Annual Report 2017-2018



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 2017-2018 for The Hong Kong Association of Speech Therapists (HKAST).

The total number of members of HKAST reached the maximum of 778 in the year 2017-2018, which is the highest number since the establishment of HKAST. The significant increase in the number of full members accounted for the rise in total number of members.

In April 2018, speech therapist became the first profession accredited under the Accredited Registers Scheme for Healthcare Professions (AR Scheme). In particular, Hong Kong Institute of Speech Therapists (HKIST) is the accredited body for administering the Register of speech therapists. Hence, in this year, HKAST focused on raising public awareness towards speech therapy and organizing continuing education events for speech therapists.

Several successful professional development events were held this year. We had also filmed two educational video of speech therapy to raise public awareness. Furthermore, HKAST collaborated with different organizations in public and professional events, including Hong Kong Parkinson's Disease Foundation and Federations of Medical Societies of Hong Kong.

It has already been my eighth year being the Committee member in HKAST, and I am pleased to serve as the chairman in HKAST for the fourth year. Above all, I would like to express my genuine gratitude to my fellow Committee members, who are all passionate and devoted, and 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.

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Lai King Lok, Joshua Chairperson, HKAST 2017-2018

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Board of Committee 2017-2018

Chairperson : Mr. Joshua Lai

Vice Chairperson : Mr. Thomas Law

External Secretary : Ms. Natalie Fung

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Committee Members : Mr. Danny Au

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Professional Development Events

Introduction to PROMPT Technique Workshops

Two concurrent Introduction to PROMPT Technique workshops were held on 9th-11th December 2017. We were glad to have Ms Kathryn Daniels, Ms Anne Walker, Dr Roslyn Ward and Ms Jerilee Casas as course instructors. Over 50 speech therapists attended the workshop and all the participants enjoyed the workshops and the practical sessions very much.





Bridging PROMPT Technique to Intervention Workshop

Ms Jerilee Casas stayed to hold a Bridging PROMPT Technique to Intervention Workshop for us on 15th-17th December 2017. Around 15 speech therapists who were experienced in PROMPT techniques participated in the workshop. Their feedbacks were all encouraging.



The Selective Mutism: Clinical Psychology Perspective on Assessment and Intervention

This year we were honored to have two local speakers to share with us their expertise and valuable experiences. Dr. Cheryl So held a seminar on "The Clinical Psychology Perspective on Assessment and Intervention of Selective Mutism" on 19th January 2018. Over 80 participants attended. Feedbacks were positive, with attendants finding the sharing of clinical intervention of selective mutism from a clinical psychologist very useful. The information

served to provide some directions and considerations for speech therapists to look for when encountering suspected cases of selective mutism, in which case referral to clinical psychologists may be needed.



Speech Therapy Expert Seminar Series: Get Stuck in Social Communication Training for people with ASD... Been there, let's share!

Ms Penita Cheung shared her fascinating and valuable experiences on "Social Communication Training for People with ASD" on 19th August 2018. Pleasing and promising feedbacks were received more than 70 participants whom had attended the seminar. The sharing of Ms Penita Cheung's clinical experiences, insights on training directions and examples were most cherished by participants. The enthusiastic, genuine and inspiring sharing would undoubtedly illuminate new perspectives and ideas on the social trainings of people with ASD.



Summary of Professional Development Events

2017	Dec 9-11	Introduction to PROMPT Technique workshops
	Dec 15-17	Bridging PROMPT Technique to Intervention Workshop
2018	Jan 19	The Selective Mutism: Clinical Psychology Perspective on Assessment and Intervention
	Aug 19	Speech Therapy Expert Seminar Series: Get Stuck in Social Communication Training for people with ASD Been there, let's share!

Public Awareness

World Swallowing day Press Conference

In November 2017, HKAST collaborated with Mighty Oaks Foundation to send out a questionnaire to public to get to know their knowledge towards dysphagia. A press conference was held on 10th Dec 2017 at Hong Kong Gerontology Society to announce the result of the survey. We were honoured to have Mr Joshua Mak to represent us in the press conference. Newspaper articles also reported the results of this public dysphagia survey.



Educational videos

To promote the roles of Speech Therapists in the management of different diseases and disorders. HKAST has filmed two educational videos. Topics of the educational videos include "Speech Therapy on Parkinson's Disease" and "Speech Therapy on Language Disorders after stroke". The video on Parkinson's Disease will be published on HKAST's website, Facebook page and YouTube channel in October 2018, where the one of language disorders after stroke is still being edited.

We would like to thank everyone who has involved in and supported the filming of this two videos, in particular the patients for their sincere sharing in the videos, and the photographers who gave us feedback on filming and editing of the videos. Special thanks to Dr. Lorinda Kwan for casting and sharing of her expert knowledge in the video.



