

The 5th Annual Meeting of GP-TCM Research Association-cum-Summit on *Compendium of Materia Medica* and Innovative Drug Discovery in Chinese Medicine held in Hongkong

“The 5th Annual Meeting of GP-TCM Research Association-cum-Summit on *Compendium of Materia Medica* and Innovative Drug Discovery in Chinese Medicine” in collaboration with the GP-TCM Research Association and TCM Pharmaceutical Analysis Specialty Committee of WFCMS was held by the School of Chinese Medicine (SCM) of Hong Kong Baptist University (HKBU) on 9 and 10 August on HKBU campus. The event aims at the sharing of good practices in TCM R&D , evidence-based research on TCM, and exploring new strategies and approaches to new drug discovery and standardization of Chinese *materia medica*.



As a major international academic event in the field of Chinese medicine, the two-day Meeting-cum-Summit features conferences by 58 top scholars and experts from 15 countries and regions, including the US, the UK, Germany, the Netherlands, Belgium, the Czech Republic, Australia, Russia, Japan, South Korea, India, Mainland China, Taiwan, Macau and Hong Kong. Covering a wide spectrum of topics ranging from quality control, pharmacology and toxicology, regulatory matters and standardization, clinical studies, acupuncture, the *Compendium of Materia Medica* to new drug

discovery, the event has attracted more than 150 participants comprising scholars, scientists, teachers and students in Chinese medicine as well as representatives from research institutions from various countries and districts. Through the enlightening talks, the audience was able to update themselves with the latest research findings and learn more about the potential and future direction of research in the field of Chinese medicine.



The opening ceremony was officiated by Professor Sophia Chan, Under Secretary for Food and Health, HKSAR Government; Dr Constance Chan, Director of Health, HKSAR Government; Ms. Annie Choi, Commissioner for Innovation and Technology, HKSAR Government; Professor Xiao Shiyong, Vice Director General of China National Centre for Biotechnology Development, Ministry of Science and Technology, The People's Republic of China; Professor Albert Chan, Chairman of Academic Committee, Sun Yat-Sen University; Professor Rick Wong, Vice-President (Research & Development), HKBU; Mr. Abraham Chan, Chairman, PuraPharm Corporation Limited; Ms. Chow Ying, China Life Science Sales Director of The Laboratory Solutions Sales, Agilent Technologies (China) Co, Ltd; Ms. Agnes Wong, Vice-President, HKBU Century Club; Professor Guo Dean, President, GP-TCM Research Association; and Professor Lu Aiping, Dean of School of Chinese Medicine, HKBU. In his speech, Professor Lu Aiping said that in view of the increasing popularity of Chinese medicine and the growing

recognition of its therapeutic benefits worldwide, evidence-based CM research is of utmost importance in advancing its development and incorporating it into mainstream healthcare systems. He thanked both the Ministry of Science and Technology and the HKSAR Government for their staunch support throughout years of work in Chinese medicine as well as their ardent encouragement for this event which he believed that would inspire the audience to conduct more and better research in the years to come.



A Book Launch Ceremony of “An Illustrated Chinese Materia Medica in Hong Kong” was held at the Opening Ceremony. The book, which is the fruit of a project led by Professor Zhao Zhongzhen, Associate Dean of SCM, funded by the Innovation and Technology Commission and sponsored by Eu Yan Sang (HK) Limited, with Professor Zhao as chief editor. In addition, there was a poster presentation of abstracts of academic papers at the event, and 5 Best Poster Awards and 6 Travel Awards will be presented to the winners at the Closing Ceremony scheduled for 10 August.



On 10th August, the World Journal of Traditional Chinese Medicine (WJTCM) held the third Editorial Board Meeting. WJTCM is sponsored by World Federation of Chinese Medicine Societies(WFCMS), and is the official Journal of GP-TCM Research Association. Up to now, the Editorial Board of WJTCM contains 71 members from 15 countries and regions in total, covering the main fields of TCM。 The international editorial board members accounts for nearly 70%. During this meeting, the EIC De-an Guo reported the progress of WJTCM, and summarized the work of editorial board. The future development and detail plans of the work forward were also discussed.



The Meeting-cum-Summit was organized to celebrate the 60th anniversary of HKBU with the support from the Institute of Creativity of HKBU, and sponsorship from the PuraPharm Corporation Limited, Agilent Technologies, Qingfeng Pharmaceutical Group, Hung Hin Shiu Charitable Foundation and HKBU Century Club.