

# HKAST Annual Report 2019 – 2020



**THE HONG KONG ASSOCIATION  
OF SPEECH THERAPISTS**  
香港言語治療師協會

# MESSAGE FROM CHAIRPERSON



**Lai King Lok, Joshua**  
**Chairperson, HKAST 2019 - 2020**

I am pleased to present the Annual Report 2019-2020 for The Hong Kong Association of Speech Therapists (HKAST).

In the year 2019-2020, the total number of full members of HKAST reached the maximum of 863. The total number of HKAST members is 915 including full members, associate members, overseas members and student members. All the figures are the highest numbers since the establishment of HKAST.

This year has been a difficult year for HKAST. Due to the political situation and pandemic condition of COVID-19, the execution of year plan of HKAST had been changed. Regarding continuing education for local speech therapists, instead of face-to-face seminars, we organized a series of webinars to enhance up-to-date professional knowledge. As for raising public awareness towards speech therapy, we have edited two educational videos and two animation videos to promote speech therapy knowledge, especially when service provision was suspended.

It has already been my tenth year being the Committee member in HKAST, and I am delighted to serve as the chairman in HKAST for the sixth year. I am glad to have a successor as the chairman in the coming year. Above all, I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to my fellow Committee members. They are all very passionate and have devoted much time for the routine administration work and preparation for the webinars and media productions. Last but not least, I would like to thank fellow members who participated in our events and continuously supported me and HKAST these years.

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# BOARD OF COMMITTEE 2019 - 2020

**CHAIRPERSON** Mr. Joshua Lai

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Ms. Vivian Yip

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Dr. Leung Man Tak  
Dr. Janet Ng

**HONORARY AUDITOR** Mr. Bernard Wu, CPA

**HONORARY LEGAL ADVISOR** Ms. Michelle Liu

# PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT EVENTS

Due to the pandemic situation, all of our courses and local seminars were conducted as webinars on the online platform this year. However, we are very happy with the participation rate and the amazing feedbacks from our members!

## Telepractice - A Double-Edged Sword for Speech Therapists

27 MAR 2020



We are honoured to have invited Dr. Lorinda Kwan and Mr. Raymond Fong to be our speakers for our first HKAST Speech Therapy Webinar Series. Mr. Raymond Fong had shared a recently conducted survey on telepractice among speech therapists while Dr. Lorinda Kwan had shared tips on empowering therapists and patients via online service. The webinar was very successful and received so many good feedbacks from our members! Thank you to Dr. Lorinda Kwan and Mr. Raymond Fong for making our first webinar successful in March.

## Primary Progressive Aphasia - Speech and Language-based Dementia

23 APR 2020



We are honoured to have invited Dr. Lorinda Kwan and Dr. Boon Lead Tee to be our speakers for the second HKAST Speech Therapy Webinar Series. The sharing of their professional knowledge and experiences on primary progressive aphasia was most cherished by the participants.

# PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT EVENTS

## Dietitians' Role in Dysphagic Elderly Population and How Dietitians Cooperate With Speech Therapists

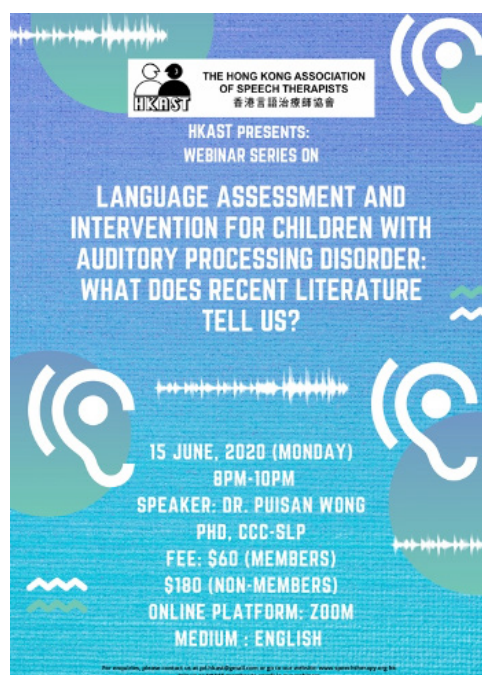
28 MAY 2020



We are honoured to have invited Ms. Heidi Chan to share her knowledge and experience on the nutritional problems found in elderly population with dysphagia, special dietary considerations and food preference for the elderly population in Hong Kong. Ms. Heidi Chan also shared the dilemma on tube feeding vs. comfort feeding in elderly population with advanced dementia or during end stage of life.

