Message from Chairman of Organizing Committee

One behalf of the Organizing Committee, it is my great pleasure to invite you to the 12th Asian Adapted Physical Education and Exercise (ASAPE 2012) to be held in Hong Kong, China on 9-11 August 2012. The Organizing Committee is expecting more participants from different Asian countries, especially from mainland China for the ASAPE 2012 conference. Professor Lee Chi Kin John, HKIE'd’s Vice president (Academic) and Professor Joshua Mok Ka-ho, HKIE’d’s Acting Vice President (Research and Development) and Associate Vice President (Research and International Exchange) are the conference advisors to support this Asian-Hong Kong joint event. Vice president (Academic) Professor Lee will deliver the open address at the opening ceremony. The ASAPE2012 will have 3 keynote speakers from US and Hong Kong, and more new speakers from other countries participate in this conference. The endorsement by the Asian Council of Exercise and Sports Science (ACCESS), will also make the ASAPE 2012 a truly Asian plus event.

One of the unique features of the ASAPE 2012 is a special program for graduate students. Through a poster and information sharing sessions (Videos and workshops), graduate students will have opportunities to interact and share their experiences with other students from different Asian countries. Various symposiums are added for the participants to have opportunities to share views on specialized areas. We hope the ASAPE 2012 will provide a platform for future co-operation in adapted physical education and exercise science between higher institutions in Asia and other parts of the world in the future.

Welcome to Hong Kong
Keynote Speakers

1. **Professor Gabriel Ng**

   Gabriel Ng has a physiotherapy professional background with more than 20 years of working experience in the academia in Australia and Hong Kong. He is now chair professor and head of Department of Rehabilitation Sciences of The Hong Kong Polytechnic University. His research interests are on connective tissue repair and motor control in sport and rehabilitation.

2. **Professor Wang Tai Yong**

   Dr. Yong “Tai” Wang is a Professor with Division of Physical Therapy, and the Assistant Dean for Health Professions in Byrdine F. Lewis School of Nursing and Health Professions at Georgia State University in USA.

   Dr Wang received his Ph.D. degree in Biomechanics of Rehabilitation from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Illinois in 1991. He is a Fellow of American College of Sports Medicine, and a Fellow of Research Consortium, American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance. Dr Wang has served as Assistant Dean for Health Professions in Byrdine F. Lewis School of Nursing and Health Professions at Georgia State University since 2011, served as the Interim Division Head of Physical Therapy (2010-2011), served as the Graduate Director of Gerontology Institute (2009-2011), served as the Chair (2004-2007) of Sports Biomechanics in International Council for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, Sports, and Dance, and served as the Chair (1996-1998) of International Relations Council in American Alliance of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance. He received “Distinguished Faculty Award” by the Gerontology Institute, Georgia State University in 2009, and received “Outstanding Undergraduate Faculty Award” by the Governor of the State of Alabama, USA in 1994. Dr. Wang has been selected as “Chu Tian Scholar” (楚天学者) by Ministry of Education of Hubei Province and Wuhan Sports University in China since 2008, and selected as “Tai Shan Scholar” (泰山学者) by Ministry of Education of Shandong Province and Shandong Sports University in China since 2009. Dr. Wang’s research interests focus on biomechanics of rehabilitation.
including three dimensional kinematic and kinetic analyses of wheelchair locomotion, neuromuscular function in wheelchair locomotion and rehabilitation; and examining the effects of Tai Chi exercise on physical and psychosocial functions for different populations. Dr. Wang’s research has been funded by the National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research, by Paralyzed Veterans of America, and by American Association of Retired Persons in USA. His invention of the EZ Push Wheelchair, designed for stroke patients and frail elderly (using one hand or both hands) has been patented through Georgia State University. He has had more than 40 full-length refereed journal publications, more than 70 abstracts published in refereed journals and more than 80 presentations at national/international scientific conferences.

3. Mrs. Cecilia Wong Lam Siu-ling, Principal

Mrs. Cecilia Wong Lam Siu-ling obtained her Bachelor Degree in Special Education at the University of Exeter and her Master Degree in School Management from the University of Sheffield. She has served in the field of special education for more than 39 years and is now the school principal of Po Leung Kuk Yu Lee Mo Fan Memorial School, a special school for students with intellectual disability. She is enthusiastic in promoting sports for persons with intellectual disability. In 2004, she obtained the Chief Executive’s Award for Teaching Excellence and the Chief Executive's Commendation for Community Service. Mrs. Wong has a wide range of community service including the Chairperson of Hong Kong Sports Association for the Mentally Handicapped and the Honorary Secretary of the Hong Kong Special Olympics. Her recent publication includes “Assessment of Physical Fitness for Persons with Intellectual Disability” and “A Teaching Package of Bocce”.

Principal Wong’s keynote speech will focus on “The Development of Athletes with Intellectual Disabilities in Hong Kong”, her presentation will be divided into 2 parts: The first part will cover how students in special schools in Hong Kong are supported by the 2 unique sports organizations. They are the Hong Kong Sports Association for the Mentally Handicapped and the Hong Kong Special Olympics. The 2 organizations provide training from grassroots to elites all year round. They also try to source out support from different parts of the society. How these bring changes to the athletes will be discussed. The second part of the presentation will be focused on the example of the work of a local special school on how the students’ physical fitness are investigated and developed.