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### President's Message

Dears Members,

On behalf of the council of the Hong Kong Surgical Laser Association, I am delighted to inform you that this first issue of our association newsletter *hkslaser.com* represents the council's efforts to provide more communication channels between the Council and the members. The *hkslaser.com* newsletter will be published at least twice a year under the editorship of Dr. Mok Chun On, our Hon. Secretary and will provide updated information on association affairs and events. With your contribution, I am optimistic that this new newsletter will grow in both scope and circulation in the years ahead.

Dr. Walter King  
President

### Message from the Editor

Dear Members,

Under the leadership and hard work of the President and the Council, the Hong Kong Surgical Laser Association has been actively involved in the education and promotion of laser medicine and surgery across various specialties involving medical and dental practitioners and allied health professionals. As the number of members and participating specialties grows, there is a need to enhance the communication between the association and the members and the various specialties involved. The publication of the *hkslaser.com* newsletter would be a recent step to foster communication while another move would be the setting up of a web page for the association later. We plan to deliver our newsletter twice a year initially and will re-assess the response later to determine the number of issues in a year.

The Association is now organizing or involving a number of activities or affairs concerning laser surgery in H.K.

1. The Asian Laser Forum 2003
2. Updating the Code of Practice-Health Care Laser System Hong Kong
3. Setting up the Dr. Timothy K. C. Liu Memorial Scholarship

The Council is happy to convey the progress of these projects to the members in this issue of the newsletter. Any feedback or opinion would be welcome.

Dr. Mok Chun On

## *The Hong Kong Surgical Laser Association*

### *Dr. Timothy K.C. Liu Memorial Scholarship*

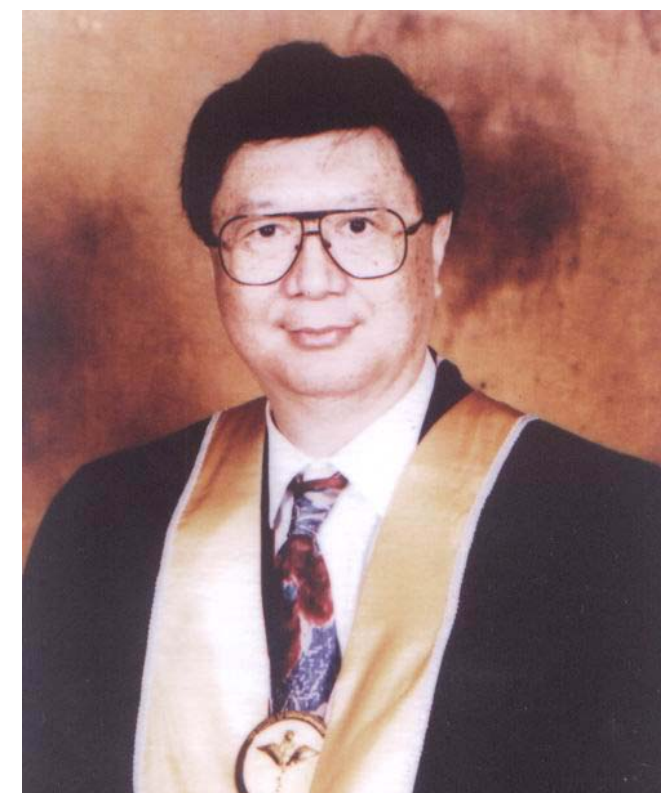
The Hong Kong Surgical Laser Association is setting up a scholarship in memory of Dr. Timothy K. C. Liu. It will provide opportunities for current members for acquisition or furtherance of surgical laser knowledge and skills.

Dr. Liu graduated from the Faculty of Medicine of the University of Hong Kong in 1964. He received his training in Ophthalmology in the United Kingdom and returned to Hong Kong in 1972 to be the Consultant Ophthalmologist in charge of the entire Government Ophthalmic Service.

He was amongst the first surgeons to perform Laser Surgery in Hong Kong. He was always concerned with this advanced technology especially the safe use of laser on patients. He was instrumental in the founding of the Hong Kong Surgical Laser Association in 1990.

Dr. Liu was also the Chairman of the Hong Kong Ophthalmological Society from 1974 to 1976 and the Chairman of the Hong Kong Federation of Societies for the Prevention of Blindness from 1981 to 1991. In 1994, he became the Founding President of the College of Ophthalmologists of Hong Kong.

In recognition of his immense contributions to laser surgery and laser safety, the Hong Kong Surgical Laser Association decided to establish the Dr. Timothy Kai Ching Liu's Memorial Scholarship. This scholarship is established to support our doctor members to learn and to promote laser surgery and safety. Only current paid up members of the Hong Kong Surgical Laser Association are eligible to apply.



The Late Dr. Timothy K. C. Liu

## ***Asian Laser Forum 2003***

To continue with the success and over whelming response of the Asian Laser Forum 2001 which were attended by more than 200 participants, the Hong Kong Surgical Laser Association has decided to organize the event again in 2003 as the 'Asian Laser Forum 2003'. The meeting will be held on 16 November 2003 (Sunday) at the Hospital Authority as a whole day symposium. Local and Asian Laser experts from various medical specialties will be invited to participate in this forum. It will also provide updated information and training to medical, nursing and allied health professionals by lectures, certificate courses and workshops. Further announcements will be sent to you soon. Please mark your diary for this important event.



Honorable Guest Dr. Lo Wing Lok and Dr. Leong Chi Hung with the Council of the Hong Kong Surgical Laser Association in the Opening Ceremony of the Asian Forum 2001



More than 200 participants were actively involved in the lecture and discussion at the Asian Laser Forum

## ***Updating the Code of Practice- Health Care Laser System of Hong Kong***

The Council realized that since the first publication of the 'Code of Practice – Health Care Laser System' in 1994, there have been tremendous advancement and changes in the technology and practice of laser surgery. The council has decided to review and update the Code of Practice and Dr. Chow Pak Chin will lead the Council in the project. As the Chairman of the Working Group on Revision of the Code of Practice – Health Care Laser System, Dr. Chow has liaised with the Hong Kong Surgical Laser Association, the Hong Kong Medical Association and the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine to play a leading role in the updating process. Dr. Walter King (the Hong Kong Surgical Laser Association) and Dr. Lo Wing Lok (the Hong Kong Medical Association) have kindly agreed to be the advisers of the Editorial Board. The first meeting of the working group had been held on 19 July 2002 with enthusiastic input from representatives of various medical and health specialties involved in laser medicine and surgery.



The Working Group in Revision of the Code of Practice – Health Care Laser System has held the first meeting on 19 July 2002

## ***New Council of the Hong Kong Surgical Laser Association 2002-2003***

The Council of the Hong Kong Surgical Laser Association was re-elected in the AGM held on 26 March 2002. Three council members were re-elected to carry out their duty from 2002-2004. They are Dr. Chow Pak Chin, Dr. James Hwang and Dr. Tung Man Kwong. Congratulation to them!

The Council for the year 2002-2003 are as follows:

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