Service development

Response to Policy Address 2017 and Budget 2018

The Policy Address 2017 and Budget 2018 was announced on 21st October 2017 and 2nd March 2018. Policies related to speech therapists were included. HKAST had responded to the government's publications.



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香港言語治療師協會對二零一七年施政報告的意見

有關公共衛生規管

保障市民健康和維持公眾對專業醫護人員的信任是言語治療師協會和政府的共同目標。對於政府積極推行的「認可醫療專業註冊計劃」,為言語治療師進行認證程序,並以此為基礎,加緊着手引入法定註冊制度,言語治療師協會對此表示歡迎。

有關康復服務

施政報告中提到政府將繼續增加學前兒童服務。言語治療師協會對此表達歡迎。需求殷切的學 前兒童服務,因着政府近年的不同措施,例如:「關愛基金」和「學津服務」,輪候情況已略 為改善;對於政府能急市民所急,繼續增加學前兒童服務,言語治療師協會表示支持。 另外,政府計劃為中度弱智人士宿舍、嚴重弱智人士宿舍、嚴重肢體傷殘兼弱智人士宿舍及嚴 重殘疾人士護理院提供言語治療服務,本會對此感到高興。

有關安老服務

我們樂見政府以新思維、新角度去處理人口高齡化帶來的挑戰。施政報告中提到政府將推行一個為期四年的試驗計劃,成立以地區為本的醫療專業團隊為私營安老院舍和殘疾人士院舍提供外展服務;但可惜團隊暫未見包含言語治療師。吞嚥障礙是長者常見的問題並可引致肺炎甚至死亡。 研究證實,言語治療師提供的服務能協助長者安全進食,並減低長者因肺炎而重複入院的機會。

首先,言語治療師協會建議政府在新推行的四年試驗計劃中,加入言語治療師的編制。

第二,長遠而言,在「安老院舍條例」的規定團隊當中,言語治療師協會建議政府着手研究在 編制中加入言語治療師。

如傳媒對相關議題有任何查詢,歡迎透過電郵 hkast@speechtherapy.org.hk 聯絡我們。

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香港言語治療師協會 對 2018-19 年度財政預算案的回應

財政預算案就著一系列改善社會福利和醫療衛生的措施公佈了所預算的開支。香港言語治療師協會有以下的回應:

- 1. 香港言語治療師協會樂見本屆政府認同市民的需要、聆聽專業團體提出的意見並著 力落實施政報告的政策。
- 2. 本屆政府在施政報告中提出新措施,為接受院舍住宿照顧或社區照顧服務的有需要長者加強言語治療服務。財政預算案預計此措施 2018 至 2019 年度的全年撥款為3100 萬元,由 2019 至 2020 年度起全年撥款為6300 萬元(除經常開支外,此措施亦涉及有時限的總撥款3億4300 萬元)。另外,財政預算案表示每年將會增撥6億6000 萬元,改善康復服務,包括增加2469個康復服務名額、購買500個私營殘疾人士院舍宿位、為智障人士宿舍和嚴重殘疾人士護理院提供言語治療服務等。本會對財政預算案的預算開支和撥款表示歡迎。
- 3. 本會期望以上服務和撥款未來能成為恆常措施。
- 4. 本會建議以上措施可配合本年度食物及衞生局推行的認可醫療專業註冊計劃,加強 對服務使用者的保障。
- 5. 本會樂意繼續和特首、有關政府部門、及各持份者保持交流並提供專業意見,協助 制定措施框架,讓新措施更系統化地落實和運行。
- 6. 另外,本會亦繼續倡議將言語治療師納入為長者安老院舍的常規編制,讓長者得到 長遠和穩定的治療服務,實踐「老有所養、老有所屬、老有所為」。

香港言語治療師協會2018年3月2日

Collaborations

Hong Kong Parkinson's Disease Foundation 15th Anniversary Celebration Symposium

This symposium was successfully held at the Hong Kong Exhibition and Convention Center on 25th-26th November, 2017. It was organized by Hong Kong Parkinson's Disease Foundation with HKAST being a supporting organization.



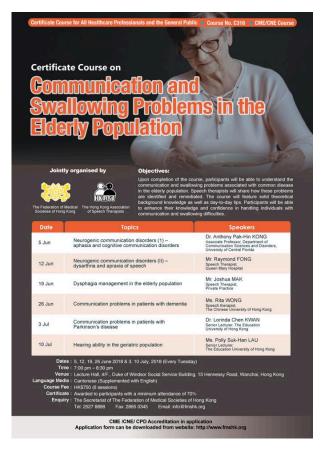
「童言・有法」研討會

This seminar was successfully held on 3rd February 2018. It was hosted by The Hong Kong Society for the Deaf and was supported by HKAST. Its main objective was to support children with language delay and communication impairments.



