

# Hong Kong Bioethics Association Members' Forum

held on 6<sup>th</sup> April 2006

- A total of 20 members / potential members attended the Forum.
- Dr. Robert Yuen, Chairman of HKBA, introduced the projects that HKBA have been involved in the past year :
  - Prenatal Diagnosis Screening  
(Survey, Public Forum, Discussion Forum among professionals)
  - SARS Ethics Forum
  - NATA : ethical issues on blood transfusionOther topics that are of interest
  - End of Life
  - Healthcare Reform
- Dr. Derrick Au, Immediate Past Chairman of HKBA introduced the objectives of setting up HKBA by the founding members (Ip Po Keung, Derrick Au, Lee Shui Chuen, Yu Kam Po and Athena Liu) and also the changes that have happened in the past years, especially after SARS.
- Professor P C Shaw, Vice-chairman of HKBA, mentioned about the newsletter and the website of HKBA. Newsletters have been published in the early years of the Association but stopped due to limited resources. e.g. members' contribution.
- Items that members / potential members of HKBA propose for the Association to move forward :-
  - (a) Create database through the case studies that have been discussed among members of HKBA.
  - (b) Clarify the position of the Association – the benefits to the public and to the members of HKBA.
  - (c) Co-operation among different disciplines in bioethical issues that of interest to the public and also to the medical profession.
  - (d) Through the activities of the HKBA  
e.g. forum, education program to students/public, seminars, publication to raise awareness of some important bioethics issues in Hong Kong, and to recruit new members.
  - (e) It is hoped that value or moral standard of our Society can be defined, through the activities of the HKBA.
  - (f) Establish year plan and work accordingly, upcoming issues include :  
Avian Flu, health care financing, advanced directive, limitation of medical treatment.
  - (i) Response to the media on ethical issues should be handled carefully, unless the position of the HKBA has been established.
- The next Council meeting on 3 May 2006 evening will discuss the issues that have been raised in the members Forum.