

President's Message 會長獻辭

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The HKIDEAS 2014 themed "Commitment to Excellence" has again successfully synthesized our goals of offering an ideal platform for exchange of expertise with a host of highly renowned speakers in the dental field and demonstrating advanced dental technology and innovations. The Conference held from 22 to 24 August 2014 at Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre brought together 3,500 dental professionals from 30 countries and places under one roof for a constructive exchange of innovative ideas conducive to the growth of dentistry.

We were honoured to have invited the Honorable Mr. Leung Chun-ying, GBM, GBS, JP, the Chief Executive of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, as our Guest of Honour to inaugurate the Conference with other officiating guests including Dr. the Honorable Ko Wing-man, BBS, JP, Secretary for Food and Health, Mr. Richard Yuen, JP, Permanent Secretary for Food & Health (Health), Dr. Constance Chan, JP, Director of Health and various local and overseas leaders in dentistry. In expressing appreciation to the 13 NGOs participating in the "Pilot Project on Outreach Primary Dental Care Services for the Elderly in Residential Care Homes and Day Care Centres" (院舍及日間護理中心長者基礎牙科外展服務先導計劃), the Chief Executive presented Certificate of Appreciation to representative of each of the participating NGOs. We applaud the Government's determination of bridging the dental service gap by converting this free outreach primary dental care services for the elderly from a pilot programme to a regular one within this year.



As the Chief Executive mentioned, Hong Kong is a "super-connector between the rest of China and the rest of the world". It is a perfect place to showcase new inventions and innovative dental products and services. He encouraged all manufacturers and suppliers to make good use of HKIDEAS to promote and showcase their products and leverage Hong Kong's well-established edge as a launch pad to the Mainland of China.



used to encourage our mainland colleagues to participate in international dental conferences and Continuing Professional Development activities.

A conjoint funding was newly set up by Chinese Stomatological Association and Hong Kong Dental Association after the signing ceremony held at the grand opening. The resources will be mainly

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Ageing population will pose the world many challenges ahead, but at the same time we can come up with more solutions through close collaboration. The inaugural Cross-Strait Forum on Dental Service for the Elderly (第一屆兩岸四地長者牙科發展論壇) on 24 August is another milestone that worth mentioning. We hope the partnership can be cemented through regular meetings between leading dental associations from the Mainland China, Taiwan, Macau and Hong Kong. Through sharing of valuable experience, we can see how positive attributes can be merged to meet respective dental service needs. At the inaugural

forum, we reaffirmed our commitment by signing a cooperation Charter. We pledge to continue attaching importance to promote oral health of the elderly by giving advice on the development of long-term strategy, and exploring ways to facilitate better utilization of community resources.

To show our gratitude towards the contribution of our Advisors of HKIDEAS 2014, we were honored to have invited Dr Ko, the Secretary for Food and Health, to present souvenirs to them at the dinner reception. The occasion serves as an ideal platform for our local and overseas dental colleagues as well as guests from National Dental Associations to foster fraternity and build stronger collaboration ties.

I take this opportunity to recognize the contribution of the entire Organizing Committee for their efforts in making the event a success.



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

With the support and assistance from the participating NGOs and Community Care Dentists/ Dental Clinics, more than 1,200 elders have been referred to receive dental services under the Programme, out of which around 970 elders have their dentures and/or other necessary dental services completed.

Further to the adjustments to the eligibility criteria of the Programme endorsed by the Commission on Poverty in mid June this year (extending the cut-off date of using the home-based services from 31 December 2012 to 31 December 2013 and including users of the Home Help Service under the Programme), the CCF Task Force is considering to expand the target beneficiaries of the Programme and benefit more persons who have financial difficulties and do not receive Comprehensive Social Security Assistance, taking into account the progress of the implementation and the experience gained, as well as factors such as the number of participating dentists.

In view of the proposed expansion, our Association had organized a sounding out session for NGOs operating the District Elderly Community Centres and/or Neighbourhood Elderly Centres and/or Social Centres for the Elderly on 25 June 2014 to gather their initial views on their participation in the expanded Programme and the proposed scope of services to be provided by them. In the presence of Dr Law Chi Kwong, GBS, JP, Chairperson of the CCF Task Force, representatives from the Food and Health Bureau, Home Affairs Bureau and Social Welfare Department and I myself, 73 representatives from 42 NGOs attended the event and shared their views and concerns.

We were most pleased to have invited Mr. Richard Yuen, JP, Permanent Secretary for Food & Health (Health), as our honorable guest of a briefing session on 22 August 2014, immediate after the Opening Ceremony of the HKIDEAS 2014, targeting NGOs participating in the Pilot Project on Outreach Primary Dental Care Services for the Elderly in Residential Care Homes and Day Care Centres (the Pilot Project). During the briefing session, Mr Yuen gave a brief account on the dental policy of the government including the Pilot Project and the CCF Elderly Dental Assistance Programme.

Whilst the role of NGOs is essential to the Programme, implementation of the current and expanded Programme is not possible without your support and participation. We sincerely invite more dental practitioners and dental clinics to enroll in the Programme as Community Care Dentists/Dental Clinics to show our care to the community. Please contact our Office for the CCF Elderly Dental Assistance Programme at 2525 8198 for more information.

