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## LAUNCH OF CHILD HEALTH POLICY TO POLICY MAKERS AND CE CANDIDATES

### Professional Forum on Child Health Policy 2017

During the Chief Executive (CE) Election Campaign, Professional Forum on Child Health Policy 2017 was held on 9 Mar 2017 at Room 607, 6/F, 3 Lockhart Road, Wan Chai, Hong Kong. Speakers included Dr. Chan Chok Wan, Dr. Lilian Wong, Ms. Sylvia Siu, Legal Group Convenor and Mr. Richard Yip, Barrister. All the CE candidates have been invited but finally only Mr. Woo Kwok Hing and Mr. Hon. Cheung Chiu Hung Fernando, legislative council member have joined. The Forum was successful and well attended by academics, professionals from medical, nursing, allied health, social, education, legal, the members of Election Committee as well as public media. The advocacy towards having a Child Health Policy and a Children Commissioner in Hong Kong were strongly supported by Mr. Woo Kwok Hing, Dr. Hon. Cheung Chiu Hung, Fernando and many other professionals in the forum. Besides, Ms Sylvia Siu, Convenor of Legal Sectoral Functional Group announced the messages from Ms. Leung Oi Sie Elsie, former Secretary of Justice, HKSAR; Mr. Thomas So, The President of the Law Society of Hong Kong and Mr. Hon. Dennis Kwok, Legco member of Legal Constituency that all indicated their support to the establishment of Child Health Policy and the Children Commissioner for Hong Kong. Strategies for actions discussed in the forum included promotion to the public on the needs on Child Health Policy through media and setting up Legislative Ordinance through LegCo. Professionals from different disciplines all agreed to join together and work cohesively towards this noble mission.





Dr. Chan Chok Wan, Dr. Lilian Wong, Dr. Daniel Chiu and Dr. Hon. Cheung Chiu Hung, Fernando met Mr. Woo Kwok Hing, CE Candidate on 28 Feb 2017, Dr. Chan introduced to him the background and the need for establishment of a comprehensive Child Health Policy and a Children Commissioner for Hong Kong. Recent incidents such as lead in water, youth suicide etc. evidenced that the existing policies in Hong Kong was in piecemeal. Moreover, children’s issues were discussed under Family Council which has only advisory role. There was a need for an independent Children Commissioner to coordinate and oversee the child health issues, monitor the implementation of policies and evaluate the

outcomes. The Children Commissioner should be positioned above the Bureaus and report directly to the Chief Executive of HKSAR government. It was so pleased that this proposal was well supported by Mr. Woo.

## “HKPF - Youth Voice” 香港兒科基金 (青年之聲) in the Child Health Panel Meeting at Legislative Council on 25 Mar 2017

A Child Health Panel meeting was held on 25 Mar 2017 pm at the Legislative Council chaired by Dr. Hon. Cheung Chiu Hung, Fernando. It provided a good platform for the public to express the children’s views and expectations to the Hong Kong Government.

The Youth Group of Hong Kong Paediatric Foundation (HKPF) has joined this meeting and voiced out their opinions and expectations to the government on seven key areas: 1) The Definition of Child Health, 2) Children’s Right according to United Nation Convention of Right for Children 3) The Child Health Problems and Challenges in Hong Kong in past years e.g. Mental health problem - youth’s suicide; environmental problem – lead poisoning etc. 4) Health Literacy, 5) The Imminent Need for a Comprehensive Child Health Policy for Hong Kong, 6) Youths’ Views on having a Child Health Policy and its long term benefit and cost effectiveness and 7) The Need for a Children Commissioner to coordinate, monitor the implementation of policies and evaluate the child health outcomes.

They also reminded the government that “Now children represent 20% of our population but 100% of our Future”. They hoped the government would listen to their voices and take actions to address their needs.

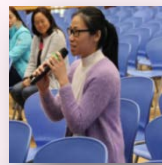


## Media Interview on Alcohol Survey and Child Health Policy

A survey on 1,957 secondary school students from form 1 – form 6 on alcohol consumption has been conducted from 17 Mar 2016 to 5 May 2016. The aim of the study is to understand the current state of youth taking alcohol so that appropriate action such as public health education could be provided accordingly. Result showed that the average age of children taking alcohol for the first time was 10.6; 16% of children taking alcohol the first time were less than 6 years old. 17% respondents had binge drinking with an average of 3.9 times in the past month. 48% of students believed that taking alcohol was acceptable if not taking excessively. 43% believed that taking red wine was good to health. 69% took alcohol with their family. 37% of students were even invited by family to take alcohol on the festive day. It revealed a wrong concept from the youth and family that taking alcohol has no harm to health if it was not taken excessively. A media interview was held on 21 Mar 2017 for this survey to reflect the public’s misconception and the need of establishment of Child Health Policy and the Children Commissioner to oversee the child health issues. The survey result was published on Ming Pao, Oriental Daily and Am 730.



