

To sustain the momentum to be created at the World Cancer Leaders' Summit organised by the Union for International Cancer Control (UICC) and the World Cancer Congress (WCC) 2018 from 1-4 October 2018 at Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, HKACS organised the Symposium on Cancer Challenge in Hong Kong on 6 Oct 2018 with the theme "Sustainable Cancer Control Plan for Hong Kong". It aimed to provide an opportunity for more professionals, academia and policy makers in Hong Kong to learn and deliberate on how best to develop a sustainable cancer control plan for Hong Kong. We were pleased that the Symposium was greatly supported by the UICC, as well as the Department of Health, Hospital Authority, cancer related organisations, academic institutes, private sector and many other organisations.



Over 400 delegates attended the Symposium on Cancer Challenge in Hong Kong.

Princess Dina provided us with a global view of cancer control by delivering the speech on how to transform global vision into action. Furthermore, there were 12 internationally renowned overseas and local speakers to present on strategy and policy formulation as well as experience in the execution of cancer care. The lunch symposium was presented by The Hong Kong Association of the Pharmaceutical Industry.

The Symposium has attracted over 400 delegates including policy makers, senior healthcare and social service executives and professionals from the government, Hospital Authority, NGOs & private settings to attend. We were honoured by having the Chief Secretary for Administration, Mr. Matthew Cheung Kin-chung to be our Guest of Honour and the President of UICC, Princess Dina Mired of Jordan to be one of our speakers.



UICC president, Princess Dina Mired of Jordan presented the topic of "Transforming Global Vision into Action".

A press conference, participated by Princess Dina, Dr Leong Chi-hung, Dr Cary Adams (CEO of UICC), Prof Anne Lee & Mrs Chu was held on the same day to raise public awareness and pledged support from the government for a comprehensive cancer control plan in Hong Kong. Princess Dina also shared her role of being the mother of a cancer survivor. A total of 11 major media reports (both printed & online) including the South China Morning Post, Now TV & Cable TV have covered this event.



Press conference to advocate the cancer control plan in HK

To conclude, the Symposium served as a stimulation and encouragement to all cancer stakeholders in Hong Kong to take up the challenges brought about by the increasing burden caused by cancer.



Group photo of HKACS president and Co-chairmen of the Symposium with the guests of honour, speakers and ex-co members