Phoenix Clubhouse – the first internationally accredited mental health patient partnership program in Hospital Authority.

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Introduction
The Clubhouse Model was established to help members (*people recovering from mental illness) reclaim their lives and realize their potential through work and the support of a caring community. It purposefully depends on people with mental illness for its daily operation and development. International studies showed that Clubhouse members are more likely to report being in recovery; work longer and earn more; show significant improvement in their symptoms, self-esteem and quality of life.

Objectives
To set up a mental health service that: (a) is adherent to the international Clubhouse standards; (b) will continuously improve to assist recovery of people with mental illness; (c) ensures participation of service users.

Methodology
The Adult Psychiatric Day Hospital of HKWC was converted into Phoenix Clubhouse in 1998. An advisory committee, Friends of Phoenix Clubhouse, composed of people recovering from mental illness, family members and community people was established in 2000 to provide advice and assistance in areas like job development, fundraising, advocacy and community awareness. Phoenix Clubhouse has gone through 5 accreditations by Clubhouse International since 2001.

Result
Partnering with 21 renowned companies, the Phoenix Clubhouse has different
employment programs to help members progress to work independently in the community. Annually, these programs helped members earn over 1.3 million dollars and more than 70 members have progressed to independent employment through them. In the 2013 Clubhouse International Accreditation, it has obtained 33 Consistently Compiled Standards (highest standard) among the 36 Clubhouse Standards. Members of Phoenix Clubhouse have actively participated in advocacy and increasing public awareness of mental illness. They participated in (a) hosting of the first Asian Clubhouse Conference, (b) re-provisioning of David Trench Rehabilitation Centre, (c) 45 media coverage and 18 members have presented in international conferences. Members also involved in Clubhouse Orientation programs to Chinese speaking community like Beijing, Changsha, Guangzhou, Shenzhen and Taiwan. In day to day running, members involve in staff recruitment, orientation of visitors, procurement, preparing meals, community support, running health promotion programs, job coaching and provide peer support to in-patients of Queen Mary Hospital.