Certificate Course on Communication and Swallowing Problems in the Elderly Population

A certificate course was jointly organized by The Federations of Medical Societies of Hong Kong and HKAST. The course was successfully held from 5th June to 10th July 2018 (every Tuesday evening) at the Duke of Windsor Social Service Building. Seminars on different aspects of swallowing, hearing and communication disorders in elderly were given by local speech therapist experts, namely Dr Anthony Kong, Mr Raymond Fong, Mr Joshua Mak, Ms Rita Wong, Dr Lorinda Kwan and Ms Polly Lau. All participants attended the course expressed positive feedback in evaluation of the course.



International Liaison

Chinese International Speech-Language and Hearing Association (CISHA)

– The Fourth Academic Forum

CISHA held their fourth academic forum on 23rd-24th June 2018 in Changsha, Hunan. Four HKAST executive committee members represented HKAST to attend the forum and had fruitful exchange of ideas and knowledge with experts from mainland China.



Members' Benefits and Social Event

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 February 2018, HKAST collaborated 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.

Social events

Guided Tour to Wetland Park

HKAST Guided Tour to Hong Kong Wetland Park was successfully held with lots of joy on 10th February 2018. Wetland tour guides introduced us in details on different species of plants and animals living in the park. All participants found the tour informative and enjoyed the green environment.





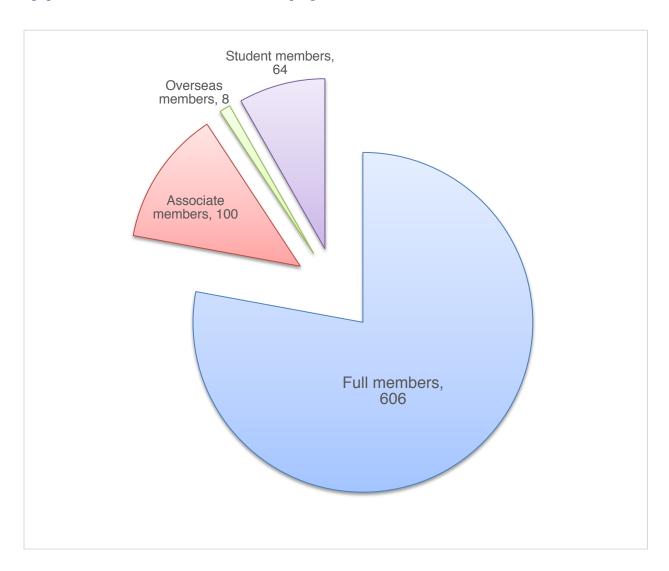
Mindfulness Introduction Workshop

The mindfulness introduction workshop was successfully held on 25th May 2018. We are honoured to have invited Ms. Yawen Chan, a clinical psychologist from the Division of Clinical Psychology, to share with the self-help skills for management of stress and emotion.





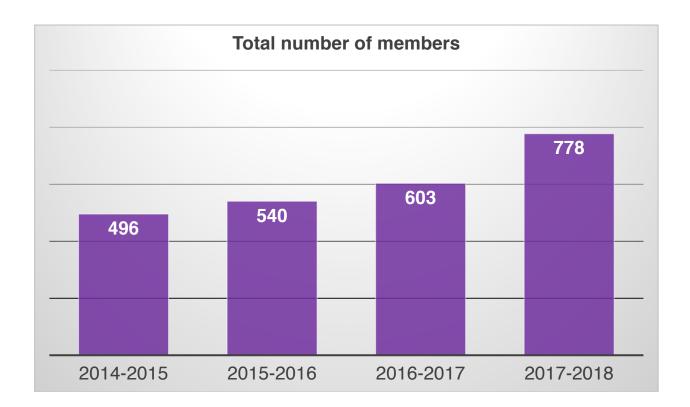
Appendix A: Membership profile



Membership Number 2017-2018

Total	778
Student members	64
Overseas members	8
Associate members	100
Full members	606

Year	Total number of members
2013-2014	475
2014-2015	496 (increased by 4.4%)
2015-2016	540 (increased by 8.9%)
2016-2017	603 (increased by 11.7%)
2017-2018	778 (increased by 29.0%)



Appendix B: Financial Report 2017-2018

THE HONG KONG ASSOCIATION OF SPEECH THERAPISTS INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2018

	Aug-01-2017	Aug-01-2016
	to	to
	Jul-31-2018	Jul-31-2017
	HK\$	HK\$
Income:		
Annual Subscriptions		
- Full	218,500.00	152,400.00
- Associate / Overseas	32,700.00	7,600.00
- Student	3,400.00	4,750.00
	254,600.00	164,750.00
Annual Subscriptions - Full - Associate / Overseas	32,700.00 3,400.00	7,600.00 4,750.00

