



Vice President's message



I am honoured and privileged to contribute to the latest issue of the Hong Kong College of Education and Research in Nursing (HKCERN) newsletter. One of the objectives of the HKCERN is to advance nursing education and research. Since the establishment of the HKCERN in 2012, and under the outstanding leadership of Professor Frances Wong and Professor Alice Loke, the College's members have been committed to raising the standards of nursing education and research to improve the quality of nursing practice in Hong Kong. During the past 4 years, the HKCERN has also shown enormous commitment to realising the mission of the Hong Kong Academy of Nursing, to foster a spirit of collaboration in the nursing community. HKCERN provides constant updates and encourages the exchange of information among nurses and health practitioners.

We celebrated the fourth anniversary of the HCERN with a half-day scientific meeting on 26 November 2016. We were privileged to receive a welcome address from Professor Sophia Chan, Under Secretary for Food and Health Bureau. Among the important messages delivered by Professor Chan was the need to strengthen the quality and risk management of the basic nursing curriculum to achieve excellence in quality of care and patient safety. We were also profoundly honoured by the attendance of Dr Choi Yuen Wan, Philemon (SBS, JP) as a keynote speaker. Dr Philemon Choi is a founding member and currently the Hon. General Secretary of Breakthrough. Drawing on his extensive experience of working with young people, Dr Choi shared insights into strategies for collaboratively nurturing "excellence with a soul" in the nursing profession. We were all inspired by the talk, particularly Dr Choi's account of an internationally renowned university's abandonment of its educational mission, based on the book *Excellence without a soul* by Harry Lewis, a former Harvard professor and Dean of Harvard College.¹ The talk was immensely enlightening. It prompted us – especially the nurse educators in attendance – to reflect on our investment of time and energy in strategies for raising entry-level qualifications and attracting more young people to study nursing and join the profession over the past few decades. As well, it brought attention to our efforts to help the new generation of nurses to achieve academic and clinical excellence. However, we may have forgotten that the fundamental goals of education are to help young people grow, learn who they are, and search for a larger purpose in their lives. Most importantly, we have to recall that as young people grow into adults, we have to help them to be willing and able to take responsibility for society. In other words, as well as highlighting the importance of academic excellence, Dr Choi's talk reminded us to nurture our new generation of nurses to develop their personal strength, integrity, kindness, cooperation and compassion, equipping and empowering them to make the world a better place.

The way forward

The HCERN will continue to pursue excellence in nursing education and research, with the ultimate goals of enhancing the quality of care and optimising patient outcomes. We will continue to organise high-quality courses on nursing education and research to meet the learning needs of the nursing community. We are inviting nurse educators and practitioners to join the HKCERN as Members or Fellows. Furthermore, the HKCERN will continue in its quest to collaboratively nurture excellence with a soul in the nursing profession. Last but not the least, stepping into the Year of the Rooster, I wish you all a very happy, healthy and prosperous year ahead.

Reference

1. Lewis HR. *Excellence without a soul*. New York: Public Affairs. 2006

Newsletter Committee

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Activities and Highlights

24th August, 2016

Advanced Practice Nursing Outcomes and Evaluation

“Advanced Practice Nursing Outcomes and Evaluation” by our guest speaker Dr. Denis Bryant-Lukosius, Co-Director, Canadian Centre for Advanced Practice Nursing, School of Nursing, McMaster University. The event was held in The Hong Kong Polytechnic University. The main objective was introducing key concepts / strategies on outcome assessment of Advanced Practice Nursing.



9th September, 2016
Gala Dinner

The 9th International Nurse Practitioner / Advanced Practice Nursing Network Conference was held between 9th to 11th September 2016 at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre. The key theme was “Advancing nursing, Advancing health: Emerging possibilities”. The Gala Dinner was held at the Kai Tak Cruise Terminal. HKCERN members and participants enjoyed memorable moments.



Group photos of members



Activities and Highlights

**9th September, 2016
Gala Dinner (Continue)**

Lion Dance for celebration



Participants enjoyed the games in the dinner



**30th September, 2016
National Day dinner 2016**

The PHKAN and her 14 Colleges, including HKCERN, co-hosted the National Day dinner to celebrate the anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China.



