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## Message from the President Prof. LI Ho Cheung William

### Fire Shows No Mercy, Yet Humanity Shows Love



On 26 November 2025, a catastrophic five-alarm fire broke out at Hong Fu Court in Tai Po, claiming 161 lives and leaving nearly 2,000 households homeless. This tragedy stands as the most severe disaster Hong Kong has faced in half a century and marks a collective wound for our generation. A month has passed, yet the scenes of scorched ruins, grieving residents, and the sea of flowers and paper cranes at Kwong Fuk Recreation Ground – captured through countless news lenses – continue to bear witness to the tears and farewells of Hong Kong people.

While the fire inflicted profound pain, it also revealed a deeply moving counterpoint. Hong Kong, as a highly modernised metropolis, is often characterised by its relentless pace and an atmosphere of detachment. Yet, this merciless blaze awakened a reservoir of compassion among its people.

Responding to the disaster, the government established the 'Tai Po Hong Fu Court Relief Fund', which has thus far received approximately HK\$3.8 billion in donations, supplemented by HK\$300 million in seed funding from the government, bringing the total to HK\$4.1 billion as of 26 December 2025 – a scale unprecedented in history. This fund provides urgent financial assistance to individuals affected by the disaster across multiple categories.

The aftermath saw a city united in action. Charitable organisations and major corporations contributed generously, while citizens mobilised with remarkable solidarity, donating clothing, food, and water in abundance to temporary shelters. Meanwhile, restaurants offered free meals, and long queues formed as people volunteered to give blood. These scenes vividly embody the spirit of 'When one suffers, all respond', evoking deep emotion and affirming the enduring presence of love among humankind.

### **How Nurses Can Realise Compassionate Care**

As nurses – particularly those engaged in nursing education and research within academic institutions – we too can kindle a small flame of hope for those in need.

On 1 December, I had the privilege of volunteering at the temporary shelter in the Tai Po Tung Cheong Street Sports Complex. Although several days had passed since the fire, many victims continued to seek assistance. Despite its modest size, the community hall offered a wide range of services: temporary accommodation, a nursing station, a community pharmacy, medical consultations, and emotional support. Staff from the Social Welfare Department assisted residents with registration and applications for relief funds, as well as relocation to other shelters; the Housing Department facilitated transitional housing applications; and the Immigration Department helped replace lost identity documents. Volunteers distributed meals, while donations from civic groups and individuals – piled high within the shelter – were freely available to those in need, a sight both humbling and inspiring.

The nursing station's primary responsibilities included monitoring vital signs, documenting physiological and psychological concerns, and retrieving medical records and prescriptions via the Electronic Health Record Sharing System to ensure continuity of care.

Understandably, the trauma of the fire led to elevated blood pressure, insomnia, and loss of appetite among some victims. Providing appropriate nursing care, preventive health education, and psychological support was therefore essential.

Many frontline healthcare professionals voluntarily cancelled their leave to provide care for the injured, particularly those in intensive care units and burn wards, and remained on standby even after their shifts ended.

### **A Flicker of Candlelight**

Lastly, it is worth noting that many Fellows of the Hong Kong College of Nursing Education & Research, who work in universities and tertiary institutions, responded promptly and voluntarily participated in volunteer services at shelters to provide support and assistance to the victims. Although our actions may seem modest, they express our profound solidarity with frontline nurses, demonstrating the power of unity and the spirit of selfless mutual aid. Through these collective efforts, we strive to help those affected overcome their pain, navigate their grief, and restore normality to their lives as soon as possible.

This commitment reflects Florence Nightingale's vision of nursing not merely as an occupation but as a sacred calling that intimately addresses human suffering and illness.

As Mother Teresa said, 'Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love.' This sentiment resonates with the actions and ethos of Hong Kong's nursing community today.

As we welcome the New Year of 2026, let us carry forward this spirit of compassion and resilience. Together, united in purpose and hope, we can transform challenges into opportunities for healing and renewal. May the year ahead bring you abundant health, enduring happiness, and well-deserved success.



