

President's Message 會長獻辭

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Under the theme “Shaping the Future of Oral Health”, the Scientific Committee has planned a series of excellent scientific programme for general dentists and specialists covering all major topics in dentistry to be presented by world-reputed experts. To reciprocate members’ unfailing support, 4 cash coupons valued at HK\$500 each, totaling HK\$2,000, for making purchase at the exhibition venue will be offered to all those members who renew their HKDA membership and register for HKIDEAS 2015 under the category of “Dentist” with payment before **15 April 2015**.

Please mark your diary for this not-to-be-missed congress. **Please also be reminded that the early bird rate of HK\$2,000 will be valid up till 15 May 2015 (the standard and on-site registration fees are HK\$2,500 and HK\$3,000 respectively). To enjoy the dual benefits of HK\$2,000 coupons as well as the early bird registration rate, you are highly recommended to act with payment before 15 April 2015** as we announced in our circular dated 20 March 2014. For further details about the HKIDEAS 2015, please visit the congress website: www.hkideas.org

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

With the Community Care Dentists/Dental Clinics and NGOs’ support and participation in the Programme since its rolling out in end-September 2012, 1,203 elders out of 1,400 applicants who have been referred to receive dental services under the Programme have had their dental treatment completed and amongst whom 1,025 beneficiaries have received denture services.

In December 2014, the Commission on Poverty agreed to progressively expand the target beneficiaries of the Programme to Old Age Living Allowance recipients, firstly to those who are aged 80 or above (involving some 130 000 elderly persons) and subsequently to elders under other age groups, depending on the implementation progress of the Programme and the overall situation. The expanded Programme is preliminarily set to be a three-year one to subsidise the needy elders for dentures and other related dental services. The scope and level of subsidy of the expanded Programme will be similar to that under the existing Programme. In preparing for accepting applications in the second half of 2015, preparatory work by our Association as the Implementing Agency is in full swing. The Chief Executive has also announced the expansion of the Programme in the 2015 Policy Address.

In view of the 130 000 elders in addition to the current target beneficiaries of the home-based services users, we are inviting NGOs and their elderly centres which are distributed throughout 18 districts to participate in the expanded Programme to assist in screening and referring eligible elders. Further to the meeting sessions with NGOs in June and October 2014 as reported previously, we have organised another briefing session in end-February 2015 with more than 100 representatives from 52 NGOs attended. Helpful opinions and positive response have been received from the NGOs.

Support from our dental colleagues is equally important. Your proactive participation by becoming a caring dentist under the Programme is crucial in making the Programme a success. Based on some preliminary statistical data analysis, we observe the comparatively shortfall in service supply under the programme in certain districts such as Southern District, Wong Tai Sin, Kwai Tsing,

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Sha Tin and North District. Subject to the enrolment status, we may consider carrying out more focusing promulgation work. To share more updates on the current and expanded Programme with dentists and to enhance their knowledge about the correlation between medical conditions and oral health, we are organising a lecture cum briefing on the existing and expanded Programme on 19 April 2015. We are honoured to have invited Dr. Donald Li, SBS, JP, the President of the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine, to deliver a lecture on "Medical Conditions and Oral Health" on the same occasion. The workflow and guidelines of the expanded Programme as well as the invitation to the briefing and lecture were issued to dentists.

In line with the expansion of the Programme, the Programme Office under our Association will be expanding for the efficient preparation for the expanded Programme and its smooth implementation.

Expansion of the Programme is not possible without dentists' support and participation, may I eagerly and sincerely urge you to join us as the Community Care Dentist to help those in need but cannot afford dentures in the community. Please contact our Office for the Community Care Fund Elderly Dental Assistance Programme at 2525 8198 for more information and enrolment.

香港國際牙科博覽暨研討會 (2015年8月7-9日) – 會員專享優惠

今年的會議以「塑造未來」為主題。學術委員會特別就該主題為全科及專科牙科醫生精心策劃了一系列涵蓋全面的優質學術活動，並邀請世界知名的專家主講。為回饋會員一直以來的支持，所有會員如於4月15日前更新其學會會籍，並以「牙醫」組別註冊參與香港國際牙科博覽暨研討會，便可獲贈4張每張價值500元的現金券(總值港幣2,000元)，以便在展覽會場內購物。

各位會員，請預留時間參與這個不可多得的盛大會議。同時，請大家留意提前註冊的截止日期為2015年5月15日(即在此日期前的註冊費用為港幣2,000元，標準註冊和即場註冊費用分別為港幣2,500元和3,000元)。我們已於3月20日發出會員通告，宣布會員欲同時享有2,000元現金券及提前報名的雙重會員專享優惠，只需於2015年4月15日前續會並繳費參與會議便可。有關會議的詳情及最新資訊，請瀏覽會議網頁：www.hkideas.org

關愛基金「長者牙科服務資助」項目最新情況

項目自2012年9月下旬推行以來，獲得參與項目的非政府機構、關愛牙醫/牙科診所的支持。在1,400名申請者中，超過1,203名合資格長者已獲轉介至參與項目的關愛牙醫/牙醫診所接受項目所提供的牙科服務並完成有關牙科治療，其中有超過1,025名長者已完成鑲活動假牙的治療。

在2014年12月，扶貧委員會通過以循序漸進的方式，將項目的受惠對象擴展至領取長者生活津貼的人士。首階段先涵蓋80歲或以上的人士(此年齡組別長者的人數已超過13萬名)，視乎項目的推行進度和整體情況，會逐步惠及其他年齡組別的長者。現初步以三年作為項目擴展的推行時期，服務範疇和資助金額與現行的項目相若。為配合2015年下旬開始接受申請的時間表，學會作為項目的推行機構，其籌備工作正進行得如火如荼。或許各位已留意到行政長官已在2015年的施政報告內宣布有關項目的擴展計劃。

項目在擴展後，將繼續維持為接受家居照顧服務的長者提供服務。鑑於受惠群組的大幅擴張，我們正邀請廣泛地分佈於18區的非政府機構及其長者中心一同參與項目，協助甄別及轉介合資格長者。繼2014年6月及10月學會與非政府機構代表舉行諮詢會後，我們再度於2015年2月尾舉行了一場簡介會，與來自52間非政府機構共100名代表作會面，席間我們得到很多寶貴的意見和積極的回應。

項目得以順利推行，牙醫業界的支持同樣是不可或缺的。你們的積極參與，成為關愛牙醫，對項目的成功推行尤其重要。根據初步的數據資料顯示，我們察覺到某些區域如南區、黃大仙、葵青、沙田和北區的項目服務供應量，相對地較其他地區短缺。我們會就牙醫的參與情況，考慮作更多重點式的宣傳工作。此外，我們將會在2015年4月19日舉行一個簡介會和講座，與牙醫業界分享更多有關現行和擴展項目的最新情況，並藉著該場合讓業界更透徹地掌握疾病與口腔健康的相互關係。學會很榮幸地邀請了香港醫學專科學院主席李國棟醫生SBS太平紳士擔任講座的嘉賓，主講題目為「疾病與口腔健康」。有關擴展項目的流程和指引，以及簡介會和講座的邀請函和講座資料已於較早前發給各同業。

為配合項目擴展的籌備工作和確保日後的順暢運作，項目辦公室亦因應需要適度地擴張。

項目能成功擴展，實在有賴牙醫業界的支持和參與。我們誠邀更多同業加入關愛牙醫的服務行列，幫助那些有需要而又未能負擔活動假牙費用的長者。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，索取更多資料和報名參加。