兒童健康論壇 - 「香港的中學課程，適合我們的年青人嗎？」 was held on 18 Mar 2017, invited speakers included Mr. Hon. Ip Kin Yuen, Legislative Council Member and Mr. Cheng Chun Fat, Secondary School Supervisor, former Inspector of Education Bureau and former Secondary School Principal. The forum was well attended with parents, academics and professors in the education sectors. In the Forum, Mr. Hon. Ip Kin Yuen showed the video from Education Bureau Curriculum Reform Year 2000 and briefed the audience about the “Fundamental Concept of the Secondary School Curriculum”. He also commented on the design of the Territory Wide System Assessment (TSA) and the reason for its failure in its implementation. Mr. Cheng talked about the “Impact of Curriculum Reform in Hong Kong Secondary School on Students”. He commented on the change of school curriculum, students only studied those selected subjects which would be tested and omitted those with important core value of the subject. Moreover, schools and parents were too focused on the academic result and the study in university. This created undue stress and unhappiness to the students. He emphasized that individual possessed their own talent. Different learning and career path should be provided for students to develop their interest and potential. He also quoted a successful story of his student who quit DSE and developed his career based on his interest. His talk won the audiences’ resonances. In the forum, it was commented that the education system changed every 5 years without long term planning. A parent of a child with special educational needs (SEN) shared his child’s difficulty in facing the high competition in the society. It was concluded that the secondary school curriculum should be revised, students should be taught less and explored more by themselves and more learning opportunities and career paths should be provided for the youth.



## PROFESSIONAL CME MEETING ON CHILD HEALTH 2017

**Zika Infection and Its Impact on Child Health** was held on 10 Jan 2017 at the Chairman’s Suite and Executive Room, World Trade Centre Club, Causeway Bay. Speaker was Prof. Paul Chan, Chairman, Department of Microbiology, The Chinese University of Hong Kong. The meeting was well attended and welcome by audiences.

**Update on the Management Guideline for Urinary Tract Infection in Children** was held on 7 Feb 2017 at the Chairman’s Suite and Executive Room, World Trade Centre Club, Causeway Bay. Speaker was Dr. Wong Sik Nin. Consultant Paediatric Department of Paediatrics, Tuen Mun Hospital; Immediate Past President of the Hong Kong College of Paediatricians. The talk was fruitful and well attended by child health care professionals.

**Update on the Management of Pre-school wheezing** was held on 7 Mar 2017 at the Chairman’s Suite and Executive Room, World Trade Centre Club, Causeway Bay. The talk was delivered by Dr. Alfred Tam, Chairman of the Paediatric Respiratory Medicine (PRM) Subspecialty Board. The talk was fruitful and well attended by child health care professionals.

# KOWLOON CITY ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN 2017

The Campaign is part of the territory-wide road safety campaign of the Road Safety Council of the Hong Kong Police Force. Hong Kong Paediatric Foundation (HKPF) is one of the key sponsors of the project. The campaign included singing, coloring and slogans competitions at kindergarten, primary and secondary schools, open-top bus publicity drive, opening and closing ceremonies. The carnival held on 21 Jan 2017 was the finale of the year long road safety campaign in Kowloon City.

Two game booths in the name of HKPF were set up. They drew the longest queue of kids and parents at the carnival.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

**8 Apr 2017**  
14:30-16:30 hr  
**兒童健康論壇 - e世代成長，健康e生活**  
Speakers: Dr. Thomas Chung, Consultant Community Medicine, Student Health Services, Department of Health, Hong Kong and Dr. Donna Chu, Asso. Prof. School of Journalism and Communication, The Chinese University of Hong Kong.  
Venue: 1/F, Lecture Theatre, Jordan Valley St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School.

**10 Apr 2017**  
13:30-14:30 hr  
**Professional CME Meeting on Child Health 2017 - Seminar on Measles, Mumps, Rubella and Varicella Prevention**  
Speakers: Dr. Daniel Chiu (Hong Kong) and Prof. Lu Ching Yi (Taiwan)  
Venue: Function Room 1-3, 3/F, The Mira Hong Kong, Tsimshatsui Kowloon

**11 Apr 2017**  
13:30 -14:30 hr  
**Professional CME Meeting on Child Health 2017 - The Molecular Application of Genetics on Paediatric Therapeutics - Genetic Susceptibility to Adverse Drug Reactions.**  
Speaker: Prof. Wayne Miu Yee Mary, Research Professor, The Chinese University of Hong Kong; President of Hong Kong Society of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology.  
Venue: Chairman's Suite and Executive Room, World Trade Centre Club, Causeway Bay