## Language Assessment and Intervention for Children with Auditory Processing Disorder: What Does Recent Literature Tell Us?

15 JUN 2020



We are honoured to have invited Dr. Pusan Wong to be our speaker. Dr. Wong had shared her valuable knowledge on (1) the nature of APD, (2) practicing diagnostic procedures and intervention approaches for children with APD, (3) controversies on the clinical diagnosis of APD, (4) similarities between children with APD and children with developmental language delay, dyslexia and ADHD, (5) efficacy of computer-based interventions on language outcomes of children with APD, and (6) implications of these findings for the assessment and treatment of language difficulties in children with APD. The participants had very good feedbacks on the webinar. Thank you Dr. Pusan Wong for sharing her knowledge and expertise with us in this area.



# PUBLIC AWARENESS

## Educational Videos

To promote the roles of speech therapists in the management of different diseases and disorders, HKAST has published educational videos on “Speech Therapy on Hearing Impaired Children” on our website, Facebook page and Youtube channel in May, 2020. Another series of videos on “Speech Therapy on Pediatric Language Impairment” is being edited and will be published at the end of 2020.



## Animation Videos


Furthermore, two animation videos, including 「言語治療師 - 點止言語咁簡單!？」 and 「促進孩子語言發展的 8 個技巧」 have been published to promote understanding of speech therapy in the community.



We would like to thank everyone who has involved in and supported the filming and preparation of these videos, in particular, Prof. Kathy Lee and Ms. Tse Chui Ki for their sharing of expert knowledge and the patients and caregivers for their sincere sharing. We would also like to thank our photographers and animators who gave us feedback on filming and editing of the videos.

# Speech Therapy Service Referral System in Hong Kong

	衛生署 / 社會福利署 Department of Health / Social Welfare Department	醫院管理局 Hospital Authority	非政府機構 Non-Governmental Organizations	私人機構 Private Practice
簡介 Referral	香港健康院 Maternal and Child Health Centre  註冊西醫 Registered Doctor  臨床心理學家 Clinical Psychologist  教育心理學家 Educational Psychologist	醫生三個月內發出的醫生轉介信 Doctors (Medical referral within 3 months)	請參閱各非政府機構的指引 Please refer to the guidelines of each organization	自行轉介 Self-referral
評估 Assessment	衛生署兒童發展智力測驗中心 Department of Health – Child Assessment Service	醫院管理局轄下公立醫院言語治療部 Hospital Authority - Department of Speech Therapy	非政府機構轄下的言語治療服務 Speech therapy services of each organization	各私人機構 Private Practice
訓練服務 Therapy	經社工作福利康復服務處中 央轉介系統之訓練服務 職能及能力 Assigning types and locations of therapy services through the Central Referral System for Rehabilitation Services	住院服務 Inpatient Service  門診服務 Outpatient Service	早期教育及訓練中心 (E/C) Early Education and Training Centre  綜合輔導課程 (K) 暨 Integrated Programmes (K) cum- Child Care Centres  預設學前康復服務 (IO) On-site Pre-school Rehabilitation Services  特殊幼兒中心 (S/C) Special Child Care Centre	自費言語治療服務 Self financed speech therapy services
參考網站 Websites	香港健康院資料 Information of Maternal and Child Health Centres <a href="https://www.hpa.gov.hk/en_chi/centre_development/mater-child.htm">https://www.hpa.gov.hk/en_chi/centre_development/mater-child.htm</a>	各醫院的網址 List of all hospital websites <a href="http://www.ha.org.hk/cisinfo/a-z/write_index.asp?Content_ID=100&amp;URL=/CHIB&amp;Openmode=Full&amp;Language=EN">http://www.ha.org.hk/cisinfo/a-z/write_index.asp?Content_ID=100&amp;URL=/CHIB&amp;Openmode=Full&amp;Language=EN</a>	非政府機構資料 List of NGO Service Providers <a href="http://www.senel.gov.hk/hk/index/ntc_info.html_scschib.htm">http://www.senel.gov.hk/hk/index/ntc_info.html_scschib.htm</a>  計劃劃分「市中心」區 List of Service Providers <a href="http://www.senel.gov.hk/hk/index/ntc_info.html_scschib.htm">http://www.senel.gov.hk/hk/index/ntc_info.html_scschib.htm</a> <a href="http://www.senel.gov.hk/hk/index/ntc_info.html_scschib.htm">http://www.senel.gov.hk/hk/index/ntc_info.html_scschib.htm</a>	香港言語治療師協會會員 Members of the Hong Kong Association of Speech Therapists <a href="http://www.speechtherapistshk.org/research_clinician.asp">http://www.speechtherapistshk.org/research_clinician.asp</a>

