

## COVID-19 IMPACT TO HKSPD: CHALLENGES AND RELATED ARRANGEMENTS

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## MEMORIAL TRIBUTE TO PROFESSOR STEPHEN WEI



Hong Kong has experienced daunting challenges in the past nine months posed by the social unrest and the global pandemic of COVID-19. The latter outbreak has caused an unprecedented human and health crisis globally and in view of the extremely high risk of aerosol production during dental procedures, many of our dental practices are now facing different challenges and a prolonged period of interruption which we have not been prepared for.

A multitude of dental and social events around the globe have been postponed or cancelled. In light of the situation, PDAA announced the cancellation of its 12<sup>th</sup> Biennial Conference originally scheduled to be held in Seoul this year and the biennial meetings will now be rescheduled as follows:

- Seoul Meeting: 2022
- Thailand Meeting: 2024
- Taiwan Meeting: 2026

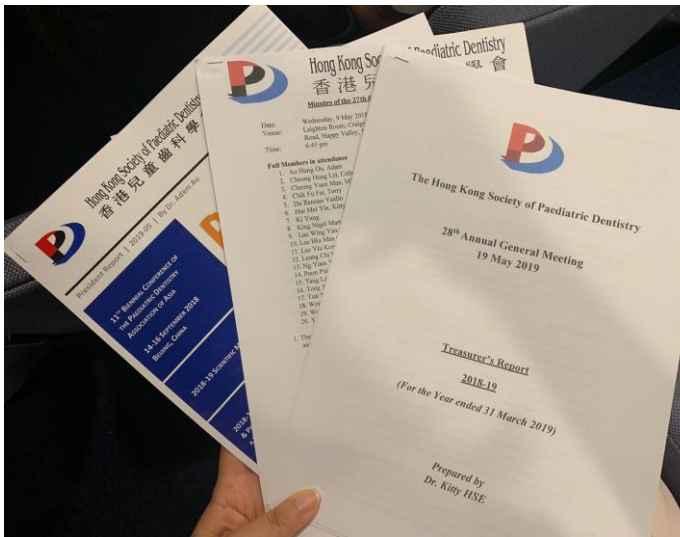
It is important for us to make decisions in the best interest of our fellow members and colleagues, thus all the planned HKSPD scientific meetings have had to be shelved entirely owing to the requirement of social distancing. We continue to monitor the situation and it remains to be seen whether any of our events can take place later in the year but the safety and security of all of fellow members is always our primary concern.

During this unsettling time, I am convinced that by working and supporting our fellow members, our colleagues and our community, we can get through this difficult period together. Let's stay strong and healthy!

## 2018-2020 Executive Committee Members:

President:	Dr. Adam Au
Vice President:	Dr. Gillian Lee
Hon. Secretary:	Dr. Irene Lau
Hon. Treasurer:	Dr. Kitty Hse
Immediate Past President:	Dr. Kitty Hse
Council Members: (2019-2020)	Dr. Ki Yung Dr. Patricia Yeung

## THE 28<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC AND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS



A big thank you to everyone who attended The 28<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting held on 9 May 2019. Our agenda was extensive, yet efficiently delivered including the report on PDAA 2018, scientific meetings held throughout 2018-19, outreach service to Mother's Choice, presentation of the Treasurer Report, election of Council Members as well as the reappointment of Honorary Auditor and Legal Advisor.



The 2019 Annual Scientific Meeting was held on the same day of the AGM with presentations delivered by Dr. Daniel Ng from Hong Kong and Dr. Audrey Yoon from the US. We had a wonderful turnout with overwhelming responses to the workshops contents with regards to the management of sleep disordered breathing children.



We were grateful to receive numerous sponsorships to our meetings including Colgate-Palmolive, Modern Dental Laboratory, Denco, Nobel Biocare, 3M Oral Care, Unique Medic as well as Kennis Limited.

Save the date for The 29<sup>th</sup> AGM on 17 June 2020.

## 2019-20 SCIENTIFIC MEETINGS

We have had 3 outstanding speakers for our scientific meetings held between September 2019 and mid-January 2020 prior to the outbreak of COVID-19. Here are the recaps:

### 91<sup>st</sup> Scientific Meeting (24 September 2019)

#### **"Orthodontics for Young Patients: Benefits to Practice through Communication and Management"**

by **Dr. Ronny Lie**

Orthodontic treatment for young patients has always been a challenge. The difficult nature of problem may be compounded by compliance issues, poor acceptance of treatment by young children, and challenging orthodontic biomechanics. **Dr. Lie** covered in his presentation how clinicians may overcome some of these challenges in the treatment of common orthodontic problems in young patients.



### 92<sup>nd</sup> Scientific Meeting (17 January 2020)

#### **"Let's work together to remove Cavities from Kindergarten Children"**

by **Professor Chu Chun Hung**

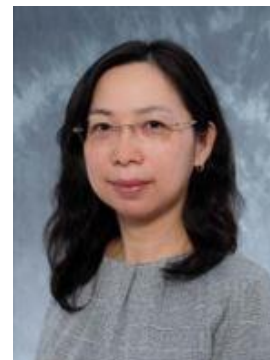


Tooth decay in preschool children, or early childhood caries (ECC) is one of the most prevalent diseases in children which causes pain and infection. Advanced caries will progress into the tooth pulp to eventually form a dental abscess. Compromised dentition significantly affects the children's nutrition and consequently their growth, development, and general health. **Prof. Chu** introduced us the community project on kindergarten outreach dental services to preschool children.

