

President's Message 會長獻辭

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The 2012 FDI Annual World Dental Congress (AWDC) Brought to a Successful Close



We are proud to announce that the 100th FDI AWDC was successfully hosted at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre (HKCEC) from 29 August to 1 September

2012. Around ten thousand dental professionals from more than 100 countries were brought under one roof for intensive knowledge exchange and networking at this four-day event. With the support from over 200 exhibitors, a large-scale trade exhibition, comprising about 400 booths, was concurrently held during the Congress period.

On 29 September evening, a Welcome Ceremony took place in front of a full house at the Grand Hall of HKCEC. We were particularly privileged to have the presence of key government officials to officiate at the Welcome Ceremony including the Hon Mr C Y Leung, GBM, GBS, JP, Chief Executive of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR); Prof Chen Zhu, Minister of Health of the People's Republic of China (PRC); and Dr the Hon Ko Wing-man, BBS, JP, Secretary for Food and Health. The video message delivered by Dr Margaret Chan, Director-General, World Health Organization, further added significance to the event. In recognition of China's remarkable contribution to "leading the world to optimal oral health", the FDI World Dental Federation had presented its first *World Oral Health Recognition Award* to Prof Chen Zhu and we were honored to witness this glorious moment.

To foster professional development, the Congress had featured a scientific programme with more than 60 renowned local and overseas experts presenting a

wide range of topics that addressed the major concerns of dental practitioners today. Equally impressive was the lecture delivered by our special guest speaker, Dr Kong Lingzhi, Deputy Director-General, Department of Diseases Prevention and Control, Ministry of Health, on the latest oral health development in China.

I deeply appreciate the devoted efforts of the Local Organizing Committee and the immense support from the HKSAR Government and the Ministry of Health. My heartfelt thanks also go to the Office of the Commission of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the PRC for their invaluable advice for our bid for the Congress; the Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in the HKSAR for their assistance in lining up our meetings with Mainland officials to solicit their support for the event; Prof Wang Xing, President of the Chinese Stomatological Association, for being the Co-Chairman of the Local Organizing Committee and advising on the promotional strategies for Mainland colleagues; and our close partner, the Hong Kong Tourism Board, for their unfailing support since we bid for the right to host the event.

Community Care Fund Elderly Dental Assistance Programme Officially Launched

After months of preparation, the Community Care Fund Elderly Dental Assistance Programme has finally commenced in late September. Up till now, a total of 222 dentists and 37 dental clinics under the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance Scheme or under NGOs participating in the Pilot Project on Outreach Primary Dental Care Services for the Elderly in Residential Care Homes and Day Care Centres have registered to participate in the Programme.

To give participating dentists a better understanding of their on-going duties in

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the Programme and the detailed workflow, a briefing session was held on 17 September 2012, during which Dr Frankie So, a specialist in Community Dentistry, had shared with the participants some tips on the oral health care needs of the elderly.

Subsequently, another briefing session was held on 20 September 2012 for frontline staff of the participating NGOs that will provide related services for the eligible elderly including initial screening for interested applicants, referring them to participating dentists/dental clinics for necessary dental services and providing accompanying service where necessary. The briefing session was well attended by 70 representatives from the participating NGOs. They were fully briefed on the guidelines and their questions and concern were addressed.

We count on your support to make the Programme a success and sincerely look forward to your prompt action in response to our invitation. You will definitely find it a rewarding experience in being a *Community Care Dentist*.

二零一二年FDI世界牙科會議圓滿閉幕

第一百屆世界牙科會議已於八月廿九日至九月一日假香港會議展覽中心（會展）成功舉行。此會議匯聚了約一萬名來自逾百國家的牙科專才，於四日會期內進行深入交流和聯繫。同期舉行的展覽會規模龐大，吸引了超過二百間廠商參展，約共四百個展攤。

會議的開幕式於九月廿九日傍晚假會展大會堂舉行，場內座無虛席。我們極為榮幸邀得多位政府主要官員擔任主禮嘉賓，包括香港特別行政區行政長官梁振英先生，大紫荊勳賢，GBS，JP、中華人民共和國（中國）衛生部陳竺部長及香港特別行政區食物及衛生局局長高永文醫生，BBS，JP。世界衛生組織總幹事陳馮富珍醫生所發表的錄像演辭對會議也起着重大意義。為表揚中國為「帶領世界達至最佳口腔健康狀況」作出非凡貢獻，FDI世界牙醫聯盟於開幕式上頒發了首項「世界口腔健康卓越成就大獎」予陳竺部長，我們實在與有榮焉。

