

President's Message

Professor Janet WONG

Dear Members,

As we move forward into another exciting quarter, I am thrilled to share the remarkable activities and achievements of our Chapter. Our commitment to excellence in nursing continues to shine through our collective efforts and dedication.

Over the past few months, our Chapter has been actively engaged in various international conferences. We worked collaboratively with the other Chapter Leaders in Asia region to organise the Sigma Asia Regional Conference in Manila, Philippines on 16 June 2024. The theme of our conference is Reflect, Respect, Respond: Global Health Challenges. We are delighted to invite all the esteemed global nursing leaders to share knowledge, experiences, and best practices in healthcare, in particular to respond to UN Sustainability Development Goals. This event has provided valuable learning opportunities and has been well-received by our members in Asia.

In July, our PIAC members also joined the 35th International Nursing Research Congress in Singapore. The Congress is Sharing Insights, Advancing Care: Disseminating Nursing Research and Evidence for the Future. This conference brought together over 800 healthcare professionals from various nursing expertise to discuss pressing global health issues, nursing workforce, digital health and collaborative solutions. Our participation not only highlighted our Chapter's commitment to healthcare practice but also allowed us to forge meaningful connections with international colleagues.

During the Congress, I am delighted to share that several of our members have received prestigious awards and recognitions. Professor Helen CHAN, from The Chinese University of Hong Kong and Professor Justina LIU, from The Hong Kong Polytechnic University were honoured with the International Nurse Researcher Hall of Fame for their outstanding contributions to nursing research, education and leadership. Additionally, Dr Arkers WONG, from The Hong Kong Polytechnic University received the Emerging Nurse Researcher at the Congress for their groundbreaking work on primary care initiatives. We were honoured to be part of the meaningful occasions and shared their joy.

Looking ahead, I encourage all members to stay engaged and take advantage of the numerous opportunities for professional growth and development. Together, we can continue to advance the field of nursing and make a positive impact on the health and well-being of our communities. Thank you for your unwavering support and dedication to our Chapter. I look forward to seeing you at our upcoming Annual General Meeting on 8 December 2024 and working together to achieve our shared goals.



Warm Regards,

Janet WONG, PhD, RN, FHKCHSE, FCHSM, FAAN

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Nursing Seminar on Mental Health Nursing and Paediatric Nursing

A Nursing Seminar was held on 3 February 2024. Nurse leaders, Dr Chris NGAI Kee Hung, Ms Iris POON Yee Man and Ms CHAN Yuk Hing, have been invited to share the updates and development of mental health nursing and paediatric nursing. The seminar was well received by nursing professionals and nursing students.



Group photo with guest speakers, Dr Chris NGAI Kee Hung, Ms Iris POON Yee Man and Ms CHAN Yuk Hing, at the nursing seminar on 3 February 2024.



Professor Rick KWAN presents certificate of appreciation to the speaker, Dr Chris NGAI Kee Hung.



Professor Rick KWAN presents certificate of appreciation to the speaker, Ms Iris POON Yee Man.



Professor Rick KWAN presents certificate of appreciation to the speaker, Ms CHAN Yuk Hing.

Nursing Seminar on Pain Service & Diabetes Care

A Nursing Seminar was held on 9 March 2024. Nurse leaders, Ms Flori LAM Chi Wing, and Ms Shimen AU have been invited to share the updates and development of pain services and diabetes care. The role of nurses in these specialties, and the evidence-based practices were shared to nursing students and nurses at the seminar.

International Nurses Day Celebration Dinner 2024

The International Council of Nurses has designated 12 May as International Nurses Day every year, to honour the invaluable contributions of nurses to the society. The Hong Kong Academy of Nursing & Midwifery has organised the “International Nurses Day Celebration Dinner 2024” and it is our honour to be a part of this wonderful event celebrating our dedicated nurses' contributions and achievement.



Our members from different organisations joining the IND Dinner in May 2024.

Sigma Asia Regional Conference 2024

The Sigma Asia Regional Conference was successfully held on 16 June 2024 in Manila, Philippines. The theme of the Conference is “Reflect, Respect, Respond: Global Health Challenges”. Esteem scholars/nurse leaders have been invited to share their expertise to promote quality education, good health and well-being, gender equality, decent work and economic growth, and reduce inequalities. The Conference attracted people from different parts of the world and provided a platform for nurses, researchers, and practitioners to exchange their ideas and promote a better global health.



Group photo with guest speakers, participants and organising committee members.



Professor Michael Joseph S. DIÑO, the President of Phi Gamma Chapter, Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing is delivering an endnote speech at the Conference.

