HKDA COUNCIL’S ANNOUNCEMENTS

(1) Membership

We would like to extend our warmest welcome to our 6 new Ordinary Members:

**Ordinary Members**

Dr Caceres Araya, Constanza Maria
Dr Chew Sung Kwong Edward 趙崇光醫生
Dr Choi Choon Lian 蔡松瑾醫生
Dr Chow Chit Fal, Jeffrey 周哲暉醫生
Dr Teoh, Chang I Chun 張益俊醫生

**Ordinary Members by Student Membership Transfer**

Dr Luo Li Ying 羅麗樱醫生

(2) Important Reminder on Annual Practising Certificate

Only holder of a valid practising certificate can practise as a dentist in Hong Kong. **Please make sure to obtain your practising certificate for 2019.** The Dental Council of Hong Kong (DCHK) will, without further notice, remove the name of a dentist from the General Register who do not renew practising certificate before 1 July 2019. If a dentist continues to practise dentistry after removal from the General Register, he commits the offence of illegal practice of dentistry which is punishable with imprisonment up to 7 years. Please refer to section 11A(1) and section 11A(5) of the DRO for the specifications.

(3) HKDA and MPS Membership Renewal

We are glad to announce that the HKDA Council has decided to remain the HKDA annual membership fee for year 2019 unchanged. The renewal pack for HKDA and MPS membership was dispatched to members in mid-January 2019. Most of you have your MPS renewal date on 1 February, and therefore should have received the debit notes for renewal subscription in mid-January. Please go through the detailed notes and definitions of MPS membership grades provided and settle the renewal subscription to ensure continuation of MPS protection.

For members in their 1st or 2nd year following graduation, you will receive your MPS renewal debit notes before the anniversary date of your MPS membership subscription. For instance, if you graduated in 2017 or 2018 and first subscribed for MPS membership in early September, you will receive your renewal debit note in August 2019.

Please contact HKDA Secretariat should you have any query on your HKDA and MPS membership.

(4) Proposed Review of the Dentists Registration Ordinance (DRO)

A focus group consultation on 12 December 2018 and the subsequent Consultation Forum on 19 December 2018 open to all HKDA members were held to collect members’ views on the proposed review of the DRO. The HKDA Council’s views and HKDA members’ opinions gathered were submitted to the DCHK for its consideration on 7 January 2019. Members may scan the QR code for the submission as displayed in the President Message.
(5) Survey on Proposed Amendments to HKDA M&A
A questionnaire on proposed amendments to Memorandum and Articles of Association (M&A) of HKDA Ltd was sent out to members in early January 2019. The closing date of the survey was 21 January 2019. The survey results will be taken into account for the drafting of new articles. It is planned to hold a briefing session open to all HKDA members for elaboration on the proposed amendments around mid-March when the draft amendment work is accomplished.

(6) Private Healthcare Facilities Ordinance
The next Monthly Meeting is scheduled for 27 February 2019 at Eaton Hong Kong. We are most delighted to have invited representatives from Food and Health Bureau to give presentation on the Private Healthcare Facilities Ordinance. Details are to be announced.

(7) Appointment to Preliminary Investigation Committee (PIC) of the DCHK
Dr Yiu Bun Ka and Dr Chiu Tin Yan have been appointed, based on a panel put forward by the Association, as members of PIC of the DCHK for a period of one year with effect from 31 October 2018 and 12 January 2019 respectively.

(8) Appointment to the Taskforce on Review of the DRO of the DCHK
Dr Haston Liu, President of the Association, has been appointed by the DCHK as a member of the Taskforce on Review of the DRO of the DCHK.

(9) Appointment to the Licensing Examination Review Committee of the DCHK
Dr Michael Mui has been appointed as Member of the Licensing Examination Review Committee for a term of three years with effect from 14 July 2018.

(10) Appointment to the Planning Group of the Prince Philip Dental Hospital (PPDH)
Dr Haston Liu has been re-appointed as a Member of the Planning Group of the PPDH for another period of three years from 30 October 2018 to 29 October 2021.

(11) Appointment to the Patient Complaint Committee of the PPDH
Dr Spencer Chan and Dr Dustin Wai have been appointed as Members of the Patient Complaint Committee of the PPDH for a period of two years from 1 October 2018.

(12) Appointment of the FDI National Liaison Officer (NLO)
The HKDA Council is pleased to re-appoint Dr Wong Tin Chun as the FDI NLO for another term up to the conclusion of the HKDA Annual General Meeting 2019. We express our gratitude towards Dr Wong’s contribution and wish her another fruitful term of office.

(13) Oral Health Education Talk for Parents of Kindergartens Students
To support TWGHS Health Start@School programme (東華三院健康家庭由學校開展) organized by Tung Wah Group of Hospitals, members of Oral Health Education & Service Committee of HKDA delivered two oral health education talks to parents of local kindergarten students on 5 December 2018.