

## Younger Fellows Chapter

During 24-26 June 2011, Younger Fellows Chapter held 廣州中山醫院外科交流團 to visit several hospitals in Guangdong to enhance the cooperation between Mainland China and Hong Kong surgeons. Around 16 younger fellows joined our trip and we were also honored to have the Censor-in-Chief, Dr. Andrew WC Yip to guide our trip.

We first arrived at Guangzhou 廣州. The first place we visited was 中山大學第一附屬醫院 which is one of the largest and most famous hospitals in Mainland China.

They presented to us their recent development, which is trying to catch up with international standard. Not only they are adopting the latest technology in the Medical field, they also want to be recognized internationally. They are now one of the hospitals in Mainland China recognized as a training centre by the College of Surgeons of Hong Kong and the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh. They will send their doctors for Membership Examination in Hong Kong later this year. We also introduced to them about the nature of Younger Fellows Chapter and they are very interested in setting up similar organization in China, too.



The next day, we went to Qingyuan 清遠 and visited 清遠市人民醫院. This is one of the major regional hospitals in Qingyuan. They have moved to their new hospital buildings just recently and it occupied around 165,000 square meters, which is larger than any hospital in Hong Kong! It is so big that they need a van for transport within the hospital! With the latest equipment, they wish to provide the best services to the citizens.

Afterwards, we went to one of the local clinics (鄉鎮衛生院). From here, we learnt that China is making a series of changes in medical funding, especially the policy that largely exempt the farmers from most of the medical fee. However, similar to all new policies, it encountered a lot of problems like the local hospital that cannot receive reimbursement from government after the patient was treated. Dr. Yip expressed his empathy that similar problems also occurred everywhere including Hong Kong, which new policy needs time to smooth out.

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The next day, we went to Danxia mountain 丹霞山. It is now listed by UNESCO as World Heritage in Natural Properties and Global Geopark. It is characterized by spectacular red cliffs and a range of erosional landforms, including dramatic natural pillars, towers, ravines, valleys and waterfalls. Of course, we won't forget to take a picture with one of the most spectacular stone 陽元石 with Dr. Yip.

This trip is a fruitful journey and we understand more about medical development and services in Mainland China. We hope that there will be more chances for us to exchange views and knowledge with doctors in Mainland China in future.



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