

President's Message 會長獻辭

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Consultation on the Methods for Selecting the Chief Executive in 2017 and for Forming the Legislative Council in 2016



The HKSAR Government has published a consultation document to collate public views on how the ultimate aims of electing the Chief Executive and all the Members of LegCo by universal suffrage can be attained.

The main emphasis of our submission will be on the composition of the future nominating committee because the 30 seats of the Medical subsector in the current Election Committee are in fact dominated by the medical practitioners under the existing mechanism. The role that the dental sector plays in Hong Kong's healthcare system is increasingly important. Taking this into account, we opine the dental profession should be given the substantial right to engage in the electoral system.

As clearly stipulated in Article 45 of the Basic Law, "The method for selecting the Chief Executive shall be specified in the light of the actual situation in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region and in accordance with the principle of gradual and orderly progress. The ultimate aim is the selection of the Chief Executive by universal suffrage upon nomination by a broadly representative nominating committee in accordance with democratic procedures." We propose the Government allocating certain number of seats from the existing 30 seats of the Medical subsector to the dental profession, based on the proportion of the number of dental practitioners to that of medical practitioners. We consider this a viable option for achieving a **balanced participation** and a broadly representative nominating committee. By doing so, our sector will be genuinely accountable to both the public and the profession itself.

We endeavour to take part in making progress for Hong Kong democratic development.

Pilot Project on Dental Service for Patients with Intellectual Disability - Loving Smiles Service

The Government has reserved \$20 million for the implementation of the Pilot Project on Dental Service for Patients with Intellectual Disability titled "Loving Smiles Service" by HKDA and Hong Kong Special Care Dentistry Association, commencing from August 2013. A press conference was also held on 15 Mar 2014 to update the community about the progress of the project. It is expected that the project can benefit around 1,600 patients with moderate or severe intellectual disability. Since its implementation, a total of 215 patients were referred for

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receiving dental check up or treatment under intravenous sedation or general anesthesia in a hospital setting with adequate medical support, according to individual conditions. For more details, please refer to our report on pg.19.

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

Our Association has been supportive of the CCF Elderly Dental Assistance Programme by acting as its Implementing Agency. The Programme has been rolled out for nineteen months since September 2012. As at end of March 2014, more than 1,000 eligible elders have been successfully referred to participating dentists/dental clinics for dental services under the Programme, with over 800 elders having their dental treatments completed and over 700 elders having received their dentures.

As stipulated in the 2014 Policy Address, the CCF Task Force is actively considering expanding the scope of the Programme to benefit more elderly people with financial difficulties. Moreover, the HKSAR Government plans to convert the “Pilot Project on Outreach Primary Dental Care Services for the Elderly in Residential Care Homes and Day Care Centres” into a regular dental care programme for elders in residential care homes and similar facilities.

To cope with the aforesaid development, our Association will organize more lectures on elderly dental care for the profession in future. At the same time, briefing sessions about the Programme will be held to keep the profession abreast of the Programme development from time to time. We sincerely hope that more dental practitioners and dental clinics will enroll in the Programme as *Community Care Dentists/Dental Clinics*. Please contact our Office for CCF Elderly Dental Assistance Programme for more information.

South China Dental Expo 2014

I am pleased to share with you that the “Symposium Presented by Dental Experts from Hong Kong” held during the South China Dental Expo on 6 March 2014 has received overwhelming response. My sincere thanks and appreciation goes to Prof. Jin Lijian, Associate Dean, Faculty of Dentistry, the University of Hong Kong and Dr. Zhang Chengfei, Clinical Associate Professor in Endodontics in delivering such impressive and enlightened lectures.

有關2017年行政長官及2016年立法會產生辦法諮詢

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港特別行政區政府已印發諮詢文件，就如何能最終達至行政長官選舉及立法會全部議員由普選產生的目標蒐集民意。

醫學界在目前選舉委員會中佔三十個席位，然而，現行機制對牙醫業界反映聲音構成無法逆轉的局限。因此，我們回應政府有關諮詢時將著墨於提名委員會的組成。鑑於牙醫業界在香港醫療制度體系所擔當的角色日益重要，我們認為牙醫專業在選舉制度中應獲賦予實質參與的權利。

《基本法》第四十五條已清楚訂明：「行政長官的產生辦法根據香港特別行政區的實際情況和循序漸

進的原則而規定，最終達至一個有廣泛代表性的提名委員會按民主程序提名後普選產生的目標。」我們建議政府考慮按牙醫和西醫的人數比例來分配現屬於醫學界界別分組的三十個席位。我們認為這是一個可行的方案，有利於達致平衡參與，從而組成一個有廣泛代表性的提名委員會，使業界能真正地向市民及同業負責。

讓我們共同為促進香港的民主發展而努力。

智障人士牙科服務先導計劃 - 「盈愛·笑容服務」

政府已預留二千萬元推行智障人士牙科服務先導計劃。此項名為「盈愛·笑容服務」的計劃已於2013年8月展開，由香港牙醫學會及香港無障牙科學會聯合主辦。我們在2014年3月15日舉行了記者招待會，向公眾滙佈此項目的推展情況。預計此項目可讓大約1,600名中度或嚴重智障病人受惠。自推行以來，共215名智障病人獲轉介接受口腔檢查，或按個別情況，獲安排到醫療支援完備的醫院在靜脈鎮靜或全身麻醉下接受所需的牙科治療。有關計劃的其他詳情可參閱第19頁。

「關愛基金長者牙科服務資助項目」最新情況

學會向來支持關愛基金長者牙科服務資助項目，並作為其推行機構。項目自2012年9月推行以來，至今已有19個月。截至2014年3月底，超過1,000名合資格長者已獲轉介至參與項目的關愛牙醫/牙醫診所接受項目提供的牙科服務，當中超過800名長者已完成牙科治療，包括超過700名已取得活動假牙的長者。

如2014年施政報告指出，關愛基金專責小組正積極研究擴大現行的長者牙科服務資助項目，讓更多有經濟困難的長者受惠。此外，香港特區政府亦計劃把「院舍及日間護理中心長者基礎牙科外展服務先導計劃」轉為常規項目，為安老院舍及同類設施的長者提供牙科護理。

為配合上述發展，學會將為業界舉辦更多與長者牙科護理有關的講座。同時，學會亦會適時地舉行簡介會，讓業界掌握關愛基金長者牙科服務資助項目的最新發展。我們熱切期待有更多牙醫及診所加入關愛牙醫/牙醫診所的行列，請與關愛基金長者牙科服務資助項目辦公室聯絡，索取有關資料。

華南國際口腔展2014

於2014年3月6日舉行的「華南國際口腔醫療技術研討會」上的「香港牙醫學會交流專場」得到踴躍支持。我衷心感謝兩位由本學會邀請的主講嘉賓，包括香港大學牙醫學院副院長金力堅教授和牙髓科臨床副教授張成飛醫生，他們為大會發表了精湛的演講，使與會者獲益良多。

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