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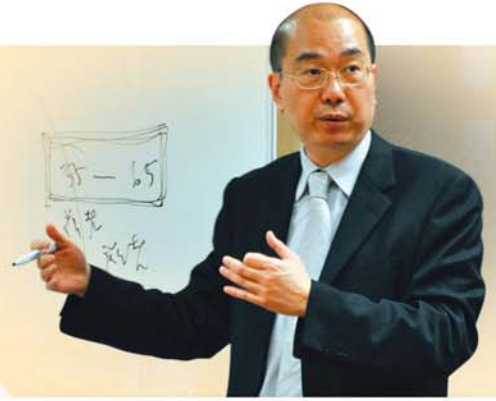
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## Guangdong Elderly Public Affairs Research Centre Visit

On 16th April, 2012, the Guangdong Elderly Public Affairs Research Centre visited APIAS. Led by Deputy Director Mrs. Chen Jing, the mission was introduced the overview of Hong Kong's ageing policy, elderly care training, and ageing industry developments.

As invited by the Director of APIAS, Dr. David Dai Lok-kwan (Honorary Secretary), Mr. Henry Shie Wai-hung (Vice-Chairman of Internal Affairs) of The Hong Kong Alzheimer's Disease Association, Dr. Peter Chan Yuk-choi (Chairman and CEO) of Sino Care Enterprise and Mr. Kenneth Chan Chi-yuk (Chairman) of the Elderly Services Association of Hong Kong also participated in the meeting.



Group photo of the mission with APIAS team.

Front: Mrs. Chen Jing (Centre), Prof. Alfred Chan Cheung-ming (Left 2), Dr. David Dai Lok-kwan (Left 1), Dr. Peter Chan Yuk-choi (Right 2).

Back: Mrs. Lu Lin (Centre), Mr. Henry Shie Wai-hung (Left 1), Mr. Kenneth Chan Chi-yuk (Left 2), Dr. Emily Liang Jr-shuihan (Right 1).

## The Straits Times Interviewed Prof. Alfred Chan

On 1st June, 2012, *The Straits Times* has reported on Hong Kong's rapidly shrinking workforce, pointing out that by 2029 the working population of Hong Kong will decrease by 7.4% from 3.77 million to 3.49 million. Prof. Chan explained in the interview that such a decrease is due to a significant export of human resources to Mainland China. As the economy in the Mainland booms, many migrate to seek opportunities there.

Prof. Chan commented that not every labourer can shift to a more productive industry, and we cannot, in long term, rely on expatriates or immigrants to refill our workforce. As a solution, he suggested that "optional retirement" can allow those elderly who are capable and willing to continue their contributions by remaining in the workforce.





## Japan Corporation of Ageing SMS co. Ltd. Visit

On 28th July, 2012, a Japanese corporation of ageing SMS co. Ltd. visited APIAS. The President Mr. Morofuji Shohei, The General Manager of their Beijing Branch Mr. Sakanashi Kinya, along with several senior staff members from Taiwan, Korea, Indonesia and Vietnam, aimed to have a basic understanding of Hong Kong's silver market before exploring the possibility in developing the South-East Asia market.

Prof. Alfred Chan Cheung-ming and the APIAS team provided the corporation with a brief introduction of Hong Kong's ageing population, medical and welfare policies, as well as the elderly services.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ■ Joint Continuing Professional Development (CPD) Course with Hong Kong Alzheimer's Disease Association (HKADA)

The critical situation of ageing in the Asia-Pacific region is no news to us, and dementia following old age has recorded a rapid increase in the number of cases. Currently we have around 110,000 elderly aged 60 or above suffering from dementia, APIAS along with Hong Kong Alzheimer's Disease Association (HKADA) recognises the need to train sufficient number of professional care workers to meet the demand for dementia related health care support.

APIAS in partnership with HKADA offers the Foundation Award in Awareness of Dementia and the Professional Certificate in Dementia Care. Students completing the above courses are certified by Edexcel, UK's largest awarding body offering academic and vocational qualifications, as achieving BTEC level 3 standards. Upon completion of the courses, students will also be eligible to apply "Continuing Professional Development Credits" (CPD) as required by the Social Workers Registration Board.

### ■ APIAS as Hospital Authority accredited training body

As from June 2012, APIAS is an accredited by Hospital Authority as the training provider for "Care-related Support Worker Training" programmes. Should you are interested in the programme, please follow our website's updates or contact us!

### ■ APIAS, as approved by the Department of Social Welfare, serves as the training body for delivering Bridging Courses for Health Workers of Residential Care Homes for Persons with Disabilities

As endorsed by SWD, APIAS is now organizing the following courses:

- Combined Health Worker Training Course
- Bridging Course for Health Workers of Residential Care Homes for Persons with Disabilities (Course A)
- Bridging Course for Health Workers of Residential Care Homes for Persons with Disabilities (Course B)

Stay tuned to our website updates or contact us to find out more about our health workers courses!

