

# Women's Chapter



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*Inauguration of Women's Chapter in 2009*

The number of female Fellows in the College of Surgeons of Hong Kong has risen from 81 in 2011 (8.1% of all Fellows) to 195 in 2020 (16.6% of all Fellows). The increase has been observed in all surgical sub-specialties: General Surgery (47 in 2009 and 127 in 2020), Plastic Surgery (5 in 2009 and 18 in 2020),



*Charity hike in 2009*

Paediatric Surgery (3 in 2009 and 16 in 2020), Urology (5 in 2009 and 13 in 2020) and Neurosurgery (2 in 2009 and 8 in 2020).

It was therefore with great vision and wisdom that our founding chairlady Prof. Ava KWONG established the Women's Chapter. The leadership of Prof. Ava KWONG and my other predecessors Dr Ada NG and Dr Lorraine CHOW have also brought the Women's Chapter to a new horizon. All the meetings and activities organised by them had created an environment of cohesiveness and friendship for the lady surgeons in the College.

The COVID-19 has put an abrupt halt to our activities this year. Without face-to-face gathering, it is difficult for any development of close bonding and friendship. However, we are seeing signs of light at the end of the tunnel and hopefully the pandemic will soon come to an end. I believe that it will not be long before we will be able to meet again in person.

The Women's Chapter committee would like to thank all the Presidents, the College Council and the secretariat for their un-failing support throughout these years since our establishment. We would also like to express our heartfelt congratulations to the College's 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and wish the College every success in many more 30 years to come.

*Photo taken after AGM in 2013*





*Time to relax beer and food pairing in 2018*



*Bonding and friendship strengthened by mooncake workshop in 2018*