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Our new publisher has a long history in publications and marketing in UK extending in recent years to the Asian Pacific region. Over the past few years, many regional medical journals have been produced by the publisher; currently they are handling the production of journals of six different medical disciplines from Hong Kong alone. Two other leading paediatric journals in the region are also managed by them now. We want to put our journal in line with the main stream; we also hope to attain more recognition and much wider circulation, attracting many more readers.

We are delighted to produce a number of original contributions in this issue on a wide range of topics. There is a timely review on the growth promoting role of long chain polyunsaturated fatty acids in infant nutrition by Dr. WJ Goldman.¹ Dr. FL Chan² has provided a valuable review on the application of body MRI in paediatrics; this was complemented by an illustrative example by Dr. Y. Hui and his colleagues³ on using one such technique in investigating tracheal compression by the anomalous innominate artery in infants. Dr. CW Lee and colleagues⁴ have given a useful reminder on the rebound phenomenon after discontinuation of phototherapy for neonatal jaundice. Mr. Raymond To et al⁵ have high-lighted an interesting account of a new service on oral-motor habilitation for children with drooling due to various neurologic or developmental problems, demonstrating the usefulness of this form of less understood and under-implemented therapy. Dr. KW Lee and his colleagues⁶ have furnished an interesting case report on pneumocystis carinii coexisting with cytomegalovirus pneumonia in a patient with systemic lupus erythematosus.

Professor HP Lin⁷ in his "C. Elaine Field" address, has provided insight and future perspectives for the management and outcome of children with cancer. We are also delighted to have the opportunity to complete the latter half of the series of articles on "State of Hong Kong Children" delineating several important

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child health problems in Hong Kong namely childhood injuries,⁸ behavior problems,⁹ health services for mothers and children¹⁰ and oral rehydration practices.¹¹ We are also pleased to have the opportunity to publish a series of papers which were invited presentations by various experts at the "child neurology and developmental problems" symposium held earlier this year. A number of interesting aspects on specific learning disabilities are delineated. Besides noting developmental dyslexia¹² and other specific learning disabilities¹³ in Hong Kong, recent advances and the surgical and educational aspects¹⁴ in managing these children together with its overall local picture¹⁵ have been nicely reviewed.

The journal is striving towards continued improvement. We welcome contributions of scientific and clinical manuscripts besides comments and criticisms to help enhance our quality.

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