Activities and Highlights

19th November, 2016
HKAN AGM
Professional Seminar
Fellow Recognition Award Ceremony
Annual Dinner

The 5th Annual General Meeting, Professional Seminar, Fellows Recognition Award Ceremony, and Annual Dinner 2016 of the Provisional Hong Kong Academy of Nursing (PHKAN). The event was held in the Diamond Ballroom, Eaton Hotel, 380, Nathan Road

The Distinguished guest speaker was Dr. Donald K.T. Li. He spoke about: The “Function of an Academy: Impacts on the profession and public.”

Fellows were given recognition after the professional seminar. These events were then followed by the annual dinner.

Group photos during the event



Participants enjoyed the annual dinner



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26th November, 2016

The 4th Anniversary Scientific Meeting and Annual General

The 4th Anniversary Scientific Meeting and Annual General Meeting (AGM) was held at the Diamond Room, 5/F, The City View, 23 Waterloo Road, Kowloon.

The distinguished guest speaker, Dr. Choi Yuen Wan Philemon, shared “Nurture together an excellence and soulful generation in nursing profession” with our fellow members and guests. The scientific meeting was followed by the AGM and the annual dinner.



Dr. Choi Yuen Wan was sharing



7th January, 2017

Strategic Planning Workshop 2017

Professor Alice Loke, President of HKCERN, together with three council members participated in the Strategic Planning Workshop 2017 of HKAN which was held at P.I.M.E House in Clearwater Bay. The theme of the workshop was “Building the New Milestones of Hong Kong Academy of Nursing Together”. In the morning session, representatives of the 14 colleges joined hands to develop a strategic plan with short and long term goals. In the afternoon session, the focus of discussion was education and certification of Advanced Nursing Practice in Academy colleges. The strategic planning workshop was fruitful for college members working together to achieve the goals of the strategic plan.

Group photo of members



Welcome and Thank You Message



WELCOME

HKCERN would like to welcome Dr. WANG Shaoling as a new council member

THANKYOU

Ms Lai Ching LEUNG resigned due to personal affairs. HKCERNS would like to appreciate Lai-Ching's contributions in the past years.



New Website

With the help of HKAN staff, the HKCERN Webpage information was updated.

The link is:

<http://www.hkan.hk/main/en/members/institutional-members/hong-kong-college-of-education-and-research-in-nursing/information>

HKCERN would like to hear from our Fellows!

If you have any news or anything that you would like to share with other Fellows, please let us know. We can feature it in the upcoming HKCERN newsletter!

Please contact us at: hkcern@gmail.com

Upcoming Events



World Health Day 2017

Topic: 齊來踢走抑鬱、一起步向光明

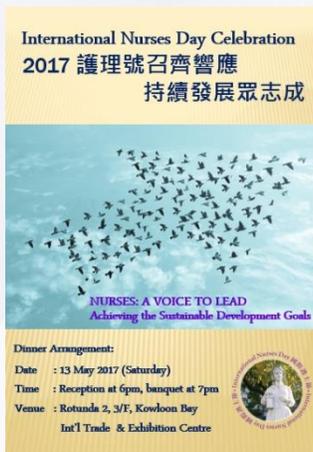
Speaker: 精神健康大使：林欣彤

Date: 8th April, 2017

Venue: 屯門文娛廣場

Evidenced –based and Translational Nursing Research and Strategies & Methods for Disseminating Research Findings

Date: 26th April, 2017



International Nurses Day (IND) 2017

Fellow induction, conferment & IND dinner

Theme: Nurses: A Voice to Lead – Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals

Date: 13th May, 2017

Venue: Rotunda 2, 3/F, Kowloon Bay International Trade & Exhibition Centre, Kowloon Bay, Kowloon

Examination Progress

- Apr to Jun 2017 - Application of the membership examination
- Aug 2017 – Examination
- Nov 2017 – Viva examination for fellowship application
- Nov 2017 – Submission of members & Fellow applications to HKAN
- 2018 – Aim at conferment

Please mark your calendars and save the date to attend.

More information will soon be announced.