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Before Inauguration

Preparatory work of the inauguration of the Provisional Hong Kong Academy of Nursing (PHKAN) began in late 2011. Loads of preparatory work had been undertaken by many teams; such as accreditation of academy colleges, approval of fellow applications, invitation of guests, design of program book, promotion of the inauguration, confirmation of venue and conferment process and many more. To render the public more aware of the establishment of the Academy and Colleges, a Health Carnival was held on 14 April. Radio interviews were arranged before and after the Nurses Day in May. A newspaper supplement was made to put together congratulatory messages from key leaders together with the introduction of PHKAN and Academy Colleges. To ensure all the honorable guests could be present to witness this historical moment, many hours were spent in coordination and email exchanges. Along with the letters of notification for the Fellows, over 2000 letters were prepared and sent out within a month. Thanks to the dedication and unfailing support of all committee members, volunteers and work teams, program book, stamped envelopes, gowns, mace, certificates, booth and other logistics can be put together before the big day. In addition to the inauguration ceremony, all college presidents were also busy at preparing for the International Nurses' Day dinner which was held right after the inauguration. After months of anticipation, the day of inauguration was finally here!

A Successful Inauguration

The PHKAN and the 14 Academy Colleges have been officially inaugurated on the International Nurses Day (IND) of this year. This important milestone signified that we are walking closer toward founding the Hong Kong Academy of Nursing!

The inauguration was successfully held with joy and solemnity in the Grand Hall of the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine Building on 12 May. Total 1496 Fellows, 7 Honorary Fellows, and 28 Founding fellows were conferred on the day. The inauguration was officiated by Dr. York Chow, Secretary for Food and Health and Dr. C H Leong, Patron of PHKAN in the presence of Chairman of HA, Director of Health, CE of HA and President of HK Academy of Medicine. We were indeed honored to have many officials from China and Macau; leaders in the healthcare field to witness this historical moment. The Academy was also very privileged to have Prof. Nancy Fugate Woods, the previous president of American Academy of Nursing and current nursing professor at Washington University, USA to deliver the keynote speech for us. The event received rounds of applause mostly attributing to the years of hard work and negotiation by a group of dedicated nurse leaders and selfless volunteers.



Thank you for your unfailing commitment to enhancing professional nursing in Hong Kong!

What did our leaders say.....

"...I am confident that our nurses will keep pace with the ever-changing healthcare needs of our society and I wish you all every success in your careers..." - Mr. Leung Chun Ying, Chief Executive of HKSAR

"...It is impossible for the nurses to be skilled in every specialty. Specialization is a priority for promoting local healthcare quality... I encourage all the nurses in Hong Kong, under the leadership of the 14 specialty colleges and the PHKAN, to help build a healthier and stronger Hong Kong...." - Dr. Leong Che Hung, Patron of PHKAN

"...Our teamwork had been well demonstrated. We had refined the workflow and fine-tuned the details over and over again. Finally we had to switch to a contingency plan at the last moment. The ceremony turned out to be smooth with great success. Without your support, we could not have done it..." - Working Group Leaders & Members

"...The PHKAN's objectives can only be achieved if all of us - nurses, doctors, allied health professionals, academics, government officials, patient representatives in public and private hospitals - irrespective of our roles and responsibilities, work in close collaboration and devotion... The PHKAN's current priority is to establish the Academy as a statutory body and along with it, an ordinance enacted to empower the Academy to endow official accreditation to nursing professionals..." - Dr. Susie Lum, President of PHKAN



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VOTE OF THANKS

Thanks to all the Volunteers who assisted in planning, preparing, and organizing this inauguration. Our special day - the ceremony - was finally held with over 1200 attendance! The success of it cannot be attributed to one person or one day. Rather it was the outcome of collective teamwork. The sleepless days, pain, sweat, countless hours of hard works were paid in exchange of this unforgettable event which will be remembered and treasured for the rest of our lives.

Once again, without your invaluable contributions including your time and efforts, this milestone would not have been made possible! It is our honor to work with you and have you be part of our team!

Thank YOU !

Coming Up

Seminar:

How Health Management Changes I.T. Vs
How I.T. Changes Health Management

Speaker:

Dr. Wong Chun Por, JP

Date: 31 July 2012 (Tuesday)

Time: 7:00pm - 8:30pm

Venue: 10/F, Lecture Theatre, YCK Medical Memorial Centre, KWH

