It has been almost 6 months since I assumed the position as President of HKAAT on July 1st, 2013. I would like to express my heartfelt thank you to your votes and supports. It is a challenging position but with the excellent support from our dedicated and hardworking EXCO team (May Chan, Tristan Chan, Hoilam Tang, Krisdean Law and Ida Ng), I am confidence that we will continue to grow and improve our services to all members.

On behalf of HKAAT, I would like to take this opportunity to express our gratitude to Miss Wendy Kou, our former president. She and the previous EXCO team had contributed lots of time and efforts on a voluntary basis to make many meaningful events happened. Under her leadership, HKAAT has successfully delivered various workshops and discussion forums to promote the awareness and the use of art therapy in HK. Wendy is a kind and loving woman. She also initiated the “Seasons Gift” event to care for the underprivileged population during Christmas or New Year. It gives us an opportunity to serve our community as an Association.

This year, we will continue the “Meet the Art Therapist” event. Our professional members will share their expertise in using art therapy with different populations in HK. We have posted all the topics on our website under “Upcoming events”. Please refer to it for detail information.

In November, we have successfully completed the 8-session “Art Therapy Foundation Course”. I would like to thank you Joshua Nan for his wonderful lectures. Students in the course have given us many positive feedback and valuable suggestions. We would do our best to incorporate those comments in our future planning of the Art Therapy Foundation Course.

Many practicing art therapists in Hong Kong may have come across the problem of professional insurance coverage in HK. In these three months, we have been reviewing Aon HK Limited’s Professional Indemnity Insurance for Therapists: the coverage, liabilities and the related documents needed for the purchase of the insurance. Hopefully, we would be able to announce more information in 2014.
President Corner (con’t)

To celebrate the 10th Anniversary of HKAAT, we are going to have an Art exhibition “Artolution” in June 2014. A working committee for the exhibition will be formed to organize the event. More details will be announced in early 2014. Come and join us for this big event.

我懷着戰戰兢兢的心情在七月一日接任香港藝術治療師協會的主席一職，在此感謝各位會員的信任和支持。擔任主席是一項極具挑戰性的任務，但是在一個熱心而勤奮的執行委員會團隊協助下，加上各會員的支持，我有信心本會將能繼續成長，並能提升大家對藝術治療的認識。

首先，我謹代表香港藝術治療師協會向Forward主席高詠愛女士致以衷心的謝意，她與上一屆執行委員會團隊義務地付出了很多的時間和努力為本會服務，成功地舉辦了多項活動去推廣藝術治療。高女士更是一位善良和充滿愛心的人，她推動本會籌辦“Seasons Gift”活動去關懷弱勢社羣，讓本會為香港的社會出一分力。

藝術聊程(MAT)工作坊得到大家的熱烈歡迎，我們將會在今年繼續舉辦，四位藝術治療師會分享他們的獨特工作經驗，工作坊詳情請參閱本會網頁。

於十一月份，藝術治療基礎課程已完滿結束了，衷心感謝藍建文先生為課程擔任導師，他的用心教學及豐富充實內容得到同學們一致的好評，而同學們對課程的寶貴意見將會是未來課程策劃設計的重要參考。

鑑於香港一直以來並沒有為藝術治療服務而設的專業服務責任保險，這成為了一些治療師的煩惱，在過去數月本會正在研究 AON 保險公司提供的專業服務責任保險內容及相關條文，希望在 2014 年能把相關資料公佈。

本會已經成立了十年，我們將於明年(2014)六月舉辦一個名為“Artolution” 的美術展覽作為十週年的慶祝活動，我們會成立展覽籌備委員會，稍後會公佈更多關於參展的詳情，希望大家踴躍參加。
PAST EVENT REVIEW:
Art Therapy Foundational Course

HKAAT has launched its first art therapy foundational course in the fall of 2013 to its general members.
HKAAT is very honored to have Mr. Joshua NAN to be the lecturer of this course. Total of 25 students attended this 16-hour /8-day course. In this course, Mr. NAN has introduced the fundamental theories of art therapy and broadened our members' understanding of what art therapy is and how it works in personal and professional development as well as its application with different settings and populations.
HKAAT is aimed to offer this course annually. We welcome feedback and suggestion from all members to enhance future development of this course.

