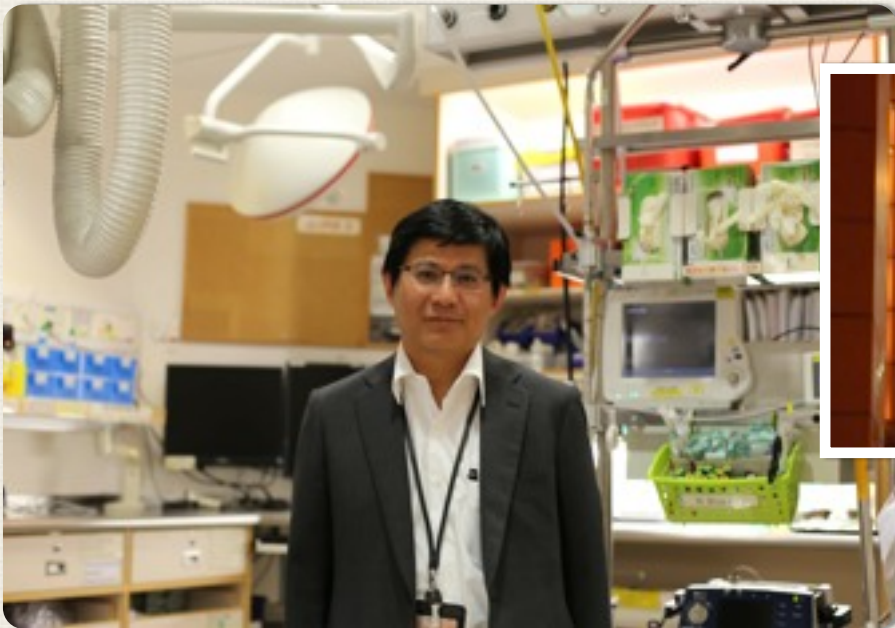


# EM EXPRESS



DR. HO, "I'M CONFIDENT THAT EM DEVELOPMENT IS WELL ON ITS WAY..."

## A chat with the President of HKCEM...

*Working in Queen Elizabeth Hospital, I certainly have privilege to catch up with our new President of the Hong Kong College of Emergency Medicine, Dr. Ho.*

*Reporter : Congratulations, Dr. Ho! When a President chooses to serve for extra three years, there must be some reasons. Would you like to share your pearls with us?*

Dr. Ho : For myself, these three years being the President of HKCEM has been an eventful one such as organizing the International Conference on Emergency Medicine (ICEM) 2014, revising the teaching curriculum, creating three new Chapters, namely Women fellow's chapter, Young fellow's chapter and Private Emergency Physician's chapter and many more.

We could see there is potential for the College to grow even further with such an experienced and dedicated team in place. There will be many challenges as well as good opportunities that lay ahead of us. Teamwork and sense of openness would be very important nowadays in managing the College's affairs.



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**Reporter : The Specialty of Emergency Medicine(EM) has been developing in a fast pace throughout these years, and like every specialty, it faces ongoing challenges. Potential crisis and barriers are getting in the way of the business. How would you do to balance our desire to help our members and fellows?**

Dr. Ho :As for the current crisis, I need not go into great detail. We are dealing with the effects of manpower shortage globally and the difficulty in retaining EM trainees. For the problem of manpower, we are in same shoes as other sister specialties. For the retention of EM trainees, the four possible solutions may be a strategic revise of training curriculum, development of post-fellowship sub-specialization, better long-term prospects of the private EM market and last but not least, striking for a more pleasant working environment. The latter two have been particularly affected worldwide by various uncontrollable obstacles. However, the former two are far more manageable by ourselves. That is how things have worked out. Now the re-structuring of the EM curriculum and examinations model is in progress. Clinical toxicology is very optimistically to be announced as the first sub-specialty in EM.

We have concrete goals and we have the necessary tools and human resources required to see our plans through.

We all know what makes EM such a fast-growing specialty in the world. It is the youngest specialty in Hong Kong, with young people who are full of dreams and ambition.

It is very hard to attract enthusiastic trainees, and it is very hard to build a good training infrastructure, and it is very hard to sustain our credibility in the midst of conflict. The future belongs to those who build, not those who destroy. We have to keep up with the good standard of practice, both in government hospital and in private sector.

Em physicians have unique possibilities to create network synergies for extensive expertise in the whole medical field. We are fully committed to meeting the challenge of solving chaotic problems. We are used to coordinating and prioritizing events as well as leading people.

Despite the re-organization of the top levels of the College after the election, we have been working constantly to improve the current state of the College and provide it with a better immediate future. I don't want to just sustain this momentum, I want to uplift it. With the highlight of the sense of openness, we hope to count on the solidarity and support of our members and fellows and we ask them for their trust again in the Council board, sub-committees and fellow's chapters. I am very much looking forward to a continued, very exciting and challenging year 2015.



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6	Mo BLS	6 Th	6	Sa BLS
7	Tu BLS	7 Fr	7	Su
8	We ECG JCM	8 Sa BLS	8	Mo
9	Th	9 Su	9	Tu ECG PEEM (2nd diet)
10	Fr	10 Mo	10	We Tox Airway PEEM(reserved day)
11	Sa	11 Tu	11	Th
12	Su	12 We Tox	12	Fr
13	Mo	13 Th	13	Sa
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15	We Tox	15 Sa	15	Mo
16	Th	16 Su	16	Tu PALS
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18	Sa	18 Tu	18	Th ACLS
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