	254,600.00	164,750.00
Expenditure :		
AGM	(2,710.20)	(2,837.10)
Public Awareness Meeting	(241.00)	(2,084.30)
Part-time Helper	(= 1.100)	(3,500.00)
Professional Membership	(550.00)	(1,785.00)
Printing/Postage/Stationery	(6,078.00)	(8,651.50)
PayPal Charge	(32,150.57)	(10,305.65)
Bank Charge	(240.00)	(340.00)
Faxline Charge	-	(588.00)
G.P.O. Box Rental Charge/Management	(890.00)	(1,780.00)
Storage Charge	(15,177.00)	(25,694.80)
Homepage Rewamp	(3,320.00)	(37,120.00)
Transportation/Accomodation	-	(41.20)
Donation	(3,000.00)	(10,680.00)
Souvenirs	-	(220.00)
Accredited Registration	(1,617.00)	(72,530.30)
Retreat	-	(2,551.80)
Notical	(65,973.77)	(180,709.65)

THE HONG KONG ASSOCIATION OF SPEECH THERAPISTS INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2018

	Aug-01-2017	Aug-01-2016
	to	to
	Jul-31-2018 ∺K\$	Jul-31-2017 HK\$
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Workshops/Seminars/Sponsored Event :		
2018 ASD Socical Communication Workshop		
Income Participant fee	26,480.00	<u>.</u>
Expenditure Contribution, printing and speaker honorarium	(1,929.00)	
	24,551.00	-
2018 Selective Mutism Workshop		
Income Participant fee	16,150.00	120
Expenditure Contribution, printing and speaker honorarium	(9,869.00)	
	6,281.00	
	7	
2018 CISHA Conference		
Income Participant fee	12	-
Expenditure Contribution, printing and speaker honorarium	(9,875.80)	
	(9,875.80)	
2018 Parkinson Promotion Video		
Income Participant fee	-	-
Expenditure Contribution, printing and speaker honorarium	(1,000.00)	-
	(1,000.00)	
2018 Mindfulness Workshop		
Income Participant fee	900.00	=
Expenditure Contribution, printing and speaker honorarium	(1,367.30)	
	(467.30)	•
2018 Wetland Park Visit		
Income Participant fee		
Expenditure Contribution, printing and speaker honorarium	(240.50)	h = }
Experience Contribution, printing and Speaker Honorandin	(340.50) (340.50)	
	(340.50)	
2017 PROMPT (Introduction and Bridging)		
Income Participant fee	466,400.00	2
Expenditure Contribution, printing and speaker honorarium	(517,759.31)	**************************************
	(51,359.31)	
2017 FMSHK		
Income Participant fee	8,400.00	•
Expenditure Contribution, printing and speaker honorarium	(5,400.00)	
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THE HONG KONG ASSOCIATION OF SPEECH THERAPISTS INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2018

	Aug-01-2017	Aug-01-2016
	to	to
	Jul-31-2018	Jul-31-2017
	HK\$	HK\$
2017 Cleft Palate (II) Seminar		
Income Participant fee	-	22,700.00
Expenditure Contribution, printing and speaker honorarium	(373.70)	(7,266.90)
	(373.70)	15,433.10
2017 Squash Challenge		
Income Participant fee		
Expenditure Contribution, printing and speaker honorarium		-
Experience Contribution, printing and speaker nonoralidin	(81.00)	
	(81.00)	
2017 All About AAC Workshop		
Income Participant fee		21,350.00
Expenditure Contribution, printing and speaker honorarium		(14,136.60)
	_	7,213.40
2017 Singing and Vocal Strengthening Workshop		
Income Participant fee	-	8,600.00
Expenditure Contribution, printing and speaker honorarium		(5,925.50)
	-	2,674.50
(Deficit) / Surplus for the year	459.000.00	
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Treasurer

Joshua LAI

Chairman

Bernard WU

Honorary Auditor

THE HONG KONG ASSOCIATION OF SPEECH THERAPISTS BALANCE SHEET **AS AT 31 JULY 2018**

	July-31-2018 HK\$	July-31-2017 HK\$	July-31-2016 HK\$
ASSETS			
Cash at bank	838,464.71	679,504.09	662,888.76
Total assets	838,464.71	679,504.09	662,888.76
ACCUMULATED SURPLUS			
Surplus brought forward	679,504.09	662,888.76	621,265.90
(Deficit) / Surplus for the year	158,960.62	16,615.33	41,622.86
Surplus carried forward	838,464.71	679,504.09	662,888.76

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Treasurer

Joshua LAI Chairman

Bernard WU Honorary Auditor

Date: 17th August 2018

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
2014-2018	Mr. Lai King Lok, Joshua