

Annual Report 2016-2017



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

Message from Chairperson

It is my pleasure to present the Annual Report 2016-2017 for The Hong Kong Association of Speech Therapists (HKAST).

The total number of members of HKAST reached the maximum of 603 in the year 2016-2017, which is the highest number since the establishment of HKAST. The significant increase in the number of full members and associate members accounted for the rise in total number of members.

We had a busy but nourishing year in HKAST this year. The most important milestone is that we have a great progress in achieving a registration system for local speech therapists, namely Accredited Registers (AR) scheme for speech therapists. After many meetings and preparatory work, the speech therapy profession was selected to be the first local allied health profession for the pilot AR scheme, which is anticipated to be launched officially by the HKSAR government in early 2018.

A series of successful expert seminars was held this year. Furthermore, HKAST collaborated with different organizations in public and professional events, including Hong Kong College of Gerontology Nursing, Hear Talk Foundation and Federations of Medical Societies of Hong Kong.

It has already been my seventh year being the Committee member in HKAST, and I am pleased to serve as the chairman in HKAST for the third year. Above all, I would like to express my genuine gratitude to my fellow Committee members, who are all young, passionate and devoted. Besides, I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to members of the AR Subcommittee, who had put so much effort together in the preparation for AR in the recent months. Last but not least, I so grateful to all members who participated in our events and continuously supported HKAST.

My vision remains unchanged in HKAST: To serve the public passionately with the speech therapy profession, and to unite all speech therapists in Hong Kong.

Lai King Lok, Joshua
Chairperson, HKAST 2016-2017



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Board of Committee 2016-2017

Chairperson	:	Mr. Joshua Lai
Vice Chairperson	:	Mr. Thomas Law
External Secretary	:	Mr. Eddie Lee
Internal Secretary	:	Ms. Carmen Ng
Treasurer	:	Mr. Chuck Chan
Committee Members	:	Mr. Danny Au Ms. Natalie Fung Ms. Anita Ip Mr. Jason Kan Ms. Ceci Leung Mr. Eric Tong
Accredited Registers Subcommittee	:	Ms. Janet Ng Ms. Caroline Lee Dr. Carol To Mr. Joshua Lai (ex-officio) Mr. Thomas Law (ex-officio) Mr. Eddie Lee (ex-officio) Mr. Danny Au (ex-officio) Ms. Natalie Fung (ex-officio) Mr. Eric Tong (ex-officio)
Membership Approval Committee	:	Prof. Kathy Lee Dr. Leung Man Tak Dr. Carol To
Honorary Advisors	:	Ms. Elizabeth Chung Ms. Joanne Ha Prof. Kathy Lee Dr. Leung Man Tak Ms. Janet Ng
Honorary Auditor	:	Mr. Bernard Wu, CPA
Honorary Legal Advisor	:	Ms. Michelle Liu

Registration Affairs

Since late 1980s, HKAST has strived hard for a registration system for speech therapists in Hong Kong, aiming at maintaining high quality of professional service and public protection. For more than 30 years, we have been compromising with the government, and also have been preparing our profession for registration.

In 2015, the Food and Health Bureau proposed to set up an Accredited Registers (AR) scheme for healthcare professionals currently not under Statutory Registration. The government commissioned Jockey Club School of Public Health and Primary Care (JCSPHPC) of the Chinese University of Hong Kong plan and administer the accreditation, which is led by Prof. E. K. Yeoh.

In the year 2016-2017, the HKAST AR Subcommittee had worked so hard on submitting the AR application to JCSPHPC. Finally, in June 2017, the government announced an official start of a pilot run of the AR scheme. We, Speech Therapists, are chosen to be the first profession to undergo accreditation.

Hong Kong Institute of Speech Therapists (HKIST), the newly established limited company by guarantee, will be the regulatory body for the speech therapy profession. In order to prepare for the accreditation survey to be conducted in late September 2017, the AR subcommittee attended training sessions given by JCSPHPC and held many meetings to work on the self-assessment tool and to develop the professional documents of HKIST from June to September 2017.

An open consultation forum was held on 28th July 2017 to obtain fellow speech therapists' view and feedback towards to proposed AR framework and the professional documents. Around 80 speech therapists from different settings attended the forum and gave valuable opinion and advice. Their support to the AR scheme for speech therapists is very much appreciated.

If accreditation will be granted by the JCSPHPC after the survey, the pilot AR scheme for speech therapists is anticipated to be launched by the government in early 2018.



