



## Entering the 10th year

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This is the second Christmas issue of our Journal, I would like to wish all members a peaceful Christmas and a rewarding 2007. Our society was founded in 1997 and next year will be our tenth year of existence. We will celebrate this with an enhanced education program. In the November CME meeting, the topic was "Childhood pneumonia" and it attracted a large audience. The success of this particular meeting suggests that the way forward for the monthly CME meetings is to target a larger audience in a bigger venue when the topic is believed to be of a more general interest. We could probably host this enhanced CME meeting every three to four months. For the 2007 calendar, the interesting topics would probably include the new guideline for childhood snoring led by the Sleep Focus Group under Dr. PY Chow and the new asthma guideline led by the Asthma Focus Group under Dr. Gary Wong. For the 10th ASM, it will be held from October 6th through 7th in the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre. It will cover pulmonology, allergy, sleep-disordered breathing and critical care. Please mark your diary and your support would ensure success of the event.

Your Society has established two prizes for the best paediatric respiratory medicine essay for the medical undergraduates from the two universities. This year, Mr. John Li is the winner from the University of Hong Kong and his essay "Neonatal respiratory distress syndrome: a review of current understanding and new concept" is published in the current issue. Dr. Tak-wai Wong shared with us his collection of unusual neck masses. This case report would certainly help decrease the unnecessary investigations often associated with these masses. Our statisticians, Mr. Wilfred Wong et al, have prepared some raw data, available in the society's website, for the readers to analyze after reading their article on regression. I believe this hands-on experience is important for the clinicians to learn more about statistics.

We will also have a new session on X-ray quiz and you are encouraged to tackle it before checking the answers. Do enjoy the current issue in your favourite sofa, helped by a cup of tea. See you all in 2007.