

Editorial

Moving forward

Conceived in 2000, the *Hong Kong Journal of Gynaecology, Obstetrics and Midwifery* (HKJGOM) is the official publication of the Obstetrical and Gynaecological Society of Hong Kong and the Hong Kong Midwives Association. It has thrived, thanks to the capable leadership of past editors-in-chief. It is truly a great honour for me to succeed Dr William Wing-Keo To, who has recently retired from this position, and to continue the journal's mission, together with Dr Irene Lai-Yin Lee.

Our journal has been predominated by articles with a local flavour. Indeed, it is an important and popular platform for our trainees to publish their research. Additionally, it publishes articles related to history, evolution, new developments, and milestones of our specialty. Looking to the future, we welcome contributions from outside Hong Kong to foster the exchange of knowledge and experience.

While we are grateful that most of our editorial board members have agreed to continue serving our journal, we gladly welcome Dr Symphorosa Chan and Dr Kwok-Keung Tang as new editors on board to provide comprehensive coverage of all subspecialties. We thank Mr Kim Hinshaw, Dr Waldo Sepulveda, and Prof Paul Anthony Lewis for guiding us in their capacity as overseas editors. Following their retirement, we are very pleased to have Prof Kristina Gemzell-Danielsson, Prof Katie Morris, and Prof Dame Cathy Warwick joining us as new overseas editors.

It was amazing to read in the last issue's editorial how Dr William To single-handedly managed the vast majority of the editorial work in the obstetrics and gynaecology section. I very much agree with his vision that we should aim to further improve our articles in both quantitative and qualitative terms. To prepare for the increasing workload, we have introduced changes to the editorial process. The work of the editors-in-chief is now shared with three deputy editors: Dr Tsz-Kin Lo, Dr Ka-Yu Tse, and Ms Chit-Ying Lai. Each incoming manuscript is assigned to a handling editor who will manage the peer review process and make recommendations. With the help of the Hong Kong

Academy of Medicine Press, we have established an online manuscript management system to facilitate the workflow. This is facilitated by the Open Journal Systems, an open-source journal management and publishing software, to which the electronic archive has been migrated as well. Accepted articles can be accessed online as soon as they are copyedited and proofread. Ultimately, our goal is to get HKJGOM indexed in MEDLINE and PubMed and to obtain an impact factor, but this takes time.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, our profession was immensely affected. Research activities were hampered by service interruptions, staff redeployment, sickness, and infection control measures. However, it was gratifying to see that many researchers, particularly trainees, persisted in conducting meaningful research projects and reporting their findings through our Journal. Now academic exchange and research activities are getting back on track, which is key to progress in this era of evidence-based medicine.

In this issue, we include a feature article commemorating Tsan Yuk Hospital's centenary. Established in 1922 as a maternity hospital, Tsan Yuk Hospital has played a leading role in the development of obstetric services in Hong Kong. Nowadays, while we recognise with pride the high-quality obstetric and midwifery care provided by obstetric units in Hong Kong, we cherish the legacy and foundation that Tsan Yuk Hospital has laid.

In the years to come, we hope to see contributions by authors from various backgrounds to enrich our Journal's scientific content. Constructive comments and suggestions to help our Journal reach new heights are welcome.

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