The theme of this year’s World Kidney Day is “PROTECT YOUR KIDNEYS, CONTROL DIABETES”, highlighting the important relationship between DM and Chronic Kidney Disease. The Fifth World Kidney Day @ Hong Kong (第五屆世界腎臟日在香港), jointly organized by the Hong Kong Kidney Foundation, the Hospital Authority & our Society, was held at the Olympic Square, Hong Kong Park on March 14, 2010 (Sunday).

The officiating guests: (Left to right) Dr. SL Lui, Prof. P Li, Dr. WL Cheung, Prof. KN Lai, Prof. G Leung, Mr. A Wu, Dr. SF Lui, Dr. V. Yeung & Prof. TM Chan

The opening ceremony
Prof. Gabriel Leung (梁卓偉教授), Under-Secretary for Food and Health of the HKSAR was the guest of honor. Special guests included Mr. Anthony Wu (胡定旭先生), Prof. T. M. Chan (陳德茂教授), Prof. Philip Li (李錦滔教授), and Prof. KN Lai (黎嘉能教授). Highlights of the event included a street drama: 「72租客之控糖保腎劇場」 - played by Drs. Matthew Tong, Andrew Wong, KF Chau, TH Kwan & Samuel Fung; 公佈「認識糖尿」問卷調查 and singing performance by local artists 羅力威先生 & 朱紫儀小姐. Over 1000 renal patients, including family members & friends, medical and nursing staff from Renal Units all over Hong Kong participated in the event. After the opening ceremony, many participants enjoyed a leisure walk around the Hong Kong Park.
Media interviews after the opening ceremony
WKD @ Hong Kong: Public Education Activities

To increase public awareness of the important message of the World Kidney Day, a full page World Kidney Day@HK 特刊 was placed in six popular local Newspapers (蘋果，東方，太陽，明報，星島，都市日報) on March 31, 2010. The estimated number of readers of these 6 newspapers is well over two millions.

In addition, Council members from our Society & the Hong Kong Kidney Foundation have appeared in a variety of electronic media programs to promulgate the message of the WKD. These programs included 杏林在線 in NOW TV, 精靈一點 in RTHK1 and 健康資訊天地 in RTHK2. Last but not least, a public talk on DM and DM nephropathy was held in HAHO on March 7, 2010. The speakers were Dr. Chun-Hoi Chung (endocrinologist) and Dr. Fu-Keung Li. The talk was well received by the public.
HKU conferred Hon. Doctor of Social Sciences to Prof. Richard Yu

The University of Hong Kong has conferred upon Professor Richard Yu the degree of Doctor of Social Sciences honoris causa at the 182nd Congregation held at Loke Yew Hall on March 11, 2010, in recognition of his contributions to medicine and the community. The University of Hong Kong's honorary degree is the highest accolade it can bestow on an individual. Prof. Richard is one of the seven founding members and a long-term benefactor of our Society. Among other things, he has helped to establish the Richard Yu Endowment Fund Award and the Chan Woon Cheung Memorial Fund Award. Our warmest congratulations to Prof. Yu!

Prof. KN Lai to receive the APSN Kincaid-Smith Award in Seoul

The Asian Pacific Society of Nephrology has named Prof. KN Lai the recipient of the Priscilla Kincaid-Smith Award 2010. The Priscilla Kincaid-Smith Award, established in 2005, is awarded to a colleague in the Asian Pacific region who has made major scientific contributions to nephrology. The Award Presentation Ceremony will be held on June 6, 2010 during the 12th Asian Pacific Congress of Nephrology in Seoul. Prof. Lai is a senior member of our Society and has served in the Council from 1984-1991. Prof. Lai is currently the Yu Chiu Kwong Professor in Medicine at the University of Hong Kong and the President of the Hong Kong College of Physicians.

2010兩岸四地腎臟病高層論壇

The 2010 Quadrangular Chinese Nephrology Forum (兩岸四地腎臟病高層論壇), organized by the Shanghai Society of Nephrology, was held in Shanghai from April 9-10, 2010. Leading nephrologists and researchers from Shanghai, Beijing, Guangzhou, Taiwan, Hong Kong and Macau participated in this 2 day forum. The Forum aimed at fostering a closer relationship among nephrologists from across the Strait. The delegates from Hong Kong included Prof. KN Lai, Prof. Philip Li, Dr. Sydney, Dr. SL Lui Prof. HY Lan and Dr. CK Chung.