	<b>THE HONG KONG ASSOCIATION OF SPEECH THERAPISTS</b> 香港言語治療學會				
<b>學齡兒童 (Primary/Secondary Students)</b>					
	<b>衛生署 / 社會福利署</b> Department of Health / Social Welfare Department	<b>醫院管理局</b> Hospital Authority	<b>教育局</b> Education Bureau	<b>非政府機構</b> Non-Governmental Organizations	<b>私人機構</b> Private Practice
<b>簡介</b> Referral	註冊醫生 Registered Doctor  臨床心理學家 Clinical Psychologist  教育心理學家 Educational Psychologist	醫生 (三個月內發出的 醫生書信) Doctor (Medical referral within 3 months)	學校老師或社工 Teacher or Social Worker at school	請參閱各非政府機構的 指引 Please refer to the guidelines of each organization	自行轉介 Self Referral
<b>評估</b> Assessment	衛生署兒童發展智力測驗 中心 (12 歲以下) Child Assessment Service - (Under the age of 12)	醫院管理局轄下公 立醫院言語治療科 Hospital Authority - Department of Speech Therapy	教育局特殊教育服務中心 Special Education Services Centres  校本言語治療計劃 School-based speech therapy services	各非政府機構的言語治 療服務 Speech therapy services of each organization	私人機構 Private Practice
<b>訓練服務</b> Therapy	經社工作輔導康復服務中 心轉介或可直接向教育局 轄下的個別特殊學校或接 受校本言語治療服務 Being assigned to special schools of the Education Bureau though the Central Referral System for Rehabilitation Services and receive school-based speech therapy services	住院服務 Inpatient Service  門診服務 Outpatient Service	校本言語治療計劃 School-based speech therapy services	自資言語治療服務 Self-financed speech therapy services	自資言語治療服務 Self-financed speech therapy services
<b>參考網站</b> Websites	衛生署兒童發展智力測驗 中心 Child Assessment Service - <a href="http://www.dhsa.gov.hk/en/hs/index.html">http://www.dhsa.gov.hk/en/hs/index.html</a>	各醫院的網址 List of all hospital websites  <a href="http://www.hksa.gov.hk/vision/index.asp?content=101001006">http://www.hksa.gov.hk/vision/index.asp?content=101001006</a> <a href="http://www.hksa.gov.hk/Dimensions/1006.asp">www.hksa.gov.hk/Dimensions/1006.asp</a> - 100048 & view	特殊教育資源中心 Special Education Resource Centre  <a href="http://www.edb.gov.hk/ta/ta/en/system/special/resources/en/ta0004.html">http://www.edb.gov.hk/ta/ta/en/system/special/resources/en/ta0004.html</a>	非政府機構資料 List of NGO Service Providers  <a href="http://www.spechtherp.org.hk/en/links/pagoweb/">http://www.spechtherp.org.hk/en/links/pagoweb/</a>	香港言語治療師會員 Association of the Hong Kong Association of Speech Therapists in Private Practice  <a href="http://www.spechtherp.org.hk/en/search_clinician.asp">http://www.spechtherp.org.hk/en/search_clinician.asp</a>



# COLLABORATIONS

## Certificate Course on Communication and Swallowing Problems in the Elderly Population (Video Lectures)

To promote the identification of communication and swallowing disorders in the elderly population, HKAST and The Federation of Medical Societies of Hong Kong (FMSHK) collaborated again to organize a certificate course for various healthcare professionals in June and July. Due to COVID-19, 6 video lectures were provided online for this course. We would like to once again express our gratitude to the speakers: Dr. Anthony Kong, Dr. Lorinda Kwan, Mr. Joshua Mak, Ms. Rita Wong, Mr. Raymond Fong and Ms. Polly Lau.

