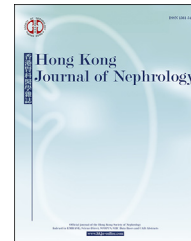




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## EDITORIAL

# Farewell



We are sorry to let you know this is the last issue of the *Hong Kong Journal of Nephrology*.

Shortly after the handover of Hong Kong, a group of nephrologists in Hong Kong, led by Professor Philip K.T. Li and Dr Alex W.Y. Yu, planned to start a journal in order to promote local research in nephrology, and to facilitate communication among nephrologists in Hong Kong, China, and the Asia-Pacific region. The idea was immensely supported by the Hong Kong Society of Nephrology, and the first meeting of the steering committee was held in December 1998—I was honored to take part and write the minutes.

Nephrology and the medical community as a whole has changed dramatically in the past 18 years. While promoting research and facilitating communication remain top on the Society's agenda, publishing our own local journal may not be the most effective means to achieve these aims nowadays. With much hesitation and after extensive discussion, the Editorial Board and the Society's Council came to the conclusion that it is an appropriate time to draw a close to the journal.

But this is not the end, and not even the beginning of the end, of the Society's support to local research and regional communication. The Hong Kong Society of Nephrology will channel more resources to its research grant, and the

International Association of Chinese Nephrologists, also led by Professor Philip Li, will continue to work on enhancing communication and collaboration among Chinese nephrologists. Just as the old Latin adage says: "*Tempora mutantur, et nos mutamur in illis*".

I would also like to take this final opportunity to thank our colleagues from our publisher, Elsevier, especially Ms Vicky Lam, who has been tremendously helpful to keep the smooth running of the journal. I would also like to thank our present and past deputy and associate editors: Professor Sydney Tang, Drs S.K. Mak, John Y.H. Chan, Simon C.Y. Cheung, Desmond Y.H. Yap, Felix F.K. Li, Francis K.M. Wong, Ernest W.K. Tsang, S.L. Lui, M.F. Lam, and Y.L. Cheng. Their work has given life to the journal.

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