## M essage from the Immediate Past President



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he emergence of family medicine as a distinct clinical discipline is the collaborative effort of many who have helped establishing and monitoring the progress of the Hong Kong College of Family Medicine over the past 25 years. We cannot forget the foresight and perseverance of our predecessors notably the late Dr. Henry Li, Chairman of Interim Council and Dr. Peter Lee, Founding President of the College for their input in making family medicine a reality. Family medicine is playing a very functional role in health delivery in our community. In the present economic recession family physicians would perceive an even more important task in helping to alleviate the various emotional and psycho-social aspects of our patients arising out of this difficult time. We applaud the Government's effort in creating 346 training posts for our young doctors in the discipline of family medicine. This new generation of family doctors will continue the mission of the College to make a more healthy life style for our people. In this 25th Anniversary of the College, may I wish the College achieving a very prosperous and fruitful outcome in the years to come.