

## HONG KONG MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

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With the continuous efforts of our colleagues, the Association's membership has grown steadily over the past year. The tie between colleagues at community level and the Council has been strengthened through various activities and programmes. In order to better prepare community colleagues for public-private partnership with district hospitals, we conducted many continuous medical education (CME) functions and implemented the Diabetic Share-Care Programme as a partnership plan bridging between our community networks and the Hospital Authority. We witnessed the first Public Education Day of the Beat Drugs Campaign as the first stop of activities of similar sorts in various districts.

With the unflinching support from our members, we continued to speak for the profession and safeguard the health and welfare of the public. We met the highest medical authorities from the government and brought out the issue of unfair treatment to member doctors who had limited registration. We met another medical professional body and learnt about the favouritism of the current Closer Economic Partnership Arrangement (CEPA) granted only to doctors on the specialist registry, but neglected the general practitioners. This became the hurdle for those who wished to go back to our motherland to contribute to the healthcare system there. Due to increasing demand in medical experts for advanced clinical negligence litigations over the past 10 years, we organized a training course with Medical Protection Society to train up professional experts. A full house response was observed.

We witnessed the Human Swine Influenza and fortunately the threat from the pandemic did not actualize. The 12th Beijing/Hong Kong Medical Exchange was held on 16–17 October 2010. In view of the threats to the growth of children from milk contaminated with melamine

inducing renal stones in kids, the Association and the Chinese Medical Association decided to have “Children, development, environment” as the main theme. There were over 160 participants with 19 speakers from Hong Kong, Beijing and Sichuan. We also celebrated the HKMA 90th Anniversary with the Charitable Concert marking the beginning, and the Annual Ball at New Year's Eve constituting a perfect ending.

Internationally, we participated in the 46th CMAAO Council Meeting held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia in September 2010, and attended the 61st WMA General Assembly held in Vancouver, Canada in October 2010.

Recently, HKMA fought even more forcefully for the benefit of its members as well as the public by negotiating successfully with the Fire Services Department for the conveyance of emergency patients to a particular hospital, pressing on the Hospital Authority on the issue of exodus of medical manpower from the public hospitals, expressing our viewpoints to the Hong Kong Private Hospital Association on the issue of increasing demands on obstetric beds and Paediatric Neonatal ICU facilities from the influx of Mainland pregnant women, standing in line with the Frontline Doctors Union on the issues of import of overseas graduates under limited registration and reasonable working hours inside the public hospitals, and suggesting our Government to increase the Health Care Voucher subsidy so as to show respect to our elderly population.

We were also busily concerned and expressed our views on the Policy Address 2010–2011. We invited the Secretary for Food and Health to discuss the issue of the Voluntary Health Protection Scheme proposed for the population and held a press conference which stirred up a heated debate within the community.

Tobacco is a major killer in the world. The

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HKMA Council resolved to unreservedly support the proposed Tobacco Duty Increase in 2011. An appeal was sent on 10 June 2011 to all members of the Legislative Council to support the proposed tax increase on cigarettes and other tobacco products. We solicited their sacred votes so that we could strive together for a smoke-free community. We were delighted that the proposed

tax increase was finally passed by the Legislative Council on 15 June 2011.

Although the road ahead is not easy, under the concerted efforts of all, the HKMA will continue to serve and support our profession in the various hot topics of our health care systems from 2011 onwards!

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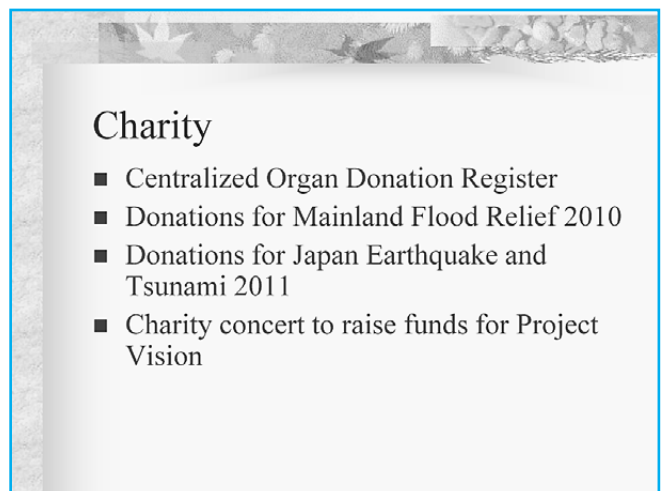
For Year 2010-2011

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### Public Health & Social Issues

- Beat Drugs
- The LINK
- Drug-driving
- Voluntary Health Protection Scheme
- Vaccination



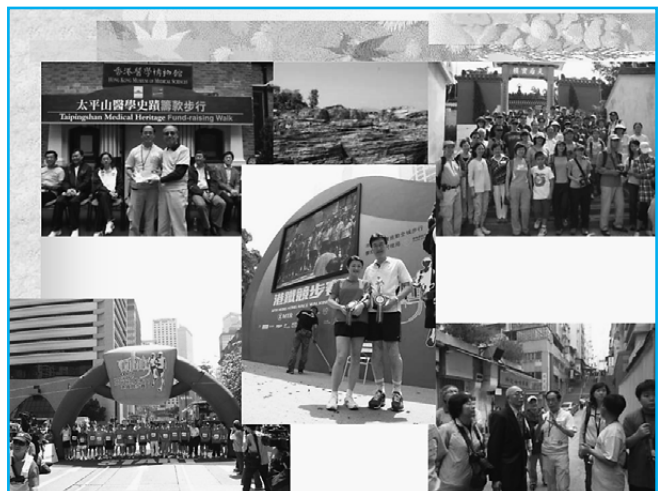






## Member Welfare & Activities

- HKMA Choir
- HKMA Orchestra
- Annual Social Function
- Photographic Society
- Youth Committee
- Sports
  1. Joint Professional Tournaments
  2. Ball games
  3. Family Sports Day
  4. Swimming Gala
  5. Family hiking





## General

- Council Meetings
- 46<sup>th</sup> CMAAO Council Meeting held Kuala Lumpur in September 2010
- 61<sup>st</sup> World Medical Assembly held in Vancouver, Canada in October 2010
- 12 monthly HKMA News
- 12 monthly CME Bulletins
- bimonthly Hong Kong Medical Journal

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