



President's Column

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A very warm greeting to all readers after an interlude of 6 months as the December issue 2010 could not be produced due to production delay. I offer my sincerest apology to readers. It has been a busy 6 months as we worked hard to deal with the H1N1 that also infected your president who needed to lay low for a few days and who developed cold intolerance for nearly 2 weeks; manpower crisis in Hospital Authority; overwhelming neonatology demand, etc. Hopefully the \$6,000 handout to all Hong Kong permanent residents announced recently could boost our morale.

The Society is busy preparing for the 14th ASM cum 3rd Cross Strait Paediatric Respiriologists Symposium to be held on October 8th-9th to be followed by the

Sleep Workshop 10th-12th. Please refer to the announcement published in this issue of the Journal. Do mark down the event in your diary.

Asthma is the commonest chronic airway disease encountered by members. In the current issue of the Journal, Dr. TW Wong published a case series of severe asthma and discussed extensively on the management of this difficult condition. Chronic cough is another common condition seen by us and not all are asthma. Dr. V Mak published a case report on a child with persistent bacterial bronchitis with excellent response to the prescribed treatment. Do remember to send the sputum culture for those who can and send BAL for those who cannot despite a prominent protracted wet cough.