

Information Technology (IT) Committee ~ Dr. HO Chung Ping, MH

As the last stage in software development, an 8-week pilot test on the HKMA CMS 3.0 was started in June. Twenty-two doctors took part in the test. The Mobigator Technology Group offered onsite installation of software for all pilot testers, and the installation run well. Registrants may login to <http://cms3.mobigator.com/bugq> to record and report the bugs issues they encounter from time to time, and provide feedback and suggestions for improvement. The pilot test will be ceased by the end of July.

A Tea gathering was held on July 4 for all the pilot testers to share the difficulties they encountered during the pilot-testing period. In general, no major technical fault was encountered but members would like to have certain functional improvement. After the tea gathering, the project team looked at all the problems raised and different solutions were explored to solve the problems. We were confident that the final software would be able to fulfill the basic needs of the majority group of members.

We are going to form a "User Group" with 80 doctors to first experience the power of the CMS 3.0. Privileges of the user group will include

- Free software CD;
- Discount on the hardware and software maintenance packages;
- Telephone support.

Interested members please refer to circular 1500 for details and enrolment.

There were 157 applications received for the "Certificate Course on IT Usage in Medical Practices 2009". The first 3 classes of the Advanced Level Course had started in June and run smoothly. The overall feedback was very positive with some reflected that they enjoyed having in-class practice of the CMS 3.0 program.



From left: Dr. Golden WONG, Dr. CP HO and Mr. Clifford TSE (Mobigator) holding the Q&A session at the Tea Gathering



A meeting was held right after the Tea Gathering to target on the issues raised by the pilot testers.

Organizing Committee of the Certificate Course on the Management of Drug Abuse Patients for Family Doctors ~ Dr. CHENG Chi Man

The Certificate Course was successfully held on 24 May, 07 June, 21 June and 28 June 2009. There were over 140 registrations, which greatly exceeded our targeted 100 participants. Thank you for your support.

The four-day course was made up of 16 seminars, focusing on current youth drug situation, legal considerations, drug information, screening, diagnosis, treatments and referrals. We were glad to have speakers from different sectors (including Commissioner for Narcotics, members of Action Committee Against Narcotics, psychiatrists, psychologist, chemist, sociologist, experienced family doctors and social workers) to explore drug abuse issues in a broader context.

Having completed the Course, I strongly believe all of the participants are now having much knowledge and understanding about young drug abuse problems. To enhance doctor-social worker collaboration, referral services between HKMA Community Network and Counseling Centers for Psychotropic Substance Abusers (CCPSAs) have also been set up.

A press conference - How HKMA Supports Anti-Youth Drug Abuse? - was held on 11 July 2009 at the HKMA Wanchai Premises at 3:00 p.m. By showing support to the event, attendees included Council Members, members of the Organizing Committee of the Certificate Course, participants of the Certificate Course, coordinators of the HKMA Community Network and representatives from the CCPSAs.

Apart from introducing the Association's anti-youth drug abuse activities to the media, we emphasized the important role of family doctors in drug treatment and rehabilitation in the community. It was proudly announced that there were a total of 113 doctors who successfully completed the Certificate Course with certificates.

As family doctors are now competent to carry out drug tests for the young drug abusers in their clinics, there was a demonstration on a variety of the drug test kits. Last but not least, we pointed up our Beat Drug Community Network and had an experience sharing session from the Tai Po Community Network.

Moving onto the next stage, based on the contents of the seminars, training materials (Manual & CD-ROM) and a mini website will be worked on so as to provide resources and information about drug abuse issues for all doctors in Hong Kong.