為促進同業的專業發展，會議內設有學術活動，安排了逾六十名本地及海外著名專家，就牙醫關注的議題進行演講。中國衛生部疾病預防控制中心孔靈芝副局長更擔任特別嘉賓講者，就內地口腔衛生發展最新情況作出精彩演說。

今次盛事得以成功舉行，實有賴本地籌備委員會的不懈努力及香港特別行政區政府和中國衛生部的鼎

力支持。我衷心感謝中國外交部駐香港特別行政區特派員公署在我們申辦會議時所給予的寶貴指導；也感謝中央人民政府駐香港特別行政區聯絡辦公室的協調工作，讓我們順利與有關內地官員會面聯繫，爭取他們對會議的支持。同時，我也感謝華口腔醫學會會長王興教授擔任本地籌備委員會的聯席主席，在鼓勵內地同業參與方面給予寶貴意見；還有學會的緊密伙伴香港旅遊發展局，感謝他們由我們爭取會議主辦權至今一直以來的支持。

「關愛基金長者牙科服務資助項目」正式推行

經過多月的籌備工作，「關愛基金長者牙科服務資助項目」正式於九月下旬展開，至今共有二百二十二名牙醫及三十七所非政府機構轄下的牙科診所登記參與此項目（該三十七所牙科診所均為「綜合社會保障援助計劃」認可的牙科診所或獲政府委聘為「院舍及日間護理中心長者基礎牙科外展服務先導計劃」的長者牙科服務提供者）。

為了讓參與項目的牙醫對日後的工作及詳細服務流程有更透徹的了解，學會於九月十七日舉辦了一個簡介會，並邀請了社會牙醫科專科牙醫蘇漢澄醫生在會內分享他對於長者口腔健康護理需要這方面的心得。

學會隨後於九月二十日舉辦了另一個簡介會，對象為參與項目的非政府機構前線服務隊員，他們會先為有興趣的申請人進行初步評估，然後把符合資格的長者轉介至參與項目的牙醫以接受適當牙科服務，並為有需要的長者提供陪診服務。當日共有七十名非政府機構的代表出席簡介會，除了向他們講解項目的有關指引外，我們更就他們的提問及關注的事項進行解說。

此項目能否成功將取決於你們的參與，我們誠意向你們發出邀請，並熱切期待你們作出即時行動。成為「關愛牙醫」定必為你帶來寶貴經驗！

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Community Care Fund Elderly Dental Assistance Programme

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CCF COMMUNITY
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Elderly Dental
Assistance Programme



關愛基金
長者牙科服務資助項目

The Community Care Fund ("CCF") approved the allocation of funding to implement an assistance programme to subsidize needy elderly people with low income for dentures and other necessary dental services.

The Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China, as represented by the Secretary for Food and Health, has engaged HKDA as the Implementing Agency to assist in implementing the programme, being known as the "Community Care Fund Elderly Dental Assistance Programme" ("the Programme").

\$100 million has been earmarked for the Programme, which is expected to benefit about 10,300 elderly people. Each beneficiary of the Programme is entitled to receive a maximum subsidy of \$9,240 (including \$7,730 for dentures, \$1,005 for other dental services, \$55 for registration and dental check-up, and a designated fee of \$450 for NGOs' provision of accompanying service under the Programme, which will be adjusted in accordance with the adjustments of the dental grant under the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance ("CSSA" Scheme).

The target beneficiaries must satisfy the following conditions:

- (a) be aged 60 or above and not be recipients of CSSA;
- (b) have been users of the "Integrated Home Care Services" ("IHCS") or "Enhanced Home and Community Care Services" ("EHCCS") subvented by the Social Welfare Department ("SWD") as at 31 December 2011, and be paying Level 1 or Level 2 fee charge of the IHCS or EHCCS when applying for the assistance under the Programme;
- (c) have lost all or some of their teeth or suffer from dental illness and encounter difficulties in eating or



At CCF office
Back row: (Left) Ms. Ada Wong, Accounting Officer,
Ms. Carmen Lee, Project Officer
Front row: Ms. Priscilla To, Project Manager

chewing; and be willing to accept the subsidy and dental services provided by the CCF; and

- (d) be in need of and suitable to have their teeth replaced with dentures and receive other necessary dental services in the views of (i) the NGOs operating the IHCS or EHCCS; and (ii) the dentists participating in the Programme, based on the assessment guidelines to be drawn up by the Implementing Agency, ie HKDA.

A working group comprising all members of HKDA Council and Task Force on Primary Dental Care was formed last November to work on this special project. In May 2012, the HKDA Office for Community Care Fund Elderly Dental Assistance Programme ("Office for the CCF Programme") was established to carry out the implementation of the Programme. 4 staffs have been recruited to form the Implementing Team. With the leadership of Ms. Priscilla To, the Project Manager, the preparatory work for the implementation of the Programme has been in full swing. The workflow is formulated and assessment guidelines drawn.

