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HADF Management Manual Promulgation Meeting

The Hospital Authority has developed the [Drug Formulary Management Manual](#) to further enhance the transparency and communication on the prevailing HA Drug Formulary with all the key stakeholders including HA staff, academics, patient groups and the pharmaceutical industry. A promulgation meeting was organized for HKAPI members on 31st August to explain in details the Manual and answer queries from our member companies.

Ms. Anna Lee, Chief Pharmacist of the Hospital Authority's Chief Pharmacist's Office started the briefing by explaining the purposes of the Drug Formulary Management Manual. Mr. Benjamin Kwong, Senior Pharmacist of the Chief Pharmacist's Office then presented the governance structure for managing the Drug Formulary, the composition and roles of different committees. The operational processes of new drug listing and regular review of the HA Drug Formulary, including the application procedure, the principal considerations for new drug evaluation, were explained. Mr. Kwong also highlighted the mechanism currently employed to engage internal and external stakeholders in managing the Drug Formulary.

Last but not least, Dr. Sian Ng, President of HKAPI, thanked the Chief Pharmacist's Office for the detailed promulgation and the Association looks forward to continued collaboration and partnership with the Hospital Authority in enhancing the accessibility of innovative drugs to patients in Hong Kong.

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Ms. Anna Lee, Chief Pharmacist, Chief Pharmacist's Office, Hospital Authority.



Mr. Benjamin Kwong, Senior Pharmacist, Chief Pharmacist's Office, Hospital Authority.



Dr. Sian Ng, President of HKAPI, thanked the Chief Pharmacist's Office for organizing the promulgation meeting.



About 130 representatives from HKAPI member companies attended the briefing.

Briefing on the Implementation Plan of the Requirement of BABE studies

In August, the Drug Office organized briefing sessions to solicit views and comments from the industry regarding the implementation plan on the requirement of Bio availability and Bioequivalence Studies (BABE) for the registration of generic drugs.

After Mr. Frank Chan, Chief Pharmacist of the Drug Office gave the opening remarks and some background on the BABE requirements, Ms. Julianna Li, Pharmacist presented the scope of the drug substances that fall into the requirements of BABE studies in phase-2 implementation, the WHO guidelines and the acceptance limits related to BABE studies. It is planned that phase 2 will be implemented within one year after formal announcement of the requirement to the trade and concerned stakeholders.



Ms. Julianna Li presented in details the requirement of BABE studies for the registration of generic drugs.



Mr. Clive Chan, Senior Pharmacist of the Drug Office answered queries from the participants.

Oncology Training Program

The fourth and fifth lectures of the oncology training course organized for HKAPI members covered the topics of liver cancer and oncology pharmacy. Dr. Stephen Chan, Associate Professor from the Department of Clinical Oncology, Chinese University of Hong Kong, gave a comprehensive presentation on the epidemiology and clinical features of Hepatocellular Carcinoma as well as the treatment options for the disease. Dr. Chan also shared with the audience findings of his research and illustrated the standard treatment including Loco-ablative therapy, trans-arterial therapy and systemic therapy and the recent advancement in chemotherapy and drug development.

In the last lecture, we have invited two representatives from the Hong Kong Integrated Oncology Centre to talk about oncology pharmacy and factors that contribute to a successful product launch. Ms. Ritchie Kwok, Chief Pharmacist, discussed the important roles played by oncology pharmacy service including verification of prescription, patient counselling and toxicity monitoring. Current treatment options for oncology and the support and collaboration needed from pharmaceutical companies were also highlighted. In the second part of the lecture, Mr. Andrew Lee, Head of Business Development, shared his experience in product launch and how to manage different stakeholders and handle difficulties that one could encounter during the drug registration and drug enlistment process.



Ms. Ritchie Kwok, Chief Pharmacist, Hong Kong Integrated Oncology Centre.



Mr. Andrew Lee, Head of Business Development, Hong Kong Integrated Oncology Centre.



Dr. Stephen Chan, Associate Professor from the Department of Clinical Oncology, Chinese University of Hong Kong.



About 70 members attended the Oncology Training Course.

APEC Business Ethics for SMEs Forum

The 2015 Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Business Ethics for Small to Medium Enterprise Forum was held in Manila on 19 and 20 August, over 300 delegates from 16 APEC member economies, including principals and representatives from industry, government, HCP, and patients' organizations attended the annual event. The Forum focused on implementing codes of ethics in the medical device and biopharmaceutical sectors across the APEC region. Ms. Sabrina Chan, Executive Director of HKAPI was appointed member of the working group and mentor. She presented and facilitated a workshop on best practices for implementation of Codes of Ethics by sharing her experience and also moderated a plenary, with the presence of key government officials in Asian countries, on how Government can support ethical business environments and encourage stakeholders to adopt the APEC Principles.

An APEC Guide to implementing ethical collaboration in the biopharmaceutical and

medical device sectors was also announced at the Forum. The Guide is designed to facilitate open channels of engagement, code of ethics development, training measures and identify early problem and opportunity among different stakeholders.



Ms. Sabrina Chan, Executive Director of HKAPI, moderated a plenary session at the APEC Business Ethics for SMEs Forum.

Seminar by Invest Hong Kong

On 17th September, Invest Hong Kong organized a luncheon talk to introduce their services to multinational companies and invited HKAPI members to attend. Mr. Charles Ng, Associate Director-General of Investment Promotion of InvestHK, first introduced the conducive business environment of Hong Kong and Government support provided to companies who want to set up an office in Hong Kong. Mr. Ng then specifically talked about various services that are important to companies who want to attract talents from overseas such as advice on applying for work visas and employment issues, advice on expat relocation. Mr. Simon Tsang, Head of Innovation and Technology of InvestHK also gave a presentation on various Government initiatives in the promotion of innovations and highlighted public and private funding available to Research and Development.



Mr. Charles Ng of Invest Hong Kong introduced various kinds of services provided to companies to attract overseas talents and facilitate their relocation to Hong Kong.

HKAPI Cup (Basketball) 2015 (Click [here](#) for more photos)

This year starting in September, the HKAPI organized a basketball competition among member companies, a total of 11 basketball teams participated and were divided into two groups with each group played a round-robin format. The two teams from each group that win the most matches will be advanced to the semi-finals knockout stage.

Highlights of the exciting competitions:

