

President's Message 會長獻辭

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Upon the commencement of my fourth presidency and the inauguration of the new HKDA Council, I would like to first give my sincere thanks to all HKDA members for their unfailing support and trust. Inevitably it has been a great honour for the Council and I to serve the profession and we shall spare no pains to strive for the benefits of the profession and sustain the development of the Association.

In Pursuit of Lifelong Professional Advancement

In view of the fast changing technological innovations, the Association fully recognizes the need for dental practitioners to pursue continuing development of their professional competence in order to give patients the best possible care. In this regard, the Association has been very supportive of the "Continuing Professional Development (CPD) Programme for Practising Dentists" and has acted as an accredited CPD Programme Provider, Accreditor and Administrator since July 2002.

Over the years, HKDA has made huge efforts in organizing and coordinating continuing education courses and activities such as Monthly Scientific Meetings, Membership in General Dentistry Training Programme, and MPS/DPL Risk Management training workshops. To foster international knowledge exchange, HKDA also staged large-scale dental congresses and exhibitions in recent years including the Hong Kong International Dental Expo And Symposium, the Asia Pacific Dental Congress and the FDI World Dental Congress.

Professional knowledge and clinical skills are critical elements of dental practice. We should seize every learning opportunity to acquire the most up-to-date knowledge and advanced skills. The current CPD cycle determined by The Dental Council of Hong Kong (DCHK) will soon complete by end of this year. I keenly look forward to greater participation of dental professionals in the next CPD cycle.

Updates on Community Care Fund (CCF) Elderly Dental Assistance Programme

Our strong advocacy of continuing professional development in a way reflects our vision to serve the community with the best practice of dentistry. Taking into consideration elderly people's dental needs, HKDA has implemented with great zeal the CCF Elderly Dental Assistance Programme which was rolled out in September 2012. The Programme has run for more than a year. As at end of November 2013, more than 910 eligible elders have been successfully referred to receive dental services under the Programme, with over 650 elders having their dental treatments completed and over 550 elders having received their dentures. Since the implementation of the Programme, the maximum subsidy for dental treatments for each beneficiary (i.e. the dental fees for participating dentists and dental clinics) have also been reviewed and adjusted. We hope that more counterparts will render their support by enrolling in the Programme as *Community Care Dentists/Dental Clinics* so that more needy elders can benefit from the Programme.

Renewal of Annual Practising Certificate

As we are approaching year 2014, allow me to remind those who have not yet applied for the renewal of their practising certificate for 2014 to take action immediately. Please submit

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the application form together with the renewal fee to the DCHK. Those who have selected to settle the renewal fee by autopay are also required to return the completed form to the DCHK by fax or by post by 31 December 2013.

Please note that DCHK will not issue reminders to dentists about their renewal of practising certificate; and the name of those dentists who fail to obtain or renew their practising certificate after 1 July of that year will be placed before the DCHK for its consideration for removal from the General Register.

在 踏入第四度會長任期及理事會履新之際，首先我衷心多謝香港牙醫學會所有會員多年來的支持和信任。對於我和各位理事而言，能夠為業界服務實在是莫大光榮。在往後的日子，我們將竭盡所能，為業界謀求福利，讓學會得到更大的發展。

對專業技術提升的持續追求

面對不斷革新的牙科技術及產品，學會深切體會到牙醫必須持續提升自己的專業技能，才能給予患者最適當的醫護服務。因此學會一直大力支持「執業牙醫持續專業發展計劃」，並自2002年7月起擔任此計劃的認可供應者、評審及行政機構。學會多年來致力舉辦持續進修課程和活動，例如每月研討會、香港牙科醫學院牙科院員培訓課程，以及危機管理專題工作坊等，務求為業界提供更多進修機會。為促進國際學術及技術交流，學會於近年更積極舉辦大型牙科會議及展覽，包括香港國際牙科博覽暨研討會、亞太區口腔會議及FDI世界牙科會議。

牙醫的工作是講求專業知識及臨床技能。我們應該把握每個進修機會，學習最新的牙科知識及先進技術，務求以最專業的知識及技術服務大眾。現時由香港牙醫管理委員會制定的CPD周期將於年底結束，我熱切期待下個周期有更多同業積極參與持續進修的行列。

「關愛基金長者牙科服務資助項目」最新情況

學會大力鼓勵業內人士持續進修，其中一個目的是希望業界能以最優秀的專業服務回饋社會。考慮到長者的牙科護理需要，學會積極地推行於去年9月推出的「關愛基金長者牙科服務資助項目」，至今項目已推行超過一年。截至11月底，已有超過910名合資格長者獲轉介以接受項目下的牙科診療服務，當中超過650名長者已完成牙科診療，且有超過550名長者已獲鑲活動假牙。自項目推行以來，扶貧委員會也就項目下每名參與長者的牙科診療費用津貼上限(即發放予關愛牙醫或診所的診療費用)作出了檢討及調整。我們希望有更多牙醫同業給予支持，登記成為關愛牙醫/關愛牙醫診所，讓更多有需要的長者能受惠於此項目。

辦理更新執業證明書手續

2014年將至，會員如仍未辦理更新執業證明書手續，請儘快填妥申請表格，連同續期費用一併遞交至香港牙醫管理委員會，申請新年度的執業證明書。選擇自動轉帳方式付款者亦需要把填妥的表格於2013年12月31日前以傳真或郵遞方式交回香港牙醫管理委員會。

請留意香港牙醫管理委員會將不會發出續期提示通知書；此外，如牙醫在7月1日後仍未取得該年度的執業證明書，香港牙醫管理委員會將考慮把其姓名從普通科名冊除去。