Certificate Course for All Healthcare Professionals

Course No. C348 CME/CNE Course

### Certificate Course on Communication and Swallowing Problems in the Elderly Population (Video Lectures)

Jointly organised by



The Federation of Medical  
Societies of Hong Kong



The Hong Kong Association  
of Speech Therapists

#### Objectives:

Upon completion of the course, participants will be able to understand the communication and swallowing problems associated with common diseases in the elderly population. Speech therapists will share how these problems are identified and remediated. The course will feature solid theoretical background knowledge as well as day-to-day tips. Participants will be able to enhance their knowledge and confidence in handling individuals with communication and swallowing difficulties.

Date	Topics	Speakers
1 June, 2020	Neurogenic communication disorders (I) – Aphasia and Cognitive Communication Disorders	Dr. Anthony Pak-Hin KONG Associate Professor, School of Communication Sciences and Disorders, University of Central Florida
8 June, 2020	Communication problems in patients with Parkinson's disease	Dr. Lorinda Chen KWAN Senior Lecturer, Department of Special Education & Counseling, The Education University of Hong Kong
15 June, 2020	Dysphagia management in the elderly population	Mr. Joshua Kam-Wo MAK Speech Therapist, Private Practice
22 June, 2020	Communication problems in patients with Dementia	Ms. Rita Wai-Ming WONG Speech Therapist, Department of Otorhinolaryngology, Head and Neck Surgery, The Chinese University of Hong Kong
29 June, 2020	Neurogenic communication disorders (II) – Dysarthria and Apraxia of Speech	Mr. Raymond FONG Speech Therapist, Department of Otorhinolaryngology, Head and Neck Surgery, The Chinese University of Hong Kong
6 July, 2020	Hearing ability in the geriatric population	Ms. Polly Suk-Han LAU Senior Lecturer, Department of Special Education & Counseling, The Education University of Hong Kong

**Dates :** 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 June and 6 July, 2020 (Every Monday)

**Time :** 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

**Course Feature :** Video lectures (with Q&A)

**Language Media :** Cantonese (Supplemented with English)

**Course Fee :** HK\$1,000 (6 sessions)

**Certificate :** Awarded to participants with a minimum attendance of 70%

**Enquiry :** The Secretariat of The Federation of Medical Societies of Hong Kong  
Tel: 2527 8898 Fax: 2865 0345 Email: vienna.lam@fmskhk.org

CME /CNE/ CPD Accreditation in application

Application form can be downloaded from website: <http://www.fmskhk.org>

# MEMBERS' BENEFITS & SOCIAL EVENTS

## E-eXpress

HKAST eXpress was sent out monthly to members via emails to update on recent activities, relevant continuing education events and job vacancies.

## Profession Indemnity Insurance

In 2019-2020, HKAST continued to collaborate with Charterlloyd Insurance Brokers Ltd to provide a Professional Indemnity Insurance package to our members, which protects speech therapists against any unfair allegation of professional misconduct at the hearing of professional association by support of legal presentation and its costs and expenses, which may be a huge sum of cost. Individual professional indemnity insurance is mandatory for speech therapists to register for Hong Kong Institute of Speech Therapists.

## Hong Kong Council of Social Service (HKCSS) Carepacks



HKAST were grateful to have received the donation of Carepacks from the Hong Kong Council of Social Service (HKCSS) and the Hong Kong Jockey Club Charitable Trust Fund.

Each of the Carepack contains 20 pieces of surgical masks and 2 bottles of hand sanitizer. More than 200 Carepacks were packed by executive committee members and were sent out to registered members by local mail.

## Group Order of Surgical Masks and Face Shields

Due to the escalating situation of COVID-19 in 2020, we anticipated that surgical masks and face shields will still be in demand for a certain period of time. We organized a group order of surgical masks and face shields for members. Similar to the carepacks, the surgical masks and face shields were packed and sent out by executive committee members and were distributed to registered members via express delivery.



