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President's Report 2016

Dear Members,

2016 is another busy but fruitful year for The Pharmaceutical Society of Hong Kong (PSHK). I would like to thank all my Council Members as they are committed and wholeheartedly to contribute to PSHK. The major objectives of PSHK are “to promote the character, status and efficiency of the pharmacy profession in Hong Kong; to enhance the reputation of the pharmaceutical profession and its contribution to the public health and welfare; to represent the views of the pharmaceutical profession in all matters affecting the interest of the members of the Society; to assist in the promotion or opposition of legislations affecting the pharmaceutical profession”. In order to achieve these objectives, we have been working hard to participate and organize different functions and activities. The main functions and activities conducted in 2016 are described below:

1. Communication with the Government

The Pharmacy and Poisons (Amendment) Ordinance 2015 was commenced on 6 Feb 2015. PSHK will continue to communicate with the government on the legislation and regulation related to the pharmacy profession. Our 3 Pharmacy and Poisons Board members will continue to report to our members the updates from the Pharmacy and Poisons Board. You can refer to our newly published newsletter for more information.

PSHK is actively communicating with the government on Public Private Partnership (PPP) programme in community pharmacy. Patients can collect their medications conveniently at their nearby community pharmacy and receive medication counselling from community pharmacist. This can improve drug compliance and reduce drug wastage. We would like to hear more feedback from

our members and we plan to organize some forum to meet more community pharmacists.

2. Communication with other organizations in Hong Kong

PSHK maintains a good relationship with other organizations in Hong Kong. We believe collaboration is a better approach to move forward our profession. We attended the events as below in 2016:

- CUHK Pharmacy Society Inauguration Ceremony on 27 Jan 2016
- HKAPI Annual Dinner on 18 Jan 2016
- HKU Faculty of Medicine Spring Reception on 26 Feb 2016
- HKPMA Annual Dinner on 4 Mar 2016
- HKU Pharmacy Society Inauguration Ceremony on 18 Mar 2016
- HK General Chamber of Pharmacy Annual Dinner on 22 Mar 2016
- College of Pharmacy Practice AGM on 23 Jun 2016
- HKU White Coat Ceremony on 31 Aug 2016
- CUHK Faculty of Medicine 35th anniversary, School of Pharmacy 25th anniversary dinner on 25 Sep 2016
- HK Health Services Sector National Day Celebration Dinner on 30 Sep 2016
- CUHK White Coat Ceremony on 7 Nov 2016

3. Communication with overseas organizations

PSHK organized two overseas visits on 2016. On 6-8 May, we organized an overseas visit to Beijing. A group of 8 pharmacists and 6 pharmacy students visited 中日友好醫院 and 中醫藥博物館. We then attended the Forbidden City Forum 2016 and a few of our pharmacists being invited as speaker of the forum. On 8-13 Nov, we organized another overseas visit to Bangkok. We visited a manufacturing company at Bangkok – R.X. Manufacturing Co. Ltd. and then we attended the Federation of Asian Pharmaceutical Association (FAPA) Congress 2016.

On June, we attended the FAPA Community Pharmacy Workshop in Fukuoka, Japan. On Nov, 湖南省執業藥師協會 visited Hong Kong and met with PSHK for sharing.

Mary Cheng (Vice President) and Philip Chiu (President) were interviewed by Korean Pharmaceutical Association (KPA) on the topic “Now and Future of Pharmacy in Hong Kong” and the article was published at KPA News on Apr.

4. Communication with the public

PSHK continues to reach out to the community and provide education talk and drug counselling to the general public. PSHK attended the following event:

- Christian Family Service Centre on 23 Apr 2016
- Andy Chui, District Council Member of Chai Wan health talk on 23 Oct 2016

We will continue to organize education talk and drug counselling to contribute to the public health. We encourage our members to participate these events in the future.

5. Communication with members

Forensic Lectures

PSHK organized a series of forensic lectures in April to May 2016 to help pharmacist to prepare for the pharmacy legislation exam for pharmacist registration. I would like to thank Ms Linda WOO, Assistant Director (Drug) and pharmacists from Drug Office, Mr TK LAU, Ms Iris LEE, Mr Ken YUEN, Ms Brenda LAM, Mr Raphael YEUNG, Ms Pan Pan CHAN, Mr Eric YAU, Mr Maxwell WONG and Mr Danny KONG for their continuous support for the forensic lecture.

Community Pharmacy Training Programme

PSHK launch the Community Pharmacy Training Programme starting in Oct 2016. The programme is designed gearing towards improving medication management knowledge and skills for community pharmacist. A survey was conducted in early 2016 to identify the knowledge gaps in pharmaceutical care and delivery. The programme will be providing training on healthcare topics with the purpose of closing the gaps. The topics covered were found to either have a general knowledge deficit or that are utilized on a daily basis and of utmost importance in improving public health.

Young Pharmacist and Student Chapter

There are more pharmacy students and young pharmacists joining our profession. We would like to strengthen the connection between the pharmacy students and the pharmacy profession. Under the “Young Pharmacist and Student Chapter”, we organized the first “Pharmacy Youth Education Scheme (PHAR-YES)” which target secondary school students to understand more about the role of pharmacist

and related drug knowledge. There was a summer camp on 2-3 July and their feedback is positive.

PSHK launch a mentorship programme for third year going to fourth year pharmacy students from CUHK and HKU. The objective of the programme is to serve as a platform for pharmacy students to have direct dialogue with practising pharmacists in order to bridge the gap between academic training and future professional practice. We encourage more pharmacists can join the programme as mentor.

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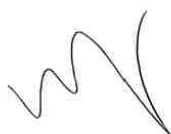
We have subscribed the Medicines Complete as an electronic resource library for members, 19 publications are now available on line to members who have paid their membership fees and applied for the subscription of Medicines Complete.

Association of Hong Kong Nursing Staff (香港護士協會) Welfare for PSHK members

PSHK members can simply present PSHK membership card and can enjoy most of the benefit from Association of Hong Kong Nursing Staff.

Finally, I am happy to let you know PSHK has successfully won the bid and confirmed Hong Kong will host FAPA Congress 2020. This is the first time for Hong Kong to host such a big event for pharmacists from different Asian countries.

Once again, I would like to thank all our General Council Members. I wish all of you a happy and healthy 2017. I am looking forward for the continuous support from all of you to work together for the patient, the profession and the society.



Philip CHIU
President
The Pharmaceutical Society of Hong Kong