The Hong Kong delegates with Prof. SY Lin (4th from the left) and Prof. N Chen (3rd from the right) after the Opening Ceremony
LKEC Health Exhibition & Seminar

The Lion Kidney Education and Research Centre's annual health exhibition & seminar on Diabetes & your kidneys was held at YMCA from April 17-18, 2010. Our Society has been supporting this function for many years. Our Chairman, Dr. SL Lui, has attended the opening ceremony of the Health Exhibition on April 17. Dr. Matthew KH Tong (associate consultant at TMH) & Dr. Stanley Lo (associate consultant at PYNEH) have represented our Society to deliver 2 public talks on DM & DM nephropathy in YMCA on April 18.

Scientific Symposia

Three Scientific Symposia have been organized by our Society over the past few months:

◆ Updates on Management of DM & DM Nephropathy by Dr. June KY Li (YCH) & Dr. Sydney Tang (HKU) in Langham Hotel on March 11, 2010.

◆ Biomarkers in Acute Kidney Injury & Acute Cardiac Care by Prof. Prasad Devarajian (USA), Dr. Alan Maisel and Dr. Richard Chapman on March 23, 2010.

◆ Long-term outcomes in Kidney Transplantation by Prof. Bjorn Nashan (Germany) & Prof. Hallvard Holdaas (Norway) in QEH on April 8, 2010.
Certificate Course in Renal Medicine 2010

Last year, we have successfully organized, in collaboration with the Federation of Medical Societies of Hong Kong, a Certificate Course on Renal Medicine. We have decided to organize the Course again this year. The target audiences are medical and healthcare professionals. The Course will commence in September, 2010.

Dr. KS Choi is the chief organizer of the course. The speakers include Dr. YL Cheng (AHNH), Dr. PN Wong (KWH), Dr. KH Chu (PMH), Dr. HL Tang (PMH), Dr. KM Chow (PWH), Dr. Bonnie Kwan (PWH), Dr. CC Chow (PYNEH), Dr. YH Chan (QEH), Dr. MF Lam (QMH), Dr. KC Tse (SPH), Dr. KT Leung (TMH), Dr. SF Cheung (YCH).

Richard Yu Endowment Fund Award 2010

The recipient of this year’s Richard Yu Endowment Fund Award is Prof. John Feehally. Prof. Feehally is currently Consultant Nephrologist & Professor of Renal Medicine at the University of Leicester, United Kingdom. He is also the President Elect of the International Society of Nephrology. Prof. Feehally will come to Hong Kong to deliver the Richard Yu Endowment Fund Award Lecture during our Annual Scientific Meeting in October.

Chan Woon Cheung Memorial Fund Award 2010

The recipient of this year’s Chan Woon Cheung Memorial Fund Award is Prof. Hui-Yao Lan. Prof. Lan is the Professor of Biomedical Sciences & Director of the Laboratory of Inflammatory Diseases at the Department of Medicine & Therapeutics and Li Ka Shing Institute of Health Sciences, the Chinese University of Hong Kong. Prof. Lan will deliver the Chan Woon Cheung Memorial Fund Award Lecture during our Annual Scientific Meeting in October.

Gateball Competition 2010

The Gateball Competition will be held in the Kowloon Park Indoor Sports-ground (九龍公園室內運動場) on June 13, 2010 (Sunday) from 1:00pm to 5:30pm.

All major Renal units in Hong Kong will participate in the Competition. As in previous year, the Renal Patients’ Gateball Team from Macau and the Transplant Patients’ Sports Association’s Gateball Team will also join the game.

Do come & support the event.
**Annual Scientific Meeting**

This year’s Annual Scientific Meeting will be held in the Grand Ballroom of the Kowloon Shangri-la Hotel (Tsim Sha Tsui East) on **October 24, 2010 (Sunday)**. We have invited **Prof. John Feehally**, President-elect of the International Society of Nephrology, as the key-note speaker of our Annual Meeting. Please mark your diary.