### 93<sup>rd</sup> Scientific Meeting (5 December 2019)

#### **"Private Healthcare Facilities Bill and Its Impact on Paediatric Dentistry" by **Dr. Sharon Lee****

New regime on Private Healthcare Facilities Ordinance set to regulate all private healthcare facilities complying a set of regulatory standards and promulgated in the form of codes of practice. **Dr. Lee** detailed in her lecture with an outline on key licensing requirements and highlighted the important considerations with a focus on areas where paediatric dentists are particular interest, including the sedation and monitored anaesthesia care in relation to the Scheduled Medical Procedures under the PHFO.



## REGULATORY UPDATES



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Department of Health

**Office for Regulation of Private Healthcare Facilities**

The Private Healthcare Facilities Ordinance (“PHFO”) (Cap. 633) (the Ordinance), which was gazetted on 30 November 2018, introduced a new regulatory regime for private healthcare facilities (PHFs) in Hong Kong aims to regulate PHF namely, hospitals, day procedure centre, clinics and health services establishments under the purview of the DH. All PHF operators will have to apply for licences or letters of exemption, where applicable.

According to the PHFO, different types of PHF will be subjected to a set of regulatory standards, promulgated in the form of codes of practice. To ensure there is ample time for PHF operators to understand and comply with the new regime, the Government will implement the PHFO by phases based on the risk levels. In order to obtain a licence, PHF operators have to comply with the respective code of practice which covers the governance, staffing, facilities and equipment, service delivery, quality and safety of care, infection control, and other matters related to the operation of the facilities.

**Anti-Epidemic Fund Measures**

- ❖ Registration/enrolment fees for qualified healthcare professionals will be waived for three years starting from July 2020 as a token to recognize the contribution of healthcare professionals in the fight against the epidemic.
- ❖ An Employment Support Scheme has been set up to provide wage subsidies to eligible employers equal to 50% of the monthly salary of their employees for 6 months, capped at HKD9,000 per employee per month. The employers have to undertake not to implement redundancy and those employers have been making MPF contributions for employees are eligible.

Based on the market intelligence, major private hospitals, healthcare groups and numbers of private clinics have applied for this scheme.



PRESIDENTIAL ACTIVITIES

On behalf of HKSPD, I have participated a number of social activities in 2019-2020 as follows:

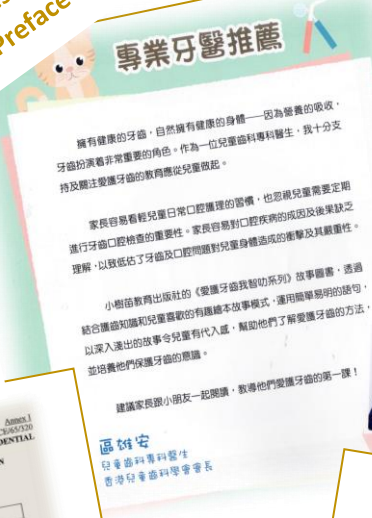
2019 CDSHK Conferment



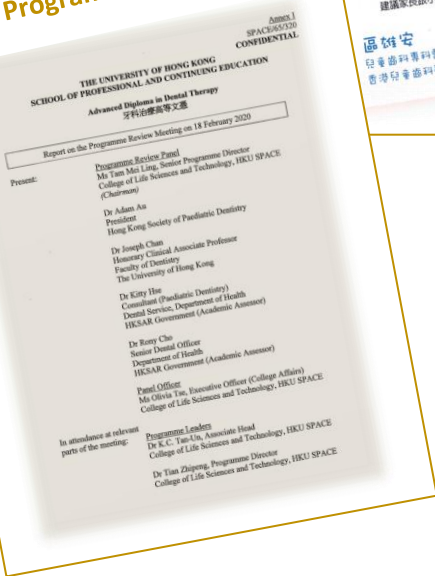
RTHK Live TV Programme



Colgate & Sesame Booklets Preface



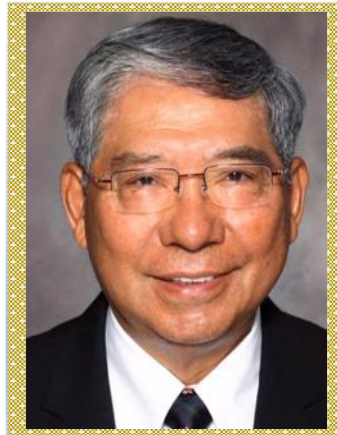
HKU SPACE Adv Dip Programme Review



TVB Think Big Series



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**A Tribute to Professor Stephen H.Y. Wei**

We are deeply saddened to mourn the loss of Professor Stephen Wei on 27 January 2020. It is difficult to summarize in a few lines of Professor Wei's academic and scientific achievements as well as all the initiatives he supported towards the international dental health industry.

Professor Wei had been a beacon for the Hong Kong dental community, he was previously served as:

- Former Chair Professor and Head of the Department of Children's Dentistry and Orthodontics at the University of Hong Kong
- Former Dean, Faculty of Dentistry and Director of the Prince Philip Dental Hospital
- Inaugural President of the College of Dental Surgeons and Hong Kong Academy of Medicine
- First Chairman of the Board of Examiners of the Hong Kong Dental Council Statutory Examination for Licensure of overseas dentists
- Editor-in-Chief of the Hong Kong Dental Journal
- Founding President of the Hong Kong Society of Paediatric Dentistry

Professor Wei has also lectured extensively all over the world and has published over 60 chapters in books and monographs as well as more than 200 research and clinical papers.

He was a highly regarded teacher and mentor to many of us, it is with sadness to bid farewell to Professor Wei while thanking him for all his magnificent contributions to international paediatric dentistry.



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