AR Consultation Forum Meeting with allied health representatives
Timeline for AR scheme in the year 2016-2017

12 November 2016 26 November 2016	AR Scheme – Workshops for Pilot, organised by JCSPHPC, CUHK
18 November 2016	Meeting with Prof Hon Joseph Lee
29 November 2016	Meeting with representatives from Food and Health Bureau
18 December 2016	Meeting with representatives from other allied health professions
12 December 2016 13 February 2017	AR Subcommittee meetings
3 January 2017	Meeting with Prof Hon Joseph Lee
17 February 2017	Submission of Pre-application of AR Scheme for Healthcare Professions (Pilot Scheme)
13 March 2017	AR Subcommittee meeting
14 June 2017	Meeting with Prof Hon Joseph Lee
19 June 2017	Announcement of Speech Therapist as the first profession in the AR Pilot Scheme in meeting
25 June 2017	Submission of first Draft Self-Assessment Tool
3 July 2017	AR Subcommittee meeting
5 July 2017	Meeting with representatives from other allied health professions
28 July 2017	(AR) Scheme for Speech Therapists Consultation Forum
26 June 2017 10 July 2017 29 July 2017 18 August 2017 16 September 2017	Training sessions by surveyor, organised by JCSPHPC, CUHK
20 August 2017	AR Subcommittee meeting
22 August 2017	Meeting with Honorary Legal Advisor on incorporation of HKIST
25 August 2017	Submission of revised Draft Self-Assessment Tool
18 September 2017	AR Subcommittee meeting
19 September 2017	Submission of Final Self-Assessment Tool
27-28 September 2017	Accreditation Survey for AR Scheme

Professional Development Events

Speech Therapy Expert Seminar Series on Singing and Vocal Strengthening for Clients with Parkinson's Disease, Dysarthria, Apraxia or Deconditioned And Aging Voices

Dr. Merrill Tanner was invited to share her voice treatment by singing on patients with Parkinson's Disease. Various voice treatment techniques were also reviewed. The workshop was held on 7th Mar 2017 in The Federation of Medical Societies of Hong Kong. Over 50 speech therapists attended the workshop and most of the participants found the workshop practical and would like to have more practical training in related area.



Speech Therapy Expert Seminar Series on All About AAC

Ms. Stephanie Erber was invited to provide a workshop on Augmentative and Alternative Communication. The workshop was held on 25th Mar 2017 in The Federation of Medical Societies of Hong Kong. Up to date knowledge on AAC systems assessment, core vocabulary and AAC implementation were reviewed.



Speech Therapy Expert Seminar Series on Cleft Palate Speech and Velopharyngeal Insufficiency (VPI) in Cleft Lip and Palate (Part 2)

Last year, we have invited Dr. Valerie Pereira to introduce “Cleft Palate Speech and Velopharyngeal Insufficiency (VPI) in Cleft Lip and Palate (Part 1). Foundation knowledge and assessment techniques were introduced. This year, we invited Dr. Pereira again to share on intervention strategies. The workshop was held successfully on 6th June, 2017 in The Christian Family Service Centre. 96 participants attended the seminar and 98% of them rated the seminar as good and satisfactory. Most of the participants reported of increased understanding on current evidence-based-practice in term of speech intervention in cleft lip and palate cases.



Evidence-based practice in rehabilitation of communication disorder in people with Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI)

In collaboration with The Education University of Hong Kong, Professor Leanne Togher of Sydney University was invited to talk on the cognitive communication disorder of TBI and the different strategies to maintain better communication with people with TBI. The seminar was held successfully on 7th July, 2017 in The Hong Kong Productivity Council. Participants gained comprehensive knowledge on TBI discourse analysis and communication partner training.



Summary of Professional Development Events

2017	March 7	Speech Therapy Expert Seminar Series on Singing and Vocal Strengthening for Clients with Parkinson's Disease, Dysarthria, Apraxia Or Deconditioned And Aging Voices
	March 25	Speech Therapy Expert Seminar Series on All About AAC
	June 6	Speech Therapy Expert Seminar Series on Cleft Palate Speech and Velopharyngeal Insufficiency (VPI) in Cleft Lip and Palate (Part 2)
	July 7	Evidence-based practice in rehabilitation of communication disorder in people with TBI (Collaborated with The Education University of Hong Kong)

Community and Public Education

Products of Carnival for Dementia

Products were designed featuring the communication and swallowing needs of people with dementia for the Carnival for Dementia last year. The products were available to be purchased in the SIGEMA Shop in Langham Place in Mongkok. The money raised will be donated to the Hong Kong Alzheimer's Disease Association to support the promotion of dementia in Hong Kong. It was hoped that the public continue to be alert of the impact of dementia on communication and swallowing.