# Activities and Highlights

The President, Prof. William Li and council members of HKCERN joined the 2025 International Nurses Day Celebration Dinner.

[10 May 2025]



Gleneagles Hospital  
Hopewell Hotel  
The Hong Kong Acad. Nursing & Midwifery

**2025 INTERNATIONAL NURSES DAY**  
Our Nurses. Our Future.  
Caring for nurses strengthens economies

**NURSES DAY**  
Celebration Dinner

Date: 10 May 2025 | Time: 18:00 – 22:00

Venue: 16/F, Grand Ballroom, Hopewell Hotel, 15 Kennedy Road, Wan Chai, Hong Kong

Time: 18:00 Reception, 19:00 Banquet

Fee: HKD \$800

Enquiry: Ms. Rachel YAU, Hong Kong Academy of Nursing and Midwifery 3571 9230



# Activities and Highlights

The President, Prof. William Li and council members of HKCERN joined the multi-specialty medical mega conference 2025.

[14–15 June 2025]



**Multi-specialty Content**

**Excellent Quality**

**Great Faculty**

All Healthcare Professionals Welcome

**MMMC 2025**  
MULTI-SPECIALTY MEDICAL MEGA CONFERENCE

14 - 15 June (Sat-Sun)

**Hybrid: all participants welcome at Cordis, Hong Kong x Livestream**

Organised by  
**The Association of Private Medical Specialists of Hong Kong**  
in conjunction with  
**Hong Kong Academy of Nursing & Midwifery**  
And 69 societies

Special Rate for Members of Hong Kong Academy of Nursing & Midwifery:  
**\$400 for the two-day registration**

www.mmmc.hk

Visit the event website for programme and updates

| 28 Lecture Sessions  | 2 Symposiums  | Plenary   |
|--|---|---|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Across different specialties and aspects</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Healthcare Dispute Resolution Centre: alternative dispute resolution in healthcare</li> <li>AI in clinical medicine</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Competitive advantages of medical services in Hong Kong</li> </ul> |



# Activities and Highlights

Prof. William Li and council members of HKCERN represented HKCERN to attend the National Day Celebration Dinner organised by The Medical and Health Services sector

[11 September 2025]

## “香港醫療衛生界” 慶祝中華人民共和國成立76周年國慶晚會



# Activities and Highlights

## Hong Kong Academy of Nursing & Midwifery (HKANM) Fellowship Conferment 2024 – 2025 [8 November 2025]

The Fellowship Conferment for fellows admitted between 2024 and 2025 was held on 8 November 2025 at the Hong Kong Metropolitan University. A total of 11 HKCERN fellows was conferred.



# Activities and Highlights

The 3rd International Advanced Nursing Practice Conference 2025 was held from 14–16 November 2025. The theme of the Conference is “Advanced Nursing Practice – Global Strategies for Better Health”. Renowned scholars, clinical experts, healthcare managers and policy makers worldwide were invited to provide keynote speeches, talks and workshops.



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[14–16 November 2025]

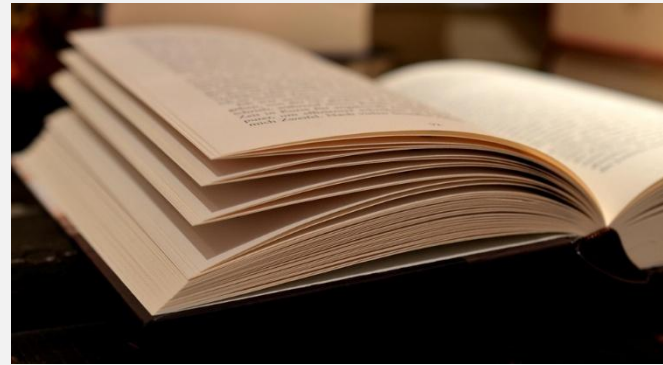


# Professional Developments

## Online Article to Obtain CNE Point

The HKANM has been offering online learning activities with CNE accreditation. Over 40 items are available on the HKANM website. Interested members can refer to the information provided at <https://www.hkanm.hk/main/education-and-development/on-line-articles-to-grant-cne-s>

CNE



## YouTube Channel - 專科護理3分鐘 3 minutes Advanced Practice Nursing

Welcome to the YouTube channel of the HKANM! Here, you'll discover valuable information on disease management and nursing care, as well as insights into nursing education. Explore our updated videos through the link below.

