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EDITORIAL

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A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step

- Lao-tse (600-470 B.C.). Tao Te Ching

It is beyond doubt that the establishment of the Hong Kong Cardiological Society in 1967 was a landmark event in the development of cardiovascular medicine in Hong Kong [1]. The Hong Kong College of Cardiology was founded in 1992 with the major mission of promoting for public benefits the advancement in cardiovascular medicine. The mission has to be achieved by maintaining professional education and heart health promotion in the community of Hong Kong. Maybe even more importantly, promoting local research in cardiovascular medicine is another key to enhance the overall management and care for our patients in Hong Kong.

Publishing a journal with a focus in cardiovascular medicine is a fundamental step in promoting research and innovation. Under the leadership of Prof. Chu-Pak Lau, the Journal of the Hong Kong College of Cardiology was established in 1993. Since then, 146 manuscripts including 53 original articles, 32 reviews, 20 editorials, 18 case reports, 10 ECG quiz, 7 special articles and 6 letters to the Editors have been published. To encourage further the submission of high-quality work of both the local and overseas cardiologists, and to enhance the visibility and impact of our Journal, we have revamped the submission system and a strong editorial board consisting of international and local cardiovascular

researchers has been formed and is being expanded. The revamped Journal of the Hong Kong College of Cardiology now publishes with Elsevier. The Editorial Manager, which is familiar to most researchers, serves as our new fully online submission, review and production system.

Although worldwide we have 142 journals in cardiovascular medicine, the demand for our own journal is indeed intense. As we are all aware, there is significant difference in ethnicity, culture, socioeconomic status, access to technology and healthcare system in different parts of the world. The heterogeneity in the above factors is especially huge in the Asia-Pacific region. Therefore, we strongly believe that the revamped Journal of the Hong Kong College of Cardiology will provide an important platform for publishing the original work from Hong Kong and other parts of the world, in particular the Asia-Pacific region.

We eagerly hope that this initial step will take us to our destination thousands of miles away!

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