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**Trip Report**

The trip was enriching and foster good fellowship with Presidents of the various Colleges.

1. Royal Australasian College of Surgeons  
   - Is a non-statutory board and it advises on specialist register. Currently 3 States are registered and hopefully by year-end all will be registered.

2. Hong Kong Academy of Medicine  
   - The Academy fully established the National Specialist Register in 1993. Responsible for postgraduate training (not the University).  
   - Training & Examination Process:  
     - 2 to 4 years of basic training – past Intermediate Examination  
     - 2 to 4 years of specialist training  
     - Then take the Exit Examination of the Academy  
   - The Academy now has 15 Colleges; total 11,974 doctors of which 4,393 are specialists.  
   - Has full autonomy and governs accreditation and training with no interference from the government.  
   - Collaboration and consultation with / by National Council of Hong Kong and Specialist Register.  
   - Their Continuing Medical Education (CME) system is regulated by law. Quality Assurance ensures competence as performed by HKAM Fellowship and Specialist Register. Lately, it has changed from CME to Continuous Professional Development (CPD).

3. Academy of Medicine, Singapore  
   - Decision as to who is a specialist rest on the 3 bodies – Ministry of Health, Singapore Medical Council and professional body.  
   - Specialist Accreditation Board defines who is a Specialist and field of specialisation.  
   - It has a tripartite agreement with Hong Kong Academy of Medicine and Academy of Medicine of Malaysia.

Prof Grace Tang, President of the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine (HKAM), expressed appreciation for the opportunity to participate in the activities of the Academy of Medicine Singapore (AMS) and Academy of Medicine of Malaysia (AMM). In order not to disrupt the flow, it is welcome for HKAM to dovetail into AMS & AMM Congress meetings in 2010. Prof Tang highlighted that HKAM is holding its 15th Annual Congress in 2008 and welcome participation from AMS & AMM.

**Usefulness of Event to Self & College of Surgeons**

Collaboration ties and fellowship were re-fostered with our overseas fraternal Colleges / Academies at this meeting.