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HKSSH-JSSH Ambassador Report

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It is my honour to be the HKSSH-JSSH Ambassador in 2018. This is an invaluable opportunity to learn about Japanese practice of hand surgery. I travelled to Japan from 22 April to 5 May 2018 to visit two hospitals, and attended the 61st Annual Meeting of the JSSH in between.



My trip began in Tokyo with the visit of National Centre for Child Health and Development on 24 and 25 April 2018. It is a paediatric tertiary referral centre. Dr Shinichiro Takayama (高山真一郎) hosted me for the 2 days. I was able to observe some interesting operations including pollicisation for radial club hand and mobilisation procedure for congenital radioulnar synostosis. Dr Takayama kindly

shared with me his slides detailing the tricks and his promising results on the latter procedure.

After the visit, I attended the 61st Annual Meeting of the JSSH, which was also held in Tokyo. I was amazed by the magnitude and the efficient organisation of the meeting. There were more than 9 concurrent sessions of presentations, lectures, debates, workshops, etc running through the 2 days. Although most all sessions are conducted in Japanese, real-time interpretation (from Japanese to English and vice versa) was provided in sessions with international speaker. I presented my work on fracture-dislocation of finger proximal interphalangeal joint during the travelling fellow session. I was able to acquire new knowledge and make new friends through the meeting.





and learning there. Apart from joining their out-patient clinic and operating sessions, I visited their physiotherapy department and the dedicated ICU for microvascular cases. I observed and assisted in a 10-hour brachial plexus exploration and free gracilis muscle transfer for restoration of finger flexion in a BPI patient. Their use of hourly EMG (for 72 hours) for monitoring of the viability of the transferred flap was an eye-opener to me. Dr Yasunori Hattori (服部泰典) has kindly shared with me many minor but important details of the operation. Their success in this field comes with a reason.

For the final part of my trip, I travel from Tokyo to Yamaguchi in southern Honshu to visit the Ogori Daiichi General Hospital on 1 and 2 May 2018. The Orthopaedic Department of this hospital is well known locally and internationally for their brachial plexus reconstruction surgery. Professor Kazuteru Doi (土井一輝), previous President of the hospital, invented the double free functional muscle transfer for complete type BPI. They have some 30-40 BPI reconstructive operations each year. They regularly have international fellows working



During their Department Meeting, where I was given the opportunity to present my work, there were 2 other interesting talks - Prof Doi's talk on pitfalls in evaluating the outcomes of nerve transfer, and Dr Kota Hayashi's (林洸太) talk on the use of chicken wing for super-microvascular surgery training. The latter had inspired me on exploring the possibility of starting such training in my hospital.

I would like to thank the HKSSH and JSSH for providing me this opportunity of academic exchange in these prestigious centres. Language barrier had prevented many interesting ideas and concepts in Japan from being published in English literature. The visit has certainly bridged my gap in this area. I was able to establish new professional ties. I strongly recommend young hand surgeons to join this programme.



The latest (August 2018) issue of the IFSSH Ezine is available at:
http://www.ifssh.info/ifssh_ezine.php



Saturday Inter-Hospital Meeting

Meeting hosted by HKSSH on various treatments of a common yet difficult-to-treat finger injury.

Date: 22 September 2018

Time: 0830 - 1000

Venue: Lecture Theatre, G/F, Block M, QEIIH

Parking reservation: Ms Connie Jim 35066906 / Fax 35066638



The Hong Kong Society for Surgery of The Hand
Saturday Inter-Hospital Meeting



A common yet difficult finger injury

Venue: Lecture Theatre, G/F, Block M,
Queen Elizabeth Hospital

Time: 08:30-10:00, 22nd September, 2018

All are welcome!!

Breakfast will be provided by Mylan Pharmaceutical Hong Kong Ltd.

Parking reservation: Ms Connie Jim 35066906 / Fax 35066638 on or before 20 September, 2018

Coming next, we shall have HKSSH EGM and Specialty Day in Hand and Upper Limb Surgery after the meeting

Extraordinary General Meeting HKSSH

Date: 22 September 2018 (after Saturday Inter-Hospital Meeting)

Time: 1030

Venue: Lecture Theatre, G/F, Block M, QEIIH

Agenda

1. By-election of 'President-Elect' for the remaining term of the present council
2. Special resolution for amendment of Article 12 of the Memorandum and Articles of the Society

Present Article 12 of the Society reads:
'Subscriptions are due on 1st of July of the relevant year and are payable in advance every year.'

Proposed amendments (underlined):
'Subscriptions are due on the 1st of January of the relevant year and are payable in advance biennially.'

It has been our years of observation that most potential members submitted their applications for membership in the few months before our Annual Congress, which had been held in March for more than 10 years. Such amendments can facilitate recruitment of new members, and can make renewal of membership more convenient.

75% majority vote (in person or through proxy) is required for such amendment according to Companies Ordinance. Our Society's development depends on you. Join us that day or send us the proxy form if you are unable to attend.

Notice: http://www.hkssh.org/2018/hkssh_egm_notice_2018.pdf

Proxy form: http://www.hkssh.org/2018/hkssh_egm_proxy_2018.pdf

HKCOS Specialty Day Hand & Upper Limb Surgery

Topics covered: Compression neuropathy, nerve injury including brachial plexus, tendon transfer, biomechanics of the wrist, rheumatoid hand and wrist, elbow fracture & dislocation, duplicated thumb & syndactyly, hypoplastic thumb & radial deficiency, common hand infections.

Date: 22 September 2018
 Venue: Rm 2, G/F, Block M, QEII
 Details: [www.hkcos.org.hk/
 Training_SD_schedule2018.asp](http://www.hkcos.org.hk/Training_SD_schedule2018.asp)

2018 Hong Kong International Wrist Arthroscopy Workshop & Seminar

Annual event co-organised by Department of O&T CUHK, HKSSH & PWH, supported by APWA & EWAS. **Discounted rate** is available for HKSSH members this year.

Date: 15-17 December 2018
 Venue: Prince of Wales Hospital
 Details: www.olc-cuhk.org/e/wrist_2018.html

14th IFSSH & 11th IFSHT

The triennial event will be held next summer in Germany.

Date: 17-21 June 2019
 Venue: CityCube Berlin, Germany
 Details: www.ifssh-ifsh2019.com
 Online registration has started. Abstract submission deadline will be on 30 September 2018.



The Hong Kong Society for Surgery of The Hand 32nd Annual Congress
香港手外科醫學會第三十二屆學術會議

30-31 March, 2019

Invited International Speakers:
 Marc Garcia-Elias (Spain)
 Shohei Omokawa (Japan)
 Rosemary Prosser (Australia)
 Sarah Mee (UK)

CARPUS DISCOVERY

Venue: Lecture Theatre, 7/F, Block H, Princess Margaret Hospital, Hong Kong SAR
 Co-organizer:
 Department of Orthopaedics & Traumatology, Prince of Wales Hospital
 The Chinese University of Hong Kong
 Department of Orthopaedics & Traumatology, Princess Margaret Hospital

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HKSSH Annual Congress 2019 Carpus Discovery

Our annual major event. Invited international and local experts will update you on the latest development on the understanding and treatment of pathologies of the wrist. The panel of overseas experts include:

Surgeons: Dr Marc Garcia-Elias (Spain) and Prof Shohei Omokawa (Japan)
 Hand therapists: Dr Rosemary Prosser (Australia) and Ms Sarah Mee (UK)

Date: 30-31 March 2019
 Venue: H7 Lecture Theatre, PMH
 Details: www.hkssh.org

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