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This book describes the mental health care system in China and a research project designed to test a community-based mental health care model for individuals suffering from schizophrenia and their families in rural China. The model is reflective of the strategies recommended by the World Health Organization in overcoming mental illness and is particularly suited for use in developing countries. It would be useful to clinicians, researchers, health policy leaders, and those interested in mental health care delivery and research.

The University of Hong Kong Convocation Election Notice

Election of Members to the Standing Committee

Nominations are hereby invited for the election of eight members to the Standing Committee at the coming Ordinary General Meeting on June 17, 2005 to fill the vacancies arising from:

i. the expiry of the term of office of the current Deputy Chairman Mr Tong Chun-wan by the coming Ordinary General Meeting on June 17, 2005;

ii. the expiry of the terms of office of the following members of the Standing Committee by August 31, 2005:

Mr Horace Chan
Mr Albert Lai
Ms Betty Leong
Mr Man Cheuk-fai
Mr Kenneth Sii
Mr Patrick Tang

iii. the resignation of Mr Frederick Wai.

The elected members will serve on the Committee for a term of three years until the Ordinary General Meeting in 2008.

According to Clauses 26 and 28 of the Convocation Constitution, a person is eligible to be nominated for the election if he / she has been a member of Convocation for two years, and a retiring member is eligible for re-election.

Nomination Procedures

Convocation Rule 4.0 requires that:

i. a candidate must be nominated in writing by at least ten members entitled to vote (nomination form can be obtained from the Secretariat, c/o Development & Alumni Affairs Office, The University of Hong Kong (Tel No.: 2859 2603));

ii. all nominations shall be accompanied by a statement by the candidate that he / she is willing to stand.

Each candidate is also requested to attach with the nominations a brief biography of himself/herself, in English, of not more than 200 words and a copy of his/her photograph to be published in the Notice of the Ordinary General Meeting.

The Closing time of nomination is 12:00 noon, May 26, 2005. Nominations should be directed to the Clerk of Convocation, c/o Development & Alumni Affairs Office, The University of Hong Kong.

Ordinary General Meeting Notice and Election Information

In accordance with Convocation Rules 4 and 5, the notice of the Ordinary general Meeting and election information may be sent to members by electronic mail or by an advertisement placed on an English and a Chinese language newspaper authorised by the Government to carry official or legal advertisements in Hong Kong three weeks before the Ordinary General Meeting, i.e. by May 27, 2005. For the convenience of members, the notice will also be put on the Convocation website (www.hku.hk/convocat). If any member would like to receive a print copy of the notice and election information, you are welcome to contact the Secretariat.

Validity of Nomination Forms

All nomination forms, whether original or photocopied, shall be clearly completed with the required information and each form shall bear the original signature of the nominator. Any such document sent to the Clerk of Convocation or the Secretariat by fax shall not be accepted. The Clerk of Convocation shall have the final discretion on the validity of such document.

The above notice was issued on Convocation website and distributed to members by email on April 30, 2005. It was also published in Ming Pao and South China Morning Post on May 13, 2005.

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