

Notes of the 3rd Council Meeting of Hong Kong Bioethics Association held on 15th September 2005 at HKMA Central Clubhouse

Present: Dr. Robert Yuen (Chairman), Dr. Derrick Au, Prof H M Chan, Prof Julia Tao

Apology: Prof P C Shaw, Prof Edwin Hui, Prof KP Yu, Ms. Connie Chan, Mr. Allen Chan, Dr. Stephen Lam

1. the minutes of 2nd council meeting held on 10.5.05 was adopted
2. the progress of Working Group on Ethical Issues on prenatal Diagnosis was reported. A discussion meeting for the professionals and academics was held at Baptist University on 28.5.05 and was well attended. A second discussion meeting for parents with disabled children was held on 9.7.05 at Baptist University.
3. A public forum titled the Role and Challenges of the Market in Healthcare Reform: Cross-cultural Perspectives was jointly organized by Governance in Asia Research Centre of City University of Hong Kong and Hong Kong Bioethics Association at 7.2.05 at City University.
4. A public forum on the ethics of Medical Genetics was jointly organized by Governance in Asia Research Centre of City University of Hong Kong and Hong Kong Bioethics Association on 15.8.05. The speakers included Dr. Stephen Lam of Clinical Genetic Service and Dr. Andrew Edgar of Department of Philosophy of Cardiff University.
5. Hong Kong Museum of Medical Sciences, Hong Kong Bioethics Association and Hong Kong Epidemiology Association will jointly organized a Forum on 10.12.05 at Lecture Hall, Federation of Medical Societies of Hong Kong. The topic of the forum is Bioethics and Infectious Disease: What are the lessons we learnt from SARS. The speakers will include Ms. PL Cheung, Chairperson of Hong Kong Journalists Association, Dr. Choi Kin, President of HKMA and Ms. Betty Chung, Lecturer of Department of Nursing, Hong Kong Polytechnics University.
6. A Joint CME meeting for Medical Professionals will be co-organised by Hong Kong Baptist Hospital Radiotherapy & Oncology Centre, St. Teresa's Hospital and Hong Kong Bioethics Association in March 2006. The topic will be Ethical and legal Issue on Blood Transfusion: A Current Update.