World Kidney Day @ Hong Kong 2009

The World Kidney Day is a joint initiative of the International Society of Nephrology (ISN) and the International Federation of Kidney Foundations (IFKF). It was first launched in 2006. The purpose of the World Kidney Day is to raise public awareness about the importance of our kidneys and to spread the message that kidney disease is common, harmful and treatable. The theme of this year’s World Kidney Day is “KEEP THE PRESSURE DOWN”, highlighting the importance of high blood pressure as one of the key symptoms and causes of Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD).

The Fourth World Kidney Day @ Hong Kong 2009 (第四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 Peak on March 15, 2008 (Sunday). Prof. Gabriel Leung (梁卓偉教授), Under-Secretary for Food and Health of the HKSAR and Dr. K. L. Leung (梁家騮醫生), Member of the Legislative Council, HKSAR were the officiating guests. Special guests included Mr. Anthony Wu (胡定旭先生), Chairman of Hospital Authority; Dr. C.H. Leong (梁智鴻醫生), Member of the Executive Council, HKSAR; Prof. T. M. Chan (陳德茂教授), President of the Asian-Pacific Society of Nephrology, and Prof. Philip Li (李錦滔教授), Council Member of the International Society of Nephrology. Over 1000 renal patients, including family members & friends, medical and nursing staff from Renal Units all over Hong Kong participated in the event. The slogan this year is 為保腎臟好，誓防血壓高. After the opening ceremony, the participants enjoyed a leisure walk around the peak.
WKD @ Hong Kong: Public Education Activities

To increase public awareness of the important relationship between hypertension and kidney diseases, 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 19, 2009. The estimated number of readers of these 6 newspapers is well over two millions.

In addition, our Society & the Hong Kong Kidney Foundation have collaborated with NOW TV to produce 7 episodes of the Health Program “杏林在線” with hypertension & its complications including kidney diseases as the main theme. Our Chairman, Dr. SL Lui and the Chairman of HKKF, Dr. SF Lui have also appeared in the RTHK radio programs 精靈一點和 健康資訊天地 to address the same issues.
Dr. SL Lui & Dr. YL Cheng appear in the Now TV program “杏林在線”

公共屋邨免費量血壓活動

To further enhance the public awareness of the important relationship between hypertension and kidney diseases, Hong Kong Kidney Foundation and our Society have organized health exhibition and free blood pressure measurement for the general public in 16 public housing estates all over Hong Kong on 8 Sundays in March & April. Nearly 3000 citizens have had their BP measured in one of our counters. This activity was made possible by the enthusiastic support from numerous volunteer workers. They include medical & nursing students from the University of Hong Kong, medical students from the Chinese University of Hong Kong; staff & nurses from the HKKF and other HA renal units. Our Society would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to all these volunteers.

WKD 公共屋邨免費量血壓活動: 黃大仙龍蟠宛商場

HA Commissioned Training

The HA Commissioned Training on “Supportive Care for the Renal Patients”, jointly organized by the HA Central Renal Committee, Hong Kong Kidney Foundation and our Society, was held in the Lecture Theatre, HA Building on January 11, 2009. Dr. YW Ho and Dr. WK Lo were the chief organizers. Prof Edwina Brown and Prof Michael Germain were the invited overseas speakers. Local expert speakers included Dr. YL Cheng (AHNH), Dr. K S Chan (HHH), Dr. Doris Tse (CMC), Dr. SL Lui (TWH), Dr. Kitty KY Wu (CMC), Ms Margaret Suen (CMC), Ms Queenie SK Chung (UCH) and Dr. CS Li (QEH). Nearly 200 doctors and nurses attended the training program.
**Sichuan Earthquake Relief Effort**

After the 5.12 earthquake in Sichuan last year, our Society has donated HK$250,000 worth of dialysis consumables to the Sichuan Society of Nephrology to help the victims of the earthquake with AKI. As a token of appreciation to our help, the Sichuan Society of Nephrology has presented a plaque with the words “大愛無疆” inscribed on it to our Society when Dr. SL Lui, Prof. Philip Li and Dr. SF Lui visited Sichuan in December 2008.

![Dr. SL Lui (our Chairman) & Dr. SF Lui (Chairman of HKKF) receive the plaques from Prof. HY Wang & Prof. L Wang (Chairman, Sichuan Society of Nephrology)](image1)

![A 9-year-old girl from Sichuan, who has lost her right arm after the earthquake, drew this picture with her left hand to thank the “Uncles & Aunties” from Hong Kong.](image2)

**Scientific Symposia**

Three Scientific Symposia had been held by our Society over the past few months:

1. “European Experience on New Formulation of Tacrolimus in Kidney Transplantation” by Prof. JP van Hooff (the Netherlands) in Sheraton Hotel on December 11, 2008.

