Foreword

On the very auspicious day of 13th of January 1979, the Hong Kong Society was inaugurated with only a handful of doctors who had an interest in the field of nephrology. There were only four physicians, namely myself, Drs. Charn-Shing Chan and Jeffrey SC Tsang from the Princess Margaret Hospital and Dr. Andrew SP Hua from the University Department of Medicine, Queen Mary Hospital. One pediatrician Dr. Yen-Chow Tsao from the University Department of Pediatrics, Queen Mary Hospital, one each from the University Department of Surgery, Dr. Che-Hung Leong and University Department of Pathology, the late Dr. Woon-Cheung Chan. With membership extending to a group of very supportive and dedicated dialysis nurses, technicians and personnel working in fields related to nephrology, the Society although with a limited number of membership flourished and continues to expand over the years.

With a rapid explosion in new technology, nephrology developed in leaps and bounds in the 80s such as improvement in dialysis for chronic renal failure, transplantation, it attracted a continuous stream of young and capable graduates embarking on a career in nephrology. By the year of 1981, the Society had undertaken a mammoth task of hosting the 4th Colloquium in Nephrology in November 8-11 at the Regent Hotel under the chairmanship of Dr. CH Leong. It was an enormous success attracting a host of international figures in nephrology - Professor David Kerr from Newcastle, Professor Rene Habib from Paris, Professor Robert E Schneider from Virginia, and delegates from Indonesia, Singapore, Thailand, Japan and Malaysia and Philippines. The first OT Khoo Foundation Lecture was delivered by Professor Khoo himself. Not resting on her laurels in the year 1995 under the hard work of Dr. Ignatius Cheng, the Society bid successfully and hosted the 6th Asian-Pacific Society of Nephrology in December 5-9, 1995 which was extremely successful both academically and financially. The success of the Society is reflected by members being invited to sit in the Council of ISN, Asian-Pacific Society of Nephrology, Asian Society of Transplantation etc.

The Society not only promotes and provides a venue for exchange of scientific information but also played an important role in professional and academic exchanges internationally and in particular nationally with mainland China to foster a warm and important relationship.

The Society is now entering into maturity under the able direction and guidance of all the past Chairmen - Drs. MK Chan, Ignatius Cheng, CS Li, SF Lui, and Mathew Tong and is now adding another accolade to its success by publishing her own journal.

As one of the founding father of the Society and "Grandfather" of nephrology, I would extend my sincere and warm congratulation to the Society and wish her every success in the Journal which I am confident will be recognized internationally in the near future.

Dr. Richard YH Yu
President
Hong Kong College of Physicians