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## Editorial

Our newsletter is having a new look. It evolved with the suggestions of our fellow members. We would value comments and suggestions from our readers, which we believe, would turn our newsletter better and better.

The Annual General Meeting of our Society would be held on 2<sup>nd</sup> November followed by our Scientific Meeting. We are honoured to have our overseas speaker, Prof DW Kissane from Australia and our local speaker, Dr Samuel Ho to talk to us on the psychological care at the end of life. Details please refer to pages 4 & 5.

We would like to take this opportunity to remind our members to renew the membership and anyone who is interested to join our Society as new member are most welcomed.

Most of us, if not all, have witnessed the loss and suffering of thousands of lives in the United States on 11<sup>th</sup> of September on television. It was a big shock to the whole world and left many in pain and agony especially those with families or friends touched by this disaster. We affirm the value of every individual life and would like to express our deep condolences to all those who are still suffering and in grief. Palliative care is part of the effort to alleviate the suffering of mankind. This goal can only be achieved if fellow human can recognise the other's suffering as much as they can recognise their own. Despite diversity, people can come closer together by mutual understanding, respect, acceptance, forgiveness, hence reconciliation. For those who died, their death remains a mystery. But for those who survive and the families of the deceased, may their hearts be comforted and to be filled with peace. Let love and forgiveness shine through even during the moment of darkness.