

President's Message 會長獻辭

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Justices of the Peace Appointments

On behalf of the HKDA Council, I am delighted to offer my warm congratulations to Dr. Lam Chi-kit, BBS, MH, JP and Dr. Alfred Tsang Chee-ching, JP for being appointed Justices of the Peace with effect from 1 July 2013 by the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR). Their achievements go beyond the occupational boundary. They have provided inspiration through exemplary service and a positive approach to their work.

Importance of pursuing Continuing Professional Development (CPD) Programmes

The total number of registered dentists who had been successfully granted the CPD Certificate of the Dental Council's voluntary Continuing Professional Development Programme had been slightly increased by about 3% from 865 (for the cycle from 2005-2008) to 890 (for the cycle from 2008-2010). Members are encouraged to enroll in the Programme and proactively engage in life-long learning so as to keep themselves abreast of the latest dental knowledge and service innovations. Your effort in pursuing for continuing education is an important factor of reinforcing public confidence in dental service and the growth of the profession.

Hong Kong International Dental Expo and Symposium (HKIDEAS) 2013

The HKIDEAS 2013 with its theme "Blueprint to Success" scheduled for 9-11 August is just around the corner. We are thrilled to announce that the Honorable Leung Chun-ying, GBM, GBS, JP, Chief Executive of the HKSAR has accepted our invitation to be the Guest of Honor of the Opening Ceremony. Dr. Ko Wing-man, BBS, JP, Secretary for Food and Health and Dr. Chan Hon-ye, Constance, JP, Director of Health will also officiate at the event. We are also pleased to have Mr. Anthony Lau, Executive Director of Hong Kong Tourism Board to be the honorable guest for inaugurating the Trade Exhibition. This remarkable event provides an opportunity to facilitate the exchange of dental knowledge and expertise among renowned international and local speakers through the three-day scientific programme. It is also expected collaboration ties between dental associations worldwide can be further strengthened. With your enthusiastic participation, I am confident that the upcoming HKIDEAS will be again a fruitful and memorable event as in previous years!

Your participation is indispensable to make the event a great success. Please mark your diary and also encourage your dental colleagues to join this event together. For details, please refer to the booklet sent to you earlier or visit the official website (<http://www.hkideas.org>).

Community Care Fund Elderly Dental Assistance Programme Updates

Since the launch of the Programme in September 2012, it has been implemented for more than nine months. As of early July 2013, 260 dentists and 46 NGO dental clinics under the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) 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 participated in the Programme, forming 434 service points distributed in 18 districts. More than 650 elders have been referred for the dental services under the Programme, out of which over 620 have attended their first consultations and more than 340 cases are completed.

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Amendments have recently been made to the eligibility criteria of the target beneficiaries of the Programme with effect from 3 June 2013. Elders who were users of the Integrated Home Care Services (IHCS) or Enhanced Home and Community Care Services (EHCCS) as at 31 December 2012 may also be eligible upon screening by the respective IHCS or EHCCS teams.

Whilst the impact of the aforesaid amendment is yet to be seen, the Working Group on Community Care Fund (CCF) Elderly Dental Assistance Programme and the CCF Taskforce will continue to review different aspects of the Programme, including the eligibility criteria of the target beneficiaries after taking into account the latest progress made. Your generous participation in the Programme is genuinely essential so that more needy elders could benefit from the Programme. I would like to take this opportunity to invite you to join the Programme or disseminate this message to your counterparts so that together we could create a large synergy and achieve better results.

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我謹代表香港牙醫學會理事會，衷心祝賀林志傑醫生, BBS, MH, JP和曾志清醫生, JP由2013年7月1日起，獲香港特別行政區政府委任為太平紳士。他們的成就超越職業的界限，他們樂於服務社群，工作態度積極，實在是業界的楷模。

參與持續專業發展課程的重要性

根據香港牙醫管理委員會公布的數據顯示：上週期2008 – 2010年度參與自願性的持續專業發展課程而獲發證書的人數為890人，比對2005-2008年度的865人，稍微上升百分之三。我極力鼓勵會員積極參與持續教育課程，實踐終身學習的理念，掌握牙科專業發展的最新資訊及服務趨勢，與時並進。你們的積極參與，對進一步強化市民大眾對牙科服務的信心，以及對牙科專業的成長起着重大的作用。

2013年香港國際牙科博覽暨研討會

以「成功之路」為主題的香港國際牙科博覽暨研討會即將於八月九至十一日舉行。我們非常榮幸得悉行政長官梁振英先生，大紫荊勳賢，GBS，JP將應邀擔任大會開幕式的主禮嘉賓。此外，食物及衛生局高永文局長，BBS, JP和衛生署陳漢儀署長，JP亦將會一同主持開幕式。同時，我們亦很榮幸邀請到香港旅遊發展局總幹事劉鎮漢先生擔任展覽會開幕儀式的主禮嘉賓。這個為期三天的大型學術展覽會議，為與會者提供一個機會，與國際及本地著名學者作牙科專業交流，並能加強與世界各個牙科組織聯繫。我深信有你們的踴躍支持，是次會議定會如往年般充實及難忘！

你們的參與對此項會議的成功尤為重要。請各位會員記下活動舉行的日期，積極與同業們一起參與盛事。有關詳情，請瀏覽網址<http://www.hkideas.org>

「關愛基金長者牙科服務資助項目」最新情況

「關愛基金長者牙科服務資助項目」自去年九月開展以來已推行了九個多月。直至2013年7月初為止，共有二百六十位牙醫及四十六所非政府機構轄下的牙科診所參與此項目(該四十六所牙科診所均為「綜合社會保障援助計劃」認可的牙科診所，或參與「院舍及日間護理中心長者基礎牙科外展服務先導計劃」的非政府機構轄下的牙科診所)，成為遍佈十八區的四百三十四個服務點。至今共有六百五十多名長者獲轉介接受該項目提供的牙科服務，當中超過六百二十名長者已首次應診，並有超過三百四十宗個案已經完成。

有關該項目受惠對象資格經已修訂，並於2013年6月3日起生效。凡於2012年12月31日已接受資助的「綜合家居照顧服務」或「改善家居及社區照顧服務」的長者，均有資格接受申請。

上述就該項目作出的修訂所帶來的果效仍有待觀察；而關愛基金長者牙科服務資助項目工作小組及關愛基金專責小組將繼續就項目各方面的進度包括受惠對象資格等進行檢討。你們的熱心參與，能使更多有需要的長者受惠。請大家踴躍參與有關計劃，或把有關訊息發放給你的同業，讓我們一起凝聚力量，創造佳績！