Information Technology (IT) Committee ~ Dr. HO Chung Ping, MH

Updates on the TaoYuan Project

The HKMA CMS 3.0 - testing, testing and testing

CMS 3.0 is an open-source clinical management system project jointly implemented by the Hong Kong Medical Association (HKMA) and the Information and Software Industry Association (ISIA), with funding support from the Office of the Government Chief Information Officer (OGCIO) under the Sector-specific Programme (SSP) for the Medical and Health Sector, and was developed by the Mobigator Technology Group.

I was asked by many friends, both inside and outside the medical circle, when our HKMA CMS 3.0 software will be released (if at all). Thanks to our project developer, the Mobigator Technology Group, the progress was smooth and we even managed to recapture part of the lost time due to previous delay.

The prototype of the software was finished two months ago but it needed to



be subjected to a variety of tests to ensure system reliability. During the past months, the HKMA TaoYuan Project team carried out the alpha and beta tests on the system. The former was to test the system flow and the latter was to test the functionality of the system. Feedbacks collected in the tests were reported, most of them were enhancement requests and the majority of them were addressed.

In our last meeting, the beta release was approved and we have also confirmed the format of the user manual and e-learning kit. The kit will greatly enhance the user-friendliness of the software.

We are now in the process of doing the User Acceptance Test (UAT). For this purpose, two review teams; the User Acceptance Team and the System Test Team, each of 6-8 members were formed. A group tester briefing was held on April 6, 2009, based on the updated test plan prepared by the Mobigator.

Hence for the past months, it had been testing, testing and testing. After the UAT, we shall start the pilot test as the last stage in launching. The pilot test will be started in the middle of May 2009. It will be the most important step because this will be the last chance to detect bugs before the official launch. We would need about 20 volunteers from our members to help with the pilot testing. The testers would need to commit to use the CMS 3.0 for 4-8 weeks on a regular basis. Technical support will be provided but the clinic set up will need to have broadband connection for technical support and troubleshooting. They will be requested to provide feedbacks, report bugs and take part in a survey of the system. Interested members please refer to circular 1479 for registration.

The HKMA Choir News ~ Dr. LEE Wai Tsun, Hon. Secretary

A memorable visit to the Hong Chi Pinehill No. 3 School

The Pinehill No. 3 School, situated in the tranquil environs of green hills in northern Taipo, adjacent to the Taipo Hospital, is an institution for severely mentally handicapped children ages from 6 months to 18 years. It is a 3-storey building with modern architecture. The Lobby is spacious, fully utilizing natural light. The lower floors are dormitories for inmates. The assembly hall is on the third floor, with high ceiling and plenty of windows. It was here that members of the Medical Ensemble shared with the inmates an evening of music and communication on 30/3/09.

The children, about 50 of them, were already in the hall when we arrived. About one third of them were on wheelchairs. At first, only a few were aware of our presence; however, after our first two songs, they seemed somewhat stirred up and a few even came close and touched some of us. As the singing went on, they became more interested and started making sounds spontaneously. Some even joined in the 'singing' and appeared very happy. Finally, one of the brighter ones sang us a song together with the staff and another child presented us with a souvenir. We were all deeply moved by their reaction and interaction. It is certainly a memorable evening for those who participated in this meaningful event,



Getting friendly

HKMA Photographic Society ~ Dr. PANG Lai Man Amy

Half-day shooting activity of Dragon Boat Race and Photo competition

On 30 May 2009, 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., close to DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL, a half-day shooting activity to capture action of international dragon boat race at Shatin Shing Mun River. This is a very colorful international event. Many potential photographic topics will be encountered apart from the action at the races. Our colleagues on the HKMA dragon boat team will be competing at this event too.

This will be followed by a photo competition on the topic of Dragon Boat Festival. All participants will have their work assessed on the next seasonal photo sharing meeting in July 2009. The winner will get a trophy and the award winning photos published in the HKMA newsletter.

All interested please enroll via email to our secretary Ms. Dora HO at dorahkma@hkma.org. For enquiries on the event, don't hesitate to email Dr. Amy PANG at amypanglm@yahoo.com.

Photo Sharing Meeting

On the afternoon of 19 July (Sunday), the 2nd seasonal Photo Sharing Meeting 2009 will be held at Central clubhouse of HKMA.

Activities include prize presentation of the 1st season winning photo, judging of 2nd seasonal photo competition on the topic of dragon boat festival, photo appreciation of the winning photos, photo sharing of works brought by members.

Seats are limited. Register early via Ms. Dora HO at dorahkma@hkma.org.

2nd SEASONAL PHOTO COMPETITION will be held in mid July, with random topic. The deadline for photo submission will be 30 June 2009. All HKMAPS members are entitled to submit 3 photos in jpeg format (1280x768 pixels whichever is smaller) not exceeding 500k each. Past seasonal winning photos may not be resubmitted again for future seasonal competitions. Judging will be during next photo sharing meeting at mid July, again by our advisor and prestigious figures in Hong Kong photo society. Prize includes trophy, and winning photos will be published in the HKMA newsletter.

In addition, there will be an annual photo competition total score. Members are encouraged to compete for this event. Total score is calculated as summation of score for all submitted photos for the year 2009, win or losse. Each member is entitled to submit 3 photos each season for a total of 12 photos per year. (Except for the first 2 seasons, where members may submit a total of 6 at the end of season 2. This is to allow latecomers to this competition who may have missed the 1st season to catch up and still be in the running for the prize). So, don't miss this last chance and beat for the prize. At the end of the year, the member with highest score shall win the "annual high score" award.

An annual best photo award will also be given to the best individual photo. (The winners of each season will be competing fovr this prestigious prize).

So hurry and enter your photos via email to Ms. Dora HO at dorahkma@ hkma.org. For enquiries on the event, don't hesitate to email Dr. Amy PANG at amypanglm@yahoo.com.