PAST EVENT REVIEW:
Meet The Art Therapists (Oct & Dec)

On Oct 23th 2013, HKAAT’s former president Wendy KOU has given out a fruitful and informative lecture on how autistic children use art to voice out their needs, feelings, and experiences.
Ms KOU’s presentation highlighted the importance of paying attention to the art making process during the course of therapy. By walking us through the process of her client’s art making journey, Ms. KOU helped the attendees to understand how the art process unfolded the unspoken part of the creator.
From Ms KOU’s presentation, attendees were able to see how the autistic children release their thoughts and feelings in a safe way. Last but not least, with her expertise in working with autistic children, Ms KOU also gave out hints and techniques on how to build up good rapport with autistic children. All the attendees were actively engaged throughout the presentation.
On Dec 9th 2013, Mr Ka-Kit LAI, an experienced art therapist and a creative worker, has given out a scenic, poetic, and emotionally charged presentation on how to use creative art to contain and process the experience of grief and loss. In this presentation “Garden/ Beast/ Wine- Grieve is a verb”, Mr LAI used poetry, personal experience, and clinical work to walk us through the existential issue of “grief and loss”. From the changes of bodily sensation to picking up the late loved one’s habits, Mr. LAI creatively illustrated the journey of grieving and mourning as a dynamic & organic experience for the bereaved person. Mr LAI used his 8-year-old client’s art making process to help the attendees to understand how art became the voice and healing resources for the bereaved young boy. The visual imageries and the art making process allowed the bereaved boy to present multiple layers of emotions and memories of his loss. Mr. LAI’s creative and personalized presentation has transformed this heavily mournful topic into a peaceful and dynamic experience for its attendees. Attendees have responded to the presentation positively.

Dinner with the Consultants 與本會顧問聚餐

Date: 5th December 2013 (Thursday) 二零一三年十一月五日(四)

President: Sarah TONG, Vice President: May CHAN, Secretary: Tristan CHAN, and Exco Members: Ida NG, Krisdean LAW, and HoiLam TANG attended the dinner with our 3 Consultants: Dr. Jordan POTASH, Dr Kim Ping YIM, and Dr. William FAN on December 5th 2013. The three consultants enlightened us on the future development of HKAAT. The meetings allowed HKAAT to reflect on our role on how to continue to educate the local community in understanding more about art therapy; in the meanwhile, the consultants also suggested HKAAT to develop a clear ethical guideline for its members to sustain safety practice of art therapy in our community. We all had a fruitful discussion. We truly appreciated all the valuable suggestion from our consultants.
Upcoming Events 未來活動

Meet the Art Therapists (MAT) [藝術聊程]
Date: Feb 2014– April 2014.

HKAAT is very pleased to announce that our MAT series will continue to rock n roll in the year of 2014. Our professional member, Ms Jess CHICK, will kick the ball on Feb 21st 2014. She will be exploring how to use Chinese calligraphy for healing and spiritual development with all the attendees.

Following on April 2nd 2014, our founding member and the pioneer art therapist, Ivy FUNG, will teach us how to use clay in art therapy.

Please reserve your seat soon
Fee: HKD50 (members) $200 (non-members)

COMMUNITY OUTREACH: NURSING HOME CIRCLE PAINTING
Date: March 2014

In order to continue our former President’s, Wendy KOU, tradition in giving back to the community, HKAAT will be hosting a community outreach activity where members can visit nursing home, give out care and love, and engage circle painting with lovely elderly citizens of our community.

DATE: March 2014
VENUE: 鯉景湾

CALL FOR VOLUNTEER
"My Dream Home" is an art therapy exhibition of how 19 small group home residents use art to reveal their wishes and desires of family life.

It was first organized and exhibited at Boys and Girls Club by Art therapist, Ms May CHAN, in September 2013.

For those who have missed it will get a chance to see this meaningful and emotionally invested exhibition in ART-LAND

DATE: 18-23 Jan 2014
Venue: ARTLAND

CALL FOR ARTWORK AND VOLUNTEER

As the year of 2014 marks the 11th Anniversary of HKAAT, HKAAT will be hosting an Art Exhibition to celebrate the evolution of the association.

HKAAT will be hosting an Art Exhibition
THEME: “Artolution”
DATE: 27 June - 6 July 2014
Venue: JCCAC

WE ARE NOW CALLING FOR ARTWORK for exhibition and Volunteers for organizing this exhibition. FOR DETAIL, PLEASE STAY TUNE with OUR UPCOMING EVENTS SECTION.