Collaborations

Scientific Symposium on Dementia & Dysphagia in Aging Population

This Scientific Symposium was successfully held on 7th November, 2016. It was jointly organized by HKAST and The Hong Kong College of Gerontology Nursing. Over 130 nurses attended this symposium. Mr Danny Au, the current HKAST executive-committee member, was a guest speaker of the symposium and lectured on feeding and swallowing in elderly.



Certificate Course on Development and Disorders of Speech and Language in Children 2017

A certificate course was jointly organized by The Federations of Medical Societies of Hong Kong and HKAST. The course was successfully held from 30th March to 4th May (every Thursday evening) at the Duke of Windsor Social Service Building. Seminars on different aspects of speech and language development and impairment in children were given by local speech therapist experts. A total of 58 participants attended the course and they all expressed positive feedback in evaluation of the course.

Certificate Course for Doctors, Nurses, Healthcare Professional and General Public
+ CME/CNE Course + Course No. C296

Certificate Course on Development and Disorders of Speech and Language in Children 2017

Jointly organised by

The Federation of Medical Societies of Hong Kong

HKAST
The Hong Kong Association of Speech Therapists



Objectives:
After the course, participants will have a basic understanding towards the development of speech and language in children, common speech and language disorders, as well as basic components in assessing and treating speech and language disorders. With the above knowledge, participants will be able to develop greater awareness in identifying children with suspected speech and language disorders at their clinical practice or even in their own family.

Date	Topics	Speakers
30 Mar	Early Language Development & Disorders	Dr. Carol To Associate Professor Division of Speech & Hearing Sciences The University of Hong Kong
6 Apr	Speech Sound Development & Disorders	Dr. Carol To Associate Professor Division of Speech & Hearing Sciences The University of Hong Kong
13 Apr	Dyslexia	Dr. Dustin Lau Associate Professor Department of Chinese & Bilingual Studies Hong Kong Polytechnic University
20 Apr	Bilingual Development in Children: Myths & Misconceptions	Mr. Thomas Law Speech Therapist Department of Otorhinolaryngology, Head & Neck Surgery Chinese University of Hong Kong
27 Apr	Understanding Developmental Stuttering in Children	Mr. Thomas Law Speech Therapist Department of Otorhinolaryngology, Head & Neck Surgery Chinese University of Hong Kong
4 May	Aural Rehabilitation For Children With Hearing Impairment	Mr. Jason Kan Speech Therapist Speech Therapy Centre

Date : 30 March, 6, 13, 20, 27 April and 4 May, 2017 (Every Thursday)
Time : 7:30 pm – 8:30 pm
Venue : Lecture Hall, 4/F., Duke of Windsor Social Service Building, 15 Hennessy Road, Wanchai, Hong Kong
Language Media : Cantonese (Supplemented with English)
Course Fee : HK\$750 (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: info@fmshk.org

CME / CNE/ CPD Accreditation in application
Application form can be downloaded from website: <http://www.fmshk.org>



Members' Benefits and Social Event

Website, membership portal and e-eXpress

HKAST had purchased service from another company for website maintenance and the debugging was completed this year. Advancement of the website was also implemented. HKAST eXpress was sent out monthly to members via emails to update on recent activities, relevant continuing education events and job vacancies.

Social event – Christmas Cookie Workshop

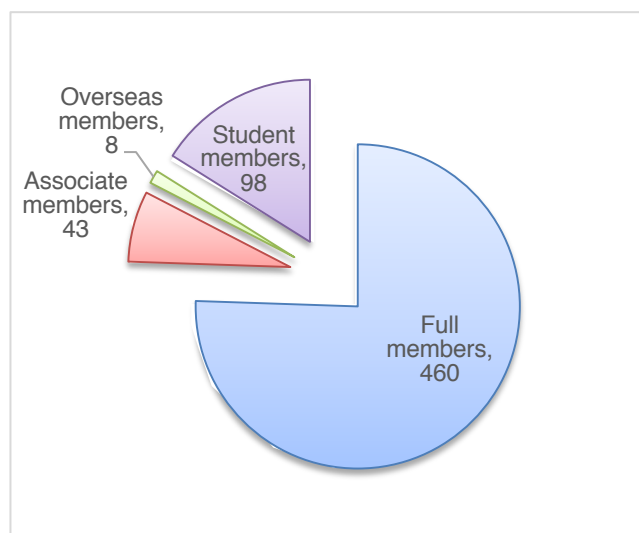
A baking workshop was held in a cooking studio located in North Point on 13th December, 2016 as an opportunity for members to mingle around and develop interests together. A total of 9 members participated in the event and spent an enjoyable night making their own specially decorated icing cookies. After the event, all participants brought home a box of freshly made cookies for their friends and family to share the delightful time of the year with bites of sweetness.



