

Editorial

Celebrating the 60th anniversary of the Obstetrical and Gynaecological Society of Hong Kong

I am honoured to be invited to write this editorial to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the Obstetrical and Gynaecological Society of Hong Kong (OGSHK). Since its establishment in 1961, OGSHK has provided a venue for continuous medical education and fraternity for its members. Under the hard work and dedication of our senior colleagues, OGSHK has developed rewarding relationships with the Hong Kong College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, the Asia and Oceania Federation of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, the International Federation of Gynecology and Obstetrics, and many other professional associations. I trust these relationships will continue, and our excellence and leading role in clinical service, training, and research in women's health will maintain.

I feel privileged to have served the Society for the past 10 years through the kind invitation by Dr KY Leung to join as a council member in 2011. The unforgettable memories of activities of the Society include the scientific meetings in 2014, 2016, and 2019, the FOCUS meetings co-organised with the Chinese University of Hong Kong in 2015 and 2018, the perinatal symposia co-organised with the Hong Kong Neonatal Society, and many scientific symposia on various topics.

One of the most memorable experiences is the organisation of the Asia and Oceania Congress of Obstetrics and Gynaecology in 2017, which attracted 1189 participants from 42 countries. In the Congress, I participated in organising the Young Gynaecologist Award (YGA) Fellowship Program, which involved 24 distinguished YGA Fellows from 18 countries¹. These Fellows had the opportunity to immerse in various aspects of obstetrics and gynaecology training and care in Hong Kong by undertaking clinical observerships in five hospitals, learning the concept of Chinese medicine, and visiting training facilities and medical museums¹. The friendships, collegiality, and memories acquired were long lasting.

OGSHK is also committed to providing health education to the public. Our colleagues have regularly provided health education through various channels including radio and television interviews, press conferences, magazine articles, and health talks.

The 60th anniversary is a significant milestone. This occasion gives us an opportunity to congratulate and thank all our senior colleagues who have established the Society and all those who have committed and contributed to the success of the Society. This milestone also marks the continual growth and maintenance of our excellence and leadership in promoting women's health in the coming decades.

The COVID-19 pandemic has caused difficulty to our specialty². The impact on our workforce including frontline workers, colleagues, researchers as well as patients and their loved ones has been profound². Most regular events and meetings were suspended, especially in the first half of 2020. We had to transform our on-site events, courses, and seminars into web-based activities. This transition gave our women's healthcare professionals some flexibility to continue their education and training. On behalf of OGSHK, I would like to thank our dedicated colleagues for their hard work and commitment during this pandemic. I am confident that with determination and perseverance, these difficulties and challenges can be overcome.

This special occasion allows us to not only proudly look back on what our Society has achieved, but also look forward to building the strategies to maintain its success. For the coming years, there are areas in which we may consider exploring further for possible improvement of women's health services such as academic collaboration with cities in the Greater Bay Area, expansion of public health education, and improvement of gynaecological care for women with sexual difficulties and sexual minority women³.

I would like to express my sincere appreciation to all our members and all past and present council members who have made our Society prosper. I look forward to having your continued support and contribution, while we strive for further achievement and excellence in our Society.

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