

Engaging staff in cultivating a happy and caring culture through Sports Association in Hong Kong West Cluster

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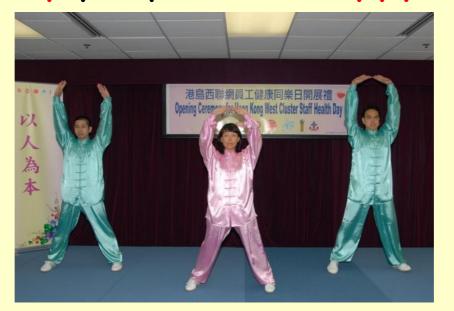




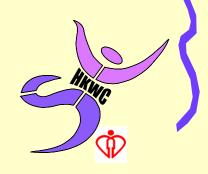


Our Vision

- Balance of the body, mind and spirit through participation in sports
- Balanced Work Life
- · Link to HA Vision
 - ⇒ Healthy people and Happy staff



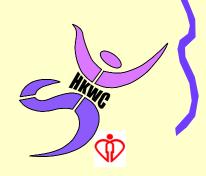




Our Mission

- 1. Promote regular exercise and sports for better health
- 2. Strengthen team spirit and staff affiliation
- 3. Provide an effective alternative channel of communication for staff from different hospitals, departments, specialties, grades and ranks in the Cluster





Exercise and mental health

Regular exercise improves physical health is well documented

 \Rightarrow Healthy

Exercise also improves mental health

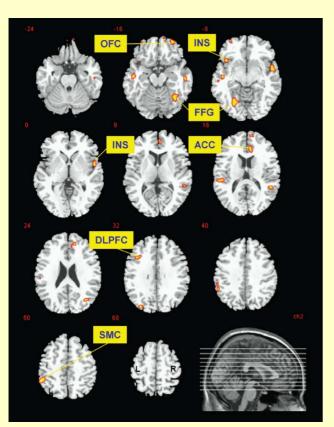
 \Rightarrow Happy



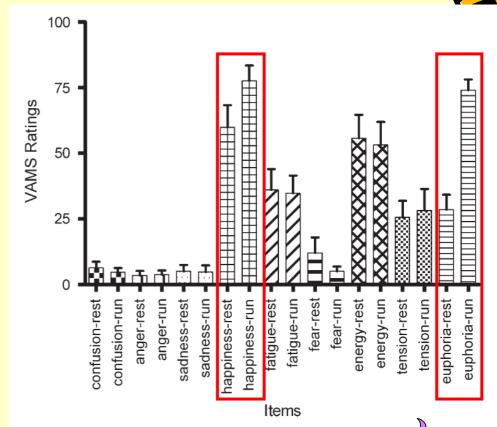


The Runner's High - Endorphins

Release of endorphins after sustained exercise



Close correlation with perceived euphoria of runners