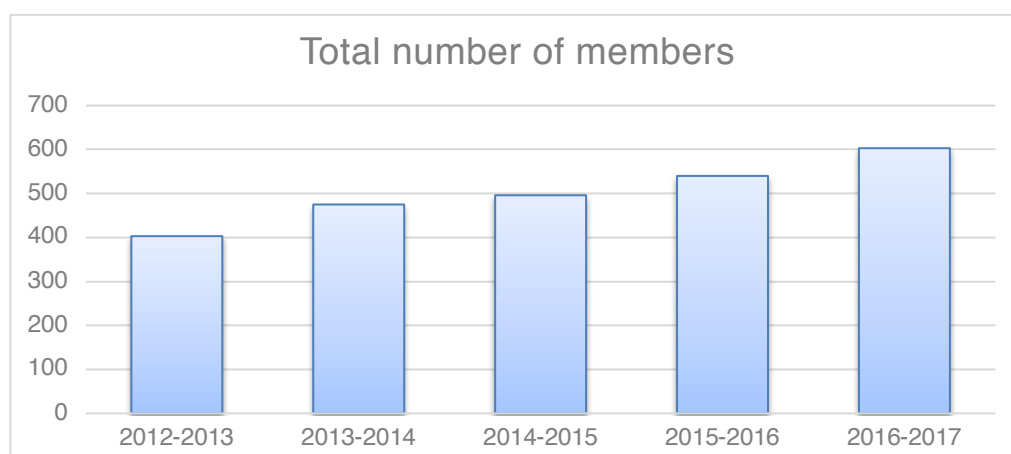
Appendix A: Membership profile

Membership Number 2016-2017

Full members	460
Associate members	43
Overseas members	8
Student members	98
Total	609

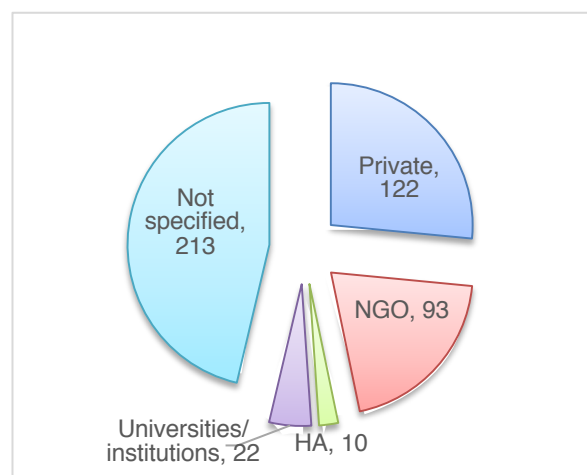


Year	Total number of members
2012-2013	403
2013-2014	475 (increased by 17.8%)
2014-2015	496 (increased by 4.4%)
2015-2016	540 (increased by 8.9%)
2016-2017	603 (increased by 11.7%)



Membership Profile 2016-2017

Settings	No. of full members
Private	122
NGO	93
HA	10
Universities/Institutions	22
Not Specified	213



Appendix B: Financial Report 2016-2017

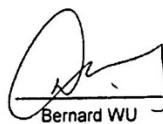
THE HONG KONG ASSOCIATION OF SPEECH THERAPISTS BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 JULY 2017

	July-31-2017 HK\$	July-31-2016 HK\$	July-31-2015 HK\$
ASSETS			
Cash at bank	679,504.09	662,888.76	621,265.90
Total assets	<u>679,504.09</u>	<u>662,888.76</u>	<u>621,265.90</u>
ACCUMULATED SURPLUS			
Surplus brought forward	662,888.76	621,265.90	637,763.48
(Deficit) / Surplus for the year	16,615.33	41,622.86	(16,497.58)
Surplus carried forward	<u>679,504.09</u>	<u>662,888.76</u>	<u>621,265.90</u>

Prepared by:


