete for the limited time for reading scientific journals of the average dentists in Hong Kong.

It is therefore my personal wish, and a suitable time, to tender my resignation as Editor-in-Chief and request that the HKDA Council review the future of the HKDJ as to its mission, role, and nature so that it can best serve the membership according to its original purpose.

I have had the special privilege of serving as the Editor-in-Chief of the HKDJ for the past 4 years. Eight issues have been successfully completed and the membership will have received and read some outstanding articles on various aspects of dental science and clinical practice. There have been many stimulating original articles and case reports of interesting and challenging management of difficult cases. Many very good reviews have also been included to keep clinicians up-to-date with advances in techniques, materials, and devices.

Throughout my tenure, the HKDA Council Members have been most supportive of the Journal, as have the many commercial companies that took out advertisements to promote their latest products. The financial aspects of the Journal are sound and we have remained within budget.

I must thank all my Associate Editors and the many loyal and faithful reviewers for the Journal. The reviewers have remained anonymous and have done demanding and difficult tasks with almost no recognition whatsoever. I also wish to thank the professional staff...
I look forward to the decisions of the HKDA Council on the future of the HKDJ and trust that I may be able to serve in some other capacity for the HKDA when called upon to do so.

I wish you all the best and great reading in 2013.