

# Department Highlights

## First Hong Kong Nursing Forum

The first Hong Kong Nursing Forum (HKNF) was successfully concluded in July 12, 2007. It was a joint event to inaugurate the first nursing forum organized by the Department of Nursing Studies and to celebrate the 50th surgical forum organized the Department of Surgery, The University of Hong Kong. We were so pleased to see many overseas and local guests and speakers, Honorary Tutors, alumni, and many clinical colleagues and students in the forum. Altogether, 254 participated in the HKNF and 24 attended the second and third days of the Surgical Forum. We were honored to have two keynote speakers from the U.S.A. and U.K. Our first keynote



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speaker was Prof. Ada Sue Hinshaw, the Professor of the School of Nursing, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan, U.S.A. She gave the Grace Tien Lecture entitled "Nursing Research: Shaping practice and health policy". Many influential nursing studies were quoted to demonstrate how nurses effected changes and improvement in health care. This was further illustrated

in the presentation by Prof. Anne Marie Rafferty, the Dean and Professor of the Florence Nightingale School of Nursing & Midwifery, King's College London, U.K. She shared findings from a cross-national study on nurse staffing and mortality in English hospitals. Their presentations were inspiring and informative. They stimulated very fruitful discussions among surgeons, nurses, and other colleagues from both clinical and academic areas. Non-nursing colleagues remarked on their eye-opening experience of learning so much about nursing research and their realization of the excellent studies undertaken by nurses. Two other overseas speakers addressed the quality of care from a surgical perspective. The session was well-received by both nurses and other healthcare colleagues.

In the afternoon session, our keynote speakers gave two more presentations in the panel discussion to address the theme of "Enhancing quality of care: Pathway to the future". Local eminent guests, Dr. Eric Chan and Ms Sannie Chan, were also invited from the Hospital Authority and the Department of Health to join this important discussion. This panel discussion presented a comprehensive picture as how quality of care is being advanced in the hospitals and the community, and being strengthened through nursing education and scientific research. The discussion led to further vigorous debate among colleagues in the three subsequent concurrent sessions. Sixteen local speakers from the clinical area and our Department shared their work on how they enhanced the quality of care in advanced care settings, in the community, and through collaborative efforts. The success of HKNF was celebrated at the Forum Dinner that night. The Organizing Committee would like to give heartfelt thanks to all our distinguish guests and delegates. Without their presence and active participation, the Forum would not have been the great success it was.



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There were over 250 participants in the 1st HKNF.



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