The frontline staff of NGOs operating IHCS and/or EHCCS shall conduct preliminary assessment on the need of elders for dentures and refer the suitable elders to dentists/dental clinics participating in the Programme; and dentists/dental clinics participating in the Programme will assess whether the elders referred by NGOs are suitable to have their teeth replaced with denture and receive other necessary dental services.

On 28 June, a briefing session was held for NGOs and their teams that provide the IHCS and EHCCS to give them an overview on the workflow and guidelines on their service in the initial screening and referral of eligible beneficiaries. The session was well attended by more than 80 NGO workers, representing all the 28 NGOs which operate the IHCS and EHCCS. Helpful opinions have been gathered to fine tune the operational procedure.



At the briefing session on 28 June

In the middle of June, letters were issued to all registered dentists in Hong Kong, designated dental clinics under the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance Scheme and NGOs participating in the Pilot Project on Outreach Primary Dental Care Services for the Elderly in Residential Care Homes and Day Care Centres to invite their indication of intention to participate in the Programme. We are delighted to receive encouraging responses from nearly 280 dentists and 60 NGO dental clinics, covering all the 18 districts.

In the middle of August, registration documents have been sent to all registered dentists in Hong Kong, designated dental clinics under the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance Scheme and NGOs participating in the Pilot Project on Outreach Primary Dental Care Services for the Elderly in Residential Care Homes and Day Care Centres. Before printing of this newsletter, 222 dentists and 37 dental clinics which are under the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance Scheme or under NGOs participating in the Pilot Project on Outreach Primary Dental Care Services for the Elderly in Residential Care Homes and Day Care Centres have already registered as Community Care Dentist/Dental Clinic. Successful registrant should have already received confirmation

letter from the Office for the CCF Programme. Your generous support has provided a good foundation to the success of the Programme.

On 17 September, a briefing session for registered Community Care Dentist/Dental Clinic was held at the Lecture Theatre of Hospital Authority. Dr. Sigmund Leung, JP has clearly and concisely explained the duties and workflow for dentists in the Programme. Dr. Frankie So has given tips on the special needs of elders. The session was attended by nearly 144 dentists and representatives of the dental clinics.



At the briefing session on 17 Sept.



Dr. Sigmund Leung, JP, presenting souvenir to Mr. Richard Yuen Ming-Fai, JP, Permanent Secretary for Food and Health (Health)



Dr. Sigmund Leung, JP, presenting souvenir to Dr. Frankie So



At the Q&A session of the briefing session on 17 Sept.

The Programme will be launched by the end of September 2012 and, subject to progress and review, is expected to run for two years. For those colleagues who would like to register now, you may contact the Office for the CCF Programme at 2525 8198.

Payment schedule for dental services provided:

Service item	Payment ceiling ^{Note 1}
registration & check-up (including cases in which the elder is not suitable for/declines to have his/her teeth replaced with denture(s) after the check-up, and is not in need of other dental services (e.g. scaling and polishing, tooth extraction and fillings))	\$55
dentures for both arches for an elder who is in need of and suitable for such service as confirmed after the check-up	\$7,730 ^{Note 2}
denture for either upper arch or lower arch for an elder who is in need of and suitable for such service as confirmed after the check-up	\$3,870 ^{Note 2}
other dental service(s) necessary before denture can be provided e.g. scaling and polishing, tooth extractions and fillings provided by the dentist based on his/her assessment of the oral conditions of the elder (in addition to denture(s))	Scaling and polishing (\$360) Fillings (\$310) Tooth extractions (\$335) ^{Note 3}
other dental service(s) provided during the first consultation ^{Note 4} e.g. scaling and polishing, tooth extractions and fillings provided by the dentist based on his/her assessment of the oral conditions of the elder (in cases where the elder is not suitable for/declines to have his/her teeth replaced with denture(s) after the check-up)	Scaling and polishing (\$360) Fillings (\$310) Tooth extractions (\$335) ^{Note 3}

^{Note 1} Apart from the charge(s) specified in this table, dentists/dental clinics participating in the Programme shall not charge elders subsidized by the Programme any other fee. The ceiling of the charges specified will be adjusted in accordance with the adjustments of the dental grant under the CSSA Scheme.

^{Note 2} Payment for dentures apply regardless of the number of teeth being replaced by the denture.

^{Note 3} The ceiling of these charges in total shall be capped at \$1,005, regardless of the number of teeth treated and whether other related dental services (e.g. pain relief, anaesthesia, X-ray examination, etc.) are involved. The ceiling of individual treatment items shall also be capped at the level so specified.

^{Note 4} These dental services shall be completed during the first consultation.