2014年香港國際牙科博覽暨研討會

今年以「卓智承傳」為主題的香港國際牙科博覽暨研討會，繼續成功地糅合了兩大目標——作為理想平台，匯聚一群知名講者和與會者就牙科專業範疇作交流，以及向與會者展示先進牙科技術和新產品。是次會議在2014年8月22至24日舉行，雲集了3,500名來自30個國家和地方的同業，作具建設性的交流，並分享他們的創新意念，對牙科專業帶來裨益。

我們非常榮幸能夠邀請到行政長官梁振英先生，大紫荊勳賢，GBS，JP擔任大會主禮嘉賓，與一眾嘉賓主持開幕式，當中包括食物及衛生局局長高永文醫生、BBS，JP、食物及衛生局常任秘書長(衛生)袁銘輝先生，JP、衛生署署長陳漢儀醫生，JP，以及本地和海外牙醫界領導。為表揚參與「院舍及日間護理中心長者基礎牙科外展服務先導計劃」的13間非政府機構，行政長官特別向各機構的代表頒發嘉許狀。政府將於今年內把該先導計劃恆常化，我們樂見政府就逐步改善牙科服務斷層情況的決心。

正如行政長官於開幕式上指出，香港作為一個「內地與國外的超級連接器」，是陳列新發明及具創意的牙科產品和服務的理想地方。他鼓勵製造商和供應商好好利用香港國際牙科博覽暨研討會，推廣並展示其牙科產品，充份利用香港已建立的優勢，開拓中國內地市場。

香港牙醫學會與中華口腔醫學會於開幕式上簽署，共同成立了一個聯合學術交流基金，兩會將運用有關資源鼓勵內地同業參與國際牙科會議和持續專業發展活動。

人口老化為全球帶來重大挑戰。與此同時，我們可通過緊密合作，共同尋求更多解決問題的方案，締造合作契機。另一項值得向大家一提的新里程，就是於8月24日舉行的「第一屆兩岸四地長者牙科發展論壇」。我們期望通過中國內地、台灣、澳門及香港的牙科學會代表進行定期會議，進一步鞏固彼此的合作關係。通過寶貴的經驗交流，我們期望可以集思廣益，將可取之處加以應用，切合各地不同的牙科服務需要。在首屆論壇上，兩岸四地代表簽署合作約章，就繼續加強促進長者口腔健康方面的工作重申有關承諾，包括共同研究長者牙科服務的長遠發展策略，並探討如何能更善用社會資源。

為表揚我們對本屆博覽暨研討會各顧問所作出的貢獻，大會非常榮幸邀請到高永文局長在招待晚宴上向他們致送紀念品。晚宴提供了一個理想平台，讓本地及海外牙醫同業，與來自各地的牙科學會賓客一同建立更緊密的聯繫和合作網絡。

此次會議取得成果，是有賴全體籌備委員會所付出的努力。藉此機會，讓我向每位籌委會成員衷心致謝。

「關愛基金長者牙科服務資助項目」最新情況

在參與項目的非政府機構、關愛牙醫/牙科診所的支持及協助下，目前已有超過1,200名長者獲轉介接受項目下的牙科診療服務，當中大約970名長者已獲鑲活動假牙及/或其他與鑲活動假牙有關的牙科診療服務。

繼扶貧委員會在今年6月中旬通過就有關項目的合資格條件作出調整後(申請人必須於項目下所指定的日期正使用家居照顧服務，有關日期已由2012年12月31日伸延至2013年12月31日；並將家務助理服務使用者納入為服務對象)，關愛基金專責小組正就項目的推行情況和經驗，以及參與項目的牙醫數目等因素，考慮把項目的受惠對象擴大，讓更多經濟上有困難的非領取綜援長者受惠。

就擴闊項目受惠群組的建議，學會於2014年6月25日舉行諮詢會，邀請各營運長者地區中心/長者鄰舍中心/長者活動中心的非政府機構參與，聽取他們對參與建議中將會擴大的項目和相關服務範圍的初步意見。當天關愛基金專責小組主席羅致光博士，GBS，JP、食物及衛生局、民政事務局和社會福利署代表，以及本人均有出席，與73位來自42間非政府機構的代表就有關議題作討論，並收集意見。

此外，學會於2014年8月22日，緊接香港國際牙科博覽暨研討會開幕式後舉行了簡介會。我們邀請了食物及衛生局常任秘書長袁銘輝先生，JP在擔任簡介會嘉賓，向參與「院舍及日間護理中心長者基礎牙科外展服務先導計劃」的非政府機構簡介政府的牙科政策，包括該先導計劃及「關愛基金長者牙科服務資助項目」的最新發展。

項目能否成功推行和擴展，關鍵除了在於非政府機構的參與外，亦有賴牙醫業界的支持和參與。我們誠邀更多牙醫及牙醫診所加入服務行列，成為關愛牙醫/牙醫診所，向社區表達關懷。請致電2525 8198與關愛基金長者牙科服務資助項目辦公室聯絡，索取更多資料。