# APPENDIX A: MEMBERSHIP PROFILE

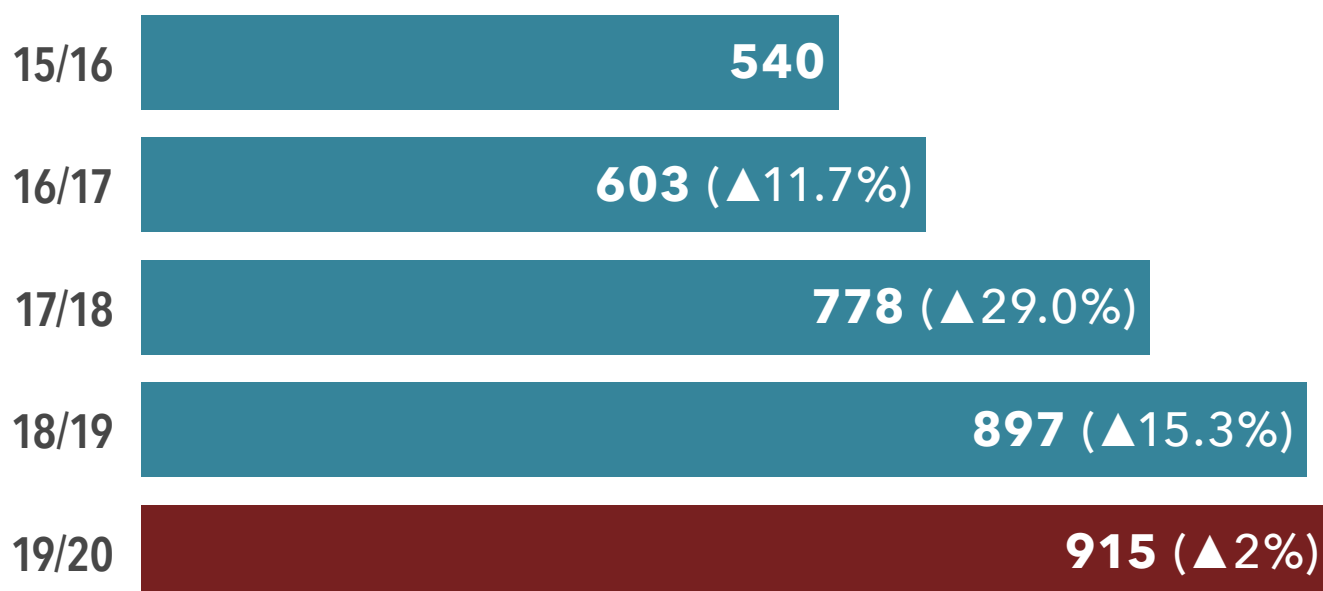
## HKAST Members 2019 - 2020



Total: 915

■ Full Members   ■ Student Members   ■ Overseas Members   ■ Associate Members

## Cumulative HKAST Members Per Year



# APPENDIX B:

## FINANCIAL REPORT 2019 - 2020

### THE HONG KONG ASSOCIATION OF SPEECH THERAPISTS INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2020

	Aug-01-2019 to Jul-31-2020 HK\$	Aug-01-2018 to Jul-31-2019 HK\$
<b>Income :</b>		
<b>Annual Subscriptions</b>		
- Full	301,200.00	281,580.00
- Associate / Overseas	2,200.00	5,800.00
- Student	3,700.00	3,450.00
Storage Deposit Refund	1,488.00	-
	<b>308,588.00</b>	<b>290,830.00</b>
<b>Expenditure :</b>		
Bank Charge	(440.00)	(440.00)
Donation/Sponsor	-	(3,386.30)
Faxline Charge	-	(924.00)
G.P.O. Box Rental Charge/Management	-	(890.00)
Homepage Revamp	(44,100.00)	(18,400.00)
New Exco and Subcom Recruitment	(5,611.00)	(3,476.00)
PayPal Charge	(18,328.37)	(25,121.41)
Printing/Postage/Stationery	(9,885.50)	(19,489.80)
Professional Membership	(2,535.00)	(685.00)
Retreat	-	(4,238.00)
Souvenirs	(199.70)	(258.00)
Office Rent	(35,142.00)	-
Exco Meeting Room	(3,847.50)	-
Storage Charge	-	(17,217.00)
	<b>(120,089.07)</b>	<b>(94,525.51)</b>



**THE HONG KONG ASSOCIATION OF SPEECH THERAPISTS**  
**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT (CONTINUED)**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2020**