**29 Apr 2017**  
**20 May 2017**  
**24 Jun 2017**  
**22 Jul 2017**  
**26 Aug 2017**  
**16 Sept 2017**  
14:30-17:00 hr

## 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Update Series on Child Health 2017

The Update Series on Child Health was initiated by Dr. Margaret Chan, Director of Health in 1997. Since then, the Updates series have been held annually to provide health care professionals the most updated knowledge on the child health related topics. The responses to the Series were overwhelming every year. There were more than 600 doctors, nurses and childcare professionals from the public and private sectors attended. This year will be the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Update Series. As strongly requested by the participants, the nos. of sessions in Update Series will be increased from previous 4 sessions to now 6 in 2017. Enrolment form can be downloaded from the website of 3 organizations i.e. The Hong Kong Paediatric Society, Hong Kong College of Paediatricians and Hong Kong Paediatric Nurses Association. All health care professionals are welcome.

**Update Series on Child Health 2017**  
Venue: Jordan Valley St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School (新教谷樂善堂天主教小學) 80 Choi Ha Road, Kowloon

Session	Registration + Refreshment	Topics	Speakers	Moderator
Session I – 29 April 2017	13:00-14:30	Registration + Refreshment		
	14:30-14:45	Opening Ceremony	Dr. CHENG Pik Shan Specialist in Paediatrics	Dr. CHAN Cheuk Wan
	14:45-16:00	Lecture I	Prevalence of Childhood Diabetes in Hong Kong and The Updated Management	
16:00-17:15	Lecture II	Update on Hepatitis B Prevention in Children		
Session II – 20 May 2017	13:00-14:30	Registration + Refreshment		
	14:30-15:45	Lecture I	Botulism Poisoning Dr. TSE Man Li Consultant Hong Kong Inborn Infection Centre	Prof. Godfrey CHAN
	15:45-17:00	Lecture II	New Career Pathway for Young People in Hong Kong – Update on Vocational Training Dr. Christopher LEUNG Vice President of the Hong & Taiwan Institute (HTI), Chinese Culture Institute (CCI) and International Culinary Institute (ICI), Vocational Training Council	
13:00-14:30	Registration + Refreshment			
Session III – 24 June 2017	14:30-15:45	Lecture I	Update on Newly Developed Vaccination for Children - Management of Varicella Dr. DANIEL CHIU Specialist in Paediatrics, First Professor of HKHS	Prof. LAU Yu Lung
	15:45-17:00	Lecture II	Fracture Injuries in Children Dr. CHEUNG Ho Man Specialist in Orthopaedics	
	13:00-14:30	Registration + Refreshment		
Session IV – 22 July 2017	14:30-15:45	Lecture I	Air Quality and Respiratory Diseases in Children Dr. WONG Tak Wai Specialist in Paediatrics, Senior Medical Officer, Department of Paediatrics & Adolescent Medicine, A&E & ED	Ms. Iris YEUNG
	15:45-17:00	Lecture II	Education on Parenting Dr. Sandra TSANG Associate Professor, Department of Social Work and Social Administration, HKU	
	13:00-14:30	Registration + Refreshment		
Session V – 26 August 2017	14:30-15:45	Lecture I	Support for Students with Dyslexia or Special Learning Disability Ms. Danny WONG Executive Director, Hong Kong IP Service Centre	Ms. Susanna LEE
	15:45-17:00	Lecture II	Management of Children with Violent and Conduct Behaviour Dr. MO Yi Man Flora Child Psychiatrist, Kowloon	
	13:00-14:30	Registration + Refreshment		
Session VI – 16 September 2017	14:30-15:45	Lecture I	Physical Activities and Fitness Assessment for Children in Hong Kong Dr. CHEUNG Pui Yee Assistant Professor Dept. of Health and Physical Education, The Education University of HK	Dr. Lillian WONG
	15:45-17:00	Lecture II	Life-Skill Training for Children with Autism Ms. Magdalene POON Occupational Therapist, KIC	
	13:00-14:30	Registration + Refreshment		

**Registration**  
22 April 2017

- Physical Activities of Hong Kong College of Paediatricians, The Hong Kong Paediatric Society and Hong Kong Paediatric Nurses Association
- Non-members: "HK card 001 server" code
- HKPF members: "HK card 001 server" code
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- First Chapter to "Hong Kong Paediatric Nurses Association"
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**CME Accreditation:**  
- Hong Kong College of Paediatricians (Category A1) 3 points / session  
- Hong Kong Paediatric Nurses Association (Category A) 3 points / session  
- Hong Kong Academy of Medicine (HKAM) (CME Programme) 3 points / session  
- Hong Kong Medical Association 3 points / session  
- CME Accreditation: 23 points / session  
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