<https://www.youtube.com/@thehongkongacademyofnursin712/videos>



# Professional Developments

## Recent Hong Kong Economic Journal (HKEJ) Article by our HKCERN members

24 November 2025 提升南亞婦女乳癌認知



三 信健康

### 提升南亞婦女乳癌認知 提升乳房X光造影篩查率 正視認知不足

乳癌是南亞裔女性常見的癌症類型。透過乳房X光造影篩查進行早期檢測，對提高存活率起着重要作用。許多國家的南亞裔少數族群均報告乳房X光造影篩查率偏低，而多種因素可能影響她們接受篩查的意願。我們獲得國際行為醫學學會資助，開展一項質性研究，探討及了解影響香港南亞裔女性接受乳房X光造影篩查的因素。

是次質性探索研究從香港提供南亞裔服務支援的社區中心，招募40歲或以上、沒乳癌病史的印度、巴基斯坦及尼泊爾裔南亞女性。由研究員及與受訪者族裔匹配的傳譯員，採用半結構式訪談指引進行深入面對面訪談。

研究共有31名南亞裔女性（10名印度裔、11名巴基斯坦裔及10名尼泊爾裔）同意參與並完成訪談。其中僅7人過去曾接受乳房X光造影篩查。研究識別出篩查的促進與阻礙因素：醫護人員、家人及朋友的影響、對家庭的強烈責任感，以及可獲取且便捷的篩查資訊與服務，均是重要促進因素；而個人健康管理觀念與社會規範的影響、對乳癌及篩查認識不足、因篩查費用及不知道何處可獲取服務而產生的行政障礙，以及篩查過程引起的疼痛與不適等身體障礙，則被確認為是主要阻礙因素。

研究結果表明，若要有效提升香港南亞裔女性的乳房X光造影篩查率，須開發及實施符合文化背景的介入措施，尤其須正視她們對乳癌認知不足等障礙因素。

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【信健康】正視南亞婦女乳癌認知不足，專科資訊要留意！【更多健康資訊：[health.hkej.com](http://health.hkej.com)】

乳癌 乳房X光造影篩查 南亞婦女 護壽世代 陳愷靈女士

# Membership Updates

## Application and Examination Progress

2024–2025 membership application is following the below timeline:

|   |                  |
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| <b>Application for associate membership</b> | <i>On-going</i>  |
| <b>Application for ordinary membership</b>  |                  |
| • Admission interview                       | <i>Completed</i> |
| • Endorsement by HKAN                       | <i>Completed</i> |
| <b>Application for fellow membership</b>    |                  |
| • Orientation briefing                      | <i>Completed</i> |
| • Certification examination (Part I)        | <i>Completed</i> |
| • Certification examination (Part II)       | <i>Completed</i> |
| • Endorsement by HKAN                       | <i>Completed</i> |
| • Announcement of results                   | <i>Completed</i> |

For 2025–2026 membership applications, interested colleagues may browse for more information on [membership](#) types on our HKCERN website.



**AM**

Associate  
Member



**OM**

Ordinary  
Member



**FM**

Fellow  
Member

## Member Status (as of Dec 2025)

- Fellow Members – 150 (Non-local x10)
- Ordinary Members – 7
- Associate Members – 4





Members are welcome to submit their recent news to the HKCERN newsletter. We are happy to hear from you!  
Please contact us at [info@hkcern.org](mailto:info@hkcern.org)