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Report from the Hong Kong Medical Association

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APPROACHING CENTENARY

2017 - 2018 was another remarkable year for the Hong Kong Medical Association (HKMA). The Medical Registration (Amendment) Ordinance was passed by Legislative Council unchallenged. The Voluntary Health Insurance Scheme (VHIS) stood ready to roll out pending passage of laws on tax concession. Standards for private healthcare facilities in general and specifically for endoscopy centres, operation theatres and dialysis centres are published, and exemptions for small medical practices are mostly set.

If policies affect our future, down to earth health promotion affects us all today.

Members alerted us of the shortage of Influenza, Hepatitis B and Human Papilloma Virus vaccines which we immediately relayed to the Government and explored contingent solutions. We recruited a team of Members to boost Accident & Emergency Department's manpower to face the influenza peak season.

We supported the Department of Health in forbidding the sale of alcohol beverage to under-aged persons. Our Medical Students took to the streets not to protest, but to promote organ donation. Citizens saw our students busking at Causeway Bay and Mongkok to encourage passerby to register as potential organ donor.

Early 2018, our attention was brought to the everlasting threat of tobacco, not only in its usual form, but also in the form of electronic cigarettes, which target youngsters.

2017-2018 had also been a fruitful year in the HKMA as we expand our community services to patients and the general public. The “Community Health Academy” project, funded by Community Inclusion and Investment Fund, had been implemented for more than one and a half years. During the period, the project, with active participation of medical doctors and medical students, has been well received by elderly and Non-Governmental Organization partners in Chai Wan. Built upon the “medical-welfare-community-school-housing” multi-disciplinary and cross-sectoral collaborative model, the project started three programmes - “Health Academy for the Elderly”, “Outreach Team for the Elderly” and “One Service Unit One Doctor Scheme” which aim to support and prepare elderly to age in place. Another funding for the “Community Health Academy for Elderly” at Kwai Chung District starting 1 November 2018 had been approved.