35th International Nursing Research Congress

The 35th International Nursing Research Congress was held on 25 – 28 July 2024 in Singapore. The theme of the Conference is “Sharing insights, advancing care: Disseminating Nursing Research and Evidence for the Future”. Members from our Chapter have also joined the Conference and presented their excellent works. At the Congress, Professor Helen CHAN from The Chinese University of Hong Kong and Professor Justina LIU from The Hong Kong Polytechnic University (PolyU) were inducted into the prestigious International Nurse Researcher Hall of Fame while Dr Arkers WONG from PolyU was awarded with Emerging Nurse Researcher/Scholar. We are proud of their commitment to advancing nursing knowledge and practice!

Congratulations to Professor Helen CHAN and Professor Justina LIU for their distinguished achievement!



Congratulations to Dr Arkers WONG for his dedication in advancing the nursing knowledge and practice!

Sharing by Nurse Leaders – Professor Helen CHAN

2024 International Nurse Researcher Hall of Fame – Professor Helen CHAN

Congratulations to Professor Helen CHAN! Professor CHAN was inducted into 2024 International Nurse Researcher Hall of Fame of the Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing for her distinguished accomplishments and contributions to the nursing profession. Below is her insightful sharing with us:

“I am deeply humbled to be inducted into the Hall of Fame. This prestigious award recognises not only my scholarly works in promoting end-of-life care, but more importantly, the value of the role of nursing in this aspect. My journey as a nurse researcher was sparked by my observations of the unheard voices of older adults during my time working in an old age home and later, an acute geriatric ward. When they received tube feeding, having their hands restrained, and even undergoing resuscitation, I wondered whether these were the kinds of care they would have chosen for themselves. However, their voices were often overlooked in a family-centered paternalistic community. This experience motivated me to dedicate myself to engaging patients in the care planning process, particularly for their future care.

Despite my commitment, there were times when the road ahead seemed unclear and filled with insurmountable challenges. In a cure-oriented culture, advance care planning is often seen as unpalatable. Securing research funding for end-of-life care was also challenging as it was difficult to convince the importance of this aspect of care, given that the patients’ conditions would continue to deteriorate. The criticisms I faced along this path helped me to sharpen the focus of my research work. I am also truly blessed to have many collaborators in hospitals and the community who shared my vision, and I am indebted to the study participants who have let me know the profound impacts of this aspect of care on their lives. Their support and this award drive me to continue pushing the boundaries of nursing roles and responsibilities in advocating for patients’ voices and shaping service reorientation and policy development. I will remain committed to ensuring the voices of older adults and patients are heard and honoured.”



Sharing by Nurse Leaders – Dr Arkers WONG

2024 Emerging Nurse Researcher/ Scholar – Dr Arkers WONG

Dr Arkers WONG obtained the award “2024 Emerging Nurse Researcher/Scholar” offered by the Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing for his distinguished achievement in research. Below is his insightful sharing with us:

“I am thrilled and humbled to have been selected as the recipient of this year's Emerging Nurse Researcher/Scholar Award from the Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing. This recognition is a true honour and validation of the hard work and dedication I have poured into my research over the past few years.

As a young scholar just beginning my academic career, receiving this award is immensely motivating. It affirms that my research on mobile health, telecare, and wearable monitoring devices is making meaningful contributions to the field and has the potential for real-world impact. The funding that comes with the award will also be invaluable in allowing me to expand the scope of my work and pursue new avenues of investigation.

One of the aspects of my research that the award committee highlighted was its interdisciplinary nature. By bridging the gaps between health and social fields, I have been able to uncover novel insights and approaches that have the power to reshape our understanding of the complex and evolving landscape of healthcare. This collaborative, cross-pollinating mindset is something I plan to continue cultivating, as I believe some of the most exciting and impactful discoveries emerge at the intersections of established disciplines.

Beyond the research itself, I am also deeply passionate about mentoring and supporting the next generation of scholars. As part of this award, I will have the opportunity to engage with undergraduate and graduate students, sharing my experiences and insights while also learning from their fresh perspectives. I hope to inspire them to pursue their own ambitious research agendas and to never be afraid to challenge conventional wisdom.

Receiving this award is a pivotal moment in my career, and I am grateful beyond words for the recognition and support. I am energised to continue my work, to push the boundaries of my research focus, and to make a lasting contribution to my field. This honour will serve as a constant source of motivation as I navigate the exciting, rewarding, and sometimes daunting journey of academic research.”



Our Chapter's New Website

The official website of Sigma Pi Iota at-Large Chapter (PIAC) has been launched in February 2024. Explore the website at <https://piiotaatlarge.org> to learn more about our mission, membership opportunities, upcoming events, and informative seminars.

Stay connected with the latest news, chapter annual reports, and exclusive newsletters that provide valuable insights into the nursing profession!



Upcoming Events

36th International Nursing Research Congress

Date: 17 – 20 July 2025

Venue: Seattle, Washington, USA

Call for abstracts is open!

Submission Deadline: 30 October 2024

Abstract submission link: www.sigmanursing.org/connect-engage/meetings-events/congress/abstracts

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