

# EDITORIAL

To commensurate the return of the sovereignty of Hong Kong to China on 1st July, 1997, the Editorial Board decided to publish a special issue of 'Psychiatry In China'. Prominent psychiatrists in different parts of the People's Republic of China known to the chief editor were invited to contribute, and the responses were overwhelmingly good.

Unfortunately, owing to the shortage of time and the resources available, not all the papers sent in could be accommodated in one single issue, despite their uniqueness and interests. Hopefully, they would stimulate a stream of contributions from other colleagues in China. There are some valuable papers which were to be polished to fall in line with the English style, and will be published in subsequent issues of the Journal. Hopefully, we could in this way be able to publish four issues a year, as required by some indexing agents.

At this juncture, I would like to thank all the contributors who had so kindly sent in their masterpieces to this Journal which has one of its objectives the role of a bridge between psychiatry of the West and the East. I would also like to thank the various local and international reviewers who had so promptly agreed to review and to return their comments to us so that the Journal could come out in time. Lastly, I must thank my colleagues in the Editorial Board for their hard-work in bringing this issue into press, and especially to Dr. G. Ungarvi and Dr. K. F. Chung for their invaluable assistance in the English editing of the various papers, without them this issue would never be in shape.

I would like to take a little corner of the Editorial to pay tribute to Dr. Stella Liu, my mentor in psychiatry and long-term friend, who had passed away in England a few months ago. Dr. Liu was the first woman psychiatrist in recent Chinese history, and the pioneer in the field of psychiatric rehabilitation in Hong Kong. Her dedication to the service of mental patients and her personal example of training psychiatric patients in her own apartment were just unimaginable. Just like the famous Chinese saying, the 'flavour' of her work would 'last a hundred generations'.

Your continuous support and contributions are always treasured.

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Chief Editor**