

Plenary Presentation 2

Mental Health and Integration: Provision for Supporting People with Mental Illness



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Biography

Dr Lo is currently the Hospital Chief Executive in Kwai Chung Hospital, as well as Service Director (Mental Health) in Kowloon West Cluster, Hong Kong. Kwai Chung Hospital is a psychiatric hospital providing comprehensive psychiatric services to about 2 of the 7 million population in Hong Kong. The Hospital is also tasked with Personalized Care Programme Outreach Teams to 6 of the 18 Districts in Hong Kong by 14/15, a Hospital Authority initiative to provide community case manager services to patients with SMI in line with Hospital Authority Mental Health Service Plan for Adults. Dr Lo is instrumental in the development of the Clinical Service Plan of KCH which helps facilitate the planned modernisation of the Hong Kong Hospital Authority Psychiatric Services. He has successfully implemented a series of corporate and local initiatives to enhance psychiatric support to cluster general hospitals, discharged patients and psychiatric outpatients. He is innovative in launching public mental health education activities such as the KCH Drama Group, Mental Health First Aid training and Open Art Competitions on Mental Health and Mental Wellness to combat the stigma of psychiatric patients.

Obtaining his MBBS in 1983 from The University of Hong Kong and his MRCPsych in 1989, he received postgraduate training also in the University Department of Psychiatry at Warneford Hospital, Oxford, United Kingdom. He was past Vice President (Censor & Education) of the Hong Kong College of Psychiatrists and was elected Fellow of the Royal College of Psychiatrists in 2009. He serves also as Chairman of the Mental Health Association of Hong Kong, Associate Director of the Hong Kong Jockey Club Centre for Suicide Research and Prevention of The University of Hong Kong and Board Director of the Haven of Hope Christian Services.