**HKSN Research Grant**

HKSN Research Grant for 2010 is now opened for application. This year the Grant will be awarded under three categories, namely: Clinical research, Basic science research and Nursing research. For all clinical or basic science research projects by any full or associate members, the normal maximum award is HK$40,000 but may be up to $60,000 according to the discretion of the Council. Nursing research projects can only be applied by nursing colleagues, and the maximum award is HK$ 20,000. The administrative fee for individual institution could not be reimbursed. Equipment needed for the proposed project should be essential and basic model. There will be 6 awards for the year 2010. Among which, at least **two** will be designated to clinical research, **one** to basic science research, and **one** to nursing research. Application must be submitted before **May 31, 2010** by post or e-mail to **Dr. Y.L. Cheng**, Department of Medicine, Alice Ho Miu Ling Nethersole Hospital, Information on the application procedure has been posted on the society website: [www.hksn.org](http://www.hksn.org).

**HKSN Research Grant – Young Investigator Award**

The **HKSN YOUNG INVESTIGATOR AWARD**, established in 2009, aims at encouraging young members to engage in clinical or basic research. Full members who are 35 years old or below as on **May 31, 2010**, and has not received any research grant from any institution/Fund before can apply for this award. Please refer to our website for details.

**Inter-hospital Renal Meeting**

Inter-hospital Renal Meeting with CME accreditation is regularly held in Lecture Theatre, G/F, Block M, Queen Elizabeth Hospital. Archives of Inter-hospital Renal Meeting are posted up in HKSN web site including content of each meeting highlighted in a few key words. Presentation file will be posted up soon. Members of HKSN will be informed of the schedule by email before every meeting. Please update your email record and inform office@hksn.org when there is change in email address for future correspondence. The time-table of this year’s Inter-hospital Renal Meetings is posted in our Society’s website.

**Hong Kong Journal of Nephrology**

Our Journal is indexed in EMBASE. Archives of all the articles in our Journal can be searched in our official journal website: [http://www.hkjn-online.com/](http://www.hkjn-online.com/) Alternatively, you may access our journal website through the HKSN website.
**Upcoming Events / Important Dates at a Glance**

**Renal Patients’ Gateball Competition**
Date: June 13, 2010 (Sun)
Time: 1:00pm to 6:00pm
Venue: 九龍公園室內運動場

**Scientific Symposium: Advancing Anemia Management: Targeting Stability & Simplifying Care**
Date: June 21, 2010 (Mon)
Time: 6:30pm to 8:00pm
Venue: M Block Lecture Theatre, QEH

**Scientific Symposium: Updates on mTOR inhibitor use in kidney transplant patients**
Date: June 28, 2010 (Mon)
Time: 7:00pm to 8:30pm
Venue: Intercontinental Hong Kong Hotel

**Annual Scientific Meeting**
Date: October 24, 2010 (Sun)
Time: 9:00am to 4:30pm
Venue: Kowloon Shangri-la Hotel

**12th HK Diabetes and Cardiovascular Risk Factors - East Meets West Symposium**
Date: October 1-2, 2010
Venue: Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre.
Website: [www.eastmeetswest.org.hk](http://www.eastmeetswest.org.hk)

*Our Society is one of the supporting organizations of this Symposium*

**Sponsorship application to attend local / overseas meetings**
Applications for sponsorship to attend local or overseas conferences should be sent to Dr. Sydney C.W. Tang (*Membership Affairs: Sponsorship and scholarship*) C/o Department of Medicine, Queen Mary Hospital, Pokfulam, Hong Kong at least 4 weeks before the commencement date of the conference. You can FAX the application to Dr. Tang at 2872-5828 or e-MAIL sponsorship@hksn.org. Application for reimbursement for expenses should be sent to Dr. Tang within 3 months after the meeting. Late applications *will not* be entertained. A list of forthcoming nephrology meetings can be found in our Society’s web site as well as in the Hong Kong Journal of Nephrology.

**Membership application and Change of Address**
New membership application and notification of change of address (including email address) or personal particulars should be sent to Dr. Samuel K.S. Fung (*Membership Affairs: Registration*). C/o Department of Medicine & Geriatrics, Medical Officer Room, P3 Ward, Hong Kong Jockey Club Nephrology Centre, Block P, Princess Margaret Hospital, Kowloon.

In order to promote *electronic communication*, all members are encouraged to register or update their e-mail addresses with the Society. [New membership application & Change of Address or Personal Details](http://www.hksn.org/member.htm) forms can be downloaded from our Society’s website. For further enquiry concerning your membership status, please contact Ms. Rebecca Wong (Dr. Fung’s Secretary) at 29902035 / 27410752 (e-mail: membership@hksn.org).

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