2. “Myceloma Kidney Therapy with High Cut-off Technology” by Dr. Paul Cockwell (United Kingdom) in QEH on February 24, 2009.


![Drs. CB Leung & SL Lui present a souvenir to Dr. Paul Cockwell](image3)

![Drs. SL Lui & KF Chau present a souvenir to Prof. H Ekberg](image4)
Certificate Course in Renal Medicine 2009

Our Society has jointly organized a **Certificate Course on Renal Medicine 2009** with the Federation of Medical Societies of Hong Kong. The target audiences are medical and healthcare professionals. The certificate course will commence on May 5, 2009.

**Dr. KS Choi** is the chief organizer of the course. We are very pleased that ten of our members have kindly agreed to teach in the certificate course on behalf of the Society. They are:

- Dr. Bonnie Kwan (PWH),
- Dr. YL Cheng (AHNH),
- Dr. KM Chow (PWH),
- Dr. Jonathan Yung (Private),
- Dr. YL Liu (QEH),
- Dr. CC Chow (PYNEH),
- Dr. PN Wong (KWH),
- Dr. MF Lam (QMH),
- Dr. HL Tang (PMH) and
- Dr. YH Chan (QEH).

Renal Patients’ Gateball Competition (腎友門球比賽2009)

This year’s Renal Patients’ Gateball Competition will be held in the Kowloon Park Indoor Sports ground (九龍公園室內運動場) on **June 7, 2009 (Sunday)** from 1:00pm to 6:00pm.

In addition to the teams from all major Renal units in Hong Kong, the Renal Patients’ Gateball Team from Macau and the Transplant Patients’ Sports Association’s Gateball team will also join the game. Please 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** on **October 4, 2009 (Sunday)**. We have invited **Prof. William Couser**, Immediate Past President of the International Society of Nephrology, as the key-note speaker of our Annual Meeting. Please mark your diary.

30th Anniversary Celebration Dinner

Our Society was founded in 1979 by Dr. CH Leong and six other senior medical practitioners. This year marks the 30th Anniversary of our Society. An Anniversary Dinner will be held in the newly renovated **Mira Hotel** on **October 4, 2009 (Sunday)**, the same date as our Annual Scientific Meeting. Further details of the Dinner and other related celebration activities will be announced in the due course.
**HKSN Research Grant**

HKSN Research Grant for 2009 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 2009. 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 **31 May 2009** 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**

This year, the Society has established a **YOUNG INVESTIGATOR AWARD** to encourage young members to engage in clinical or basic research. Full members who are 35 years old or below as on 31 May 2009, 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 A, 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. The April issue of our Journal has just been published. Archives of all the articles in our Journal can be searched in our official journal website: [www.hkjn.org](http://www.hkjn.org). The Journal is pleased to announce that Dr. MF Lam from Queen Mary Hospital has just joined the Editorial Board as Assistant Editor.

**Second Congress of the ISHD**

**August 28 to 30, 2009.**
**Hong Kong Convention & Exhibition Center**
**COMING SOON!**

The World Hypertension Congress, organized by the World Hypertension League, will be held in the Beijing International Convention Center, Beijing from October 29 to November 1, 2009. Our Society is pleased to be one of the supporting organizations of this Congress. For further details of the Congress, please refer to: www.worldhypertension2009.com

Upcoming Events / Important Dates at a Glance

Scientific Symposium: Sirolimus in Post-transplant Malignancy
Date May 6, 2009 (Wed)
Venue InterContinental Hong Kong Hotel

Renal Patients’ Gateball Competition
Date: June 7, 2009 (Sun)
Venue: 九龙公园室内运动埸

2nd Congress of the International Society of Hemodialysis
Date: August 28 to 30, 2009
Venue: Hong Kong Convention & Exhibition Centre

Annual Scientific Meeting
Date: October 4, 2009 (Sun)
Venue: Kowloon Shangri-la Hotel

30th Anniversary Celebration Dinner
Date: October 4, 2009 (Sun)
Venue: Mira Hotel

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 EMAIL scwtang@hku.hk. 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 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, Lai Chi Kok, Kowloon.
New membership application & Change of Address or Personal Details” forms can be downloaded from our Society’s website (http://www.hksn.org/member.htm) For further enquiry concerning your membership status, please contact Ms. Rebecca Wong (Dr. Fung’s Secretary) at 29902035 / 27410752 (e-mail: pmhrenal@gmail.com)

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