	Aug-01-2019 to Jul-31-2020 HK\$	Aug-01-2018 to Jul-31-2019 HK\$
<b>Workshops/Seminars/Sponsored Event :</b>		
<b>AGM</b>		
Income Nestle Sponsor	30,000.00	0.00
Expenditure Printing, helpers, travelling	(6,427.50)	(3,241.20)
	<u>23,572.50</u>	<u>-3,241.20</u>
<b>Attention Autism</b>		
Income Participant Fee	75,000.00	-
Expenditure Contribution, printing and speaker visa	(35,677.24)	-
	<u>39,322.76</u>	<u>0.00</u>
<b>2020 Exhibition in D Park</b>		
Income Deposit Refund	11,300.00	-
Expenditure Contribution, printing, rent	(22,496.37)	(78,525.50)
	<u>(11,196.37)</u>	<u>-78,525.50</u>
<b>Webinar Series on Telepractice: A Double-Edged Sword for Speech Therapists</b>		
Income Participant fee	-	-
Expenditure Zoom premium	(514.50)	-
	<u>-514.50</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Webinar Series on Primary Progressive Aphasia: Speech and Language-Based Dementia</b>		
Income Participant fee	2,580.00	-
Expenditure Speaker honorarium	(2,800.00)	-
Bank charges	(390.00)	-
Refund	(60.00)	-
Zoom premium	(513.64)	-
	<u>(1,183.64)</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Webinar Series on Dietitian's Role in Dysphagic Elderly Population and How Dietitians Cooperate with Speech Therapists</b>		
Income Participant fee	3,960.00	0.00
Expenditure Speaker honorarium	(2,000.00)	-
Zoom premium	(514.07)	-
	<u>1,445.93</u>	<u>0.00</u>
<b>Webinar Series on Language assessment and intervention for children with Auditory Processing Disorder: What does recent literature tell us?</b>		
Income Participant fee	8,640.00	0.00
	<u>8,640.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
<b>Public Awareness Event: Animation</b>		
Income Participant fee	0.00	0.00
Expenditure Production cost, promotion cost	(56,000.00)	-
	<u>(56,000.00)</u>	<u>0.00</u>
<b>Masks and face shields ordering</b>		
Income Ordering fee	20,550.50	0.00
	<u>20,550.50</u>	<u>0.00</u>
<b>(Deficit) / Surplus for the year</b>	<u><b>213,136.11</b></u>	

Prepared by:



Sen Hei WONG  
Treasurer



Joshua LAI  
Chairman



Bernard WU  
Honorary Auditor

Date: 30th August 2020

**THE HONG KONG ASSOCIATION OF SPEECH THERAPISTS**  
**BALANCE SHEET**  
**AS AT 31 JULY 2020**

	July-31-2020 HK\$	July-31-2019 HK\$	July-31-2018 HK\$
<b>ASSETS</b>			
Cash at bank	1,212,408.66	999,272.55	838,464.71
Total assets	<u><u>1,212,408.66</u></u>	<u><u>999,272.55</u></u>	<u><u>838,464.71</u></u>
<b>ACCUMULATED SURPLUS</b>			
Surplus brought forward	999,272.55	838,464.71	679,504.09
(Deficit) / Surplus for the year	213,136.11	160,807.84	158,960.62
Surplus carried forward	<u><u>1,212,408.66</u></u>	<u><u>999,272.55</u></u>	<u><u>838,464.71</u></u>

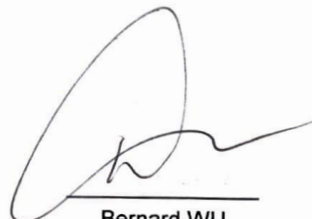
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Treasurer



Joshua LAI  
Chairman



Bernard WU  
Honorary Auditor

Date: 30th August 2020

## APPENDIX C: LIST OF PAST CHAIRPERSONS

1984 – 1986	Mrs. Gillian Tettmar
1987 – 1990	Prof. Tara Whitehill
1990 – 1991	Prof. Rosemary Varley
1991 – 1993	Ms. Ha Siu Yuet, Joanne
1993 – 1998	Dr. Leung Man Tak
1998 – 2000	Ms. Chung Yuk May, Elizabeth
2000 – 2001	Ms. Sarah Chan
2001 – 2003	Mr. Ko Chin Pang, Patrick
2003 – 2004	Dr. Chan Man Kei, Karen
2004 – 2005	Ms. Wong Yam Man, Wendy
2005 – 2010	Dr. Ng Ho Yee, Janet
2010 – 2012	Mr. Raymond Fong
2012 – 2014	Mr. Au Chi Yeung, Danny
2014 – 2020	Mr. Lai King Lok, Joshua