 Chuck CHAN
 Treasurer


 Joshua LAI
 Chairman


 Bernard WU
 Honorary Auditor

Date: 14th August 2017



THE HONG KONG ASSOCIATION OF SPEECH THERAPISTS
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2017

	Aug-01-2016 to Jul-31-2017 HK\$	Aug-01-2015 to Jul-31-2016 HK\$
Income :		
Annual Subscriptions		157,800.00
- Full	152,400.00	1,100.00
- Overseas	1,400.00	1,800.00
- Associate	6,200.00	8,900.00
- Student	4,750.00	169,600.00
	<u>164,750.00</u>	
		100.00
Administrative Fee	-	1,000.00
		<u>1,000.00</u>
Donation	-	<u>170,700.00</u>
	<u>164,750.00</u>	
Expenditure :		(4,016.70)
AGM	(2,837.10)	-
Public Awareness Meeting	(2,084.30)	(4,962.88)
Part-time Helper	(3,500.00)	(1,235.00)
Professional Membership	(1,785.00)	(1,605.00)
Printing/Postage/Stationery	(8,651.50)	(13,019.35)
PayPal Charge	(10,305.65)	(590.00)
Bank Charge	(340.00)	(588.00)
Faxline Charge	(588.00)	-
G.P.O. Box Rental Charge/Management	(1,780.00)	-
Storage Charge	(25,694.80)	(7,620.00)
Homepage Rewamp	(37,120.00)	(687.84)
Transportation/Accommodation	(41.20)	-
Donation	(10,680.00)	(414.00)
Souvenirs	(220.00)	(90,897.66)
Journal Subscription	-	-
Accredited Registration	(72,530.30)	-
Retreat	(2,551.80)	-
	<u>(180,709.65)</u>	<u>(125,636.43)</u>

**THE HONG KONG ASSOCIATION OF SPEECH THERAPISTS
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2017**

	Aug-01-2016 to Jul-31-2017 HK\$	Aug-01-2015 to Jul-31-2016 HK\$
Workshops/Seminars/Sponsored Event :		
2017 Cleft Palate (II) Seminar		
Income Participant fee	22,700.00	-
Expenditure Contribution, printing and speaker honorarium	(7,266.90)	-
	<u>15,433.10</u>	<u>-</u>
2017 All About AAC Workshop		
Income Participant fee	21,350.00	-
Expenditure Contribution, printing and speaker honorarium	(14,136.60)	-
	<u>7,213.40</u>	<u>-</u>
2017 Singing and Vocal Strengthening Workshop		
Income Participant fee	8,600.00	-
Expenditure Contribution, printing and speaker honorarium	(5,925.50)	-
	<u>2,674.50</u>	<u>-</u>
2016 Christmas Cookies Event		
Income Participant fee	1,500.00	-
Expenditure Contribution, printing and speaker honorarium	(4,560.00)	-
	<u>(3,060.00)</u>	<u>-</u>
2016 Hanen Workshop		
Income Participant fee	-	9,450.00
Expenditure Contribution, printing and speaker honorarium	-	(1,952.00)
	<u>-</u>	<u>7,498.00</u>
2016 Cleft Palate Seminar		
Income Participant fee	2,050.00	15,950.00
Expenditure Contribution, printing and speaker honorarium	(5,930.57)	(5,759.00)
	<u>(3,880.57)</u>	<u>10,191.00</u>
2015 Cervical Auscultation Workshop		
Income Participant fee	-	118,000.00
Expenditure Contribution, printing and speaker honorarium	-	(49,695.01)
	<u>-</u>	<u>68,304.99</u>

2015 FMSHK Seminars

Income	Participant fee	-	-
Expenditure	Printing, postage and speaker honorarium	-	(1,800.00)
		<u>-</u>	<u>(1,800.00)</u>

2016 Speech Therapy Week

Income	Donation received and sales gain	87,949.00	-
Expenditure	Contribution, printing and speaker honorarium	(73,754.45)	(35,335.90)
		<u>14,194.55</u>	<u>(35,335.90)</u>

2015 Speech Therapy Week

Income	Participant fee	-	-
Expenditure	Contribution, printing and speaker honorarium	-	(50,706.80)
		<u>-</u>	<u>(50,706.80)</u>

2016 Terrarium workshop

Income	Participant fee	-	2,550.00
Expenditure	Venue booking and materials	-	(4,142.00)
		<u>-</u>	<u>(1,592.00)</u>

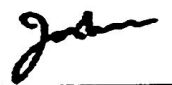
(Deficit) / Surplus for the year

<u>16,615.33</u>	<u>41,622.86</u>
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Chuck CHAN
Treasurer



Joshua LAI
Chairman



Bernard WU
Honorary Auditor

Date: 14th August 2017



Appendix C: List of Past Chairpersons

Year	Chairperson
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	Ms. Chan Man Kei, Karen
2004-2005	Ms. Wong Yam Man, Wendy
2005-2010	Ms. Ng Ho Yee, Janet
2010-2012	Mr. Raymond Fong
2012-2014	Mr. Au Chi Yeung, Danny
2014-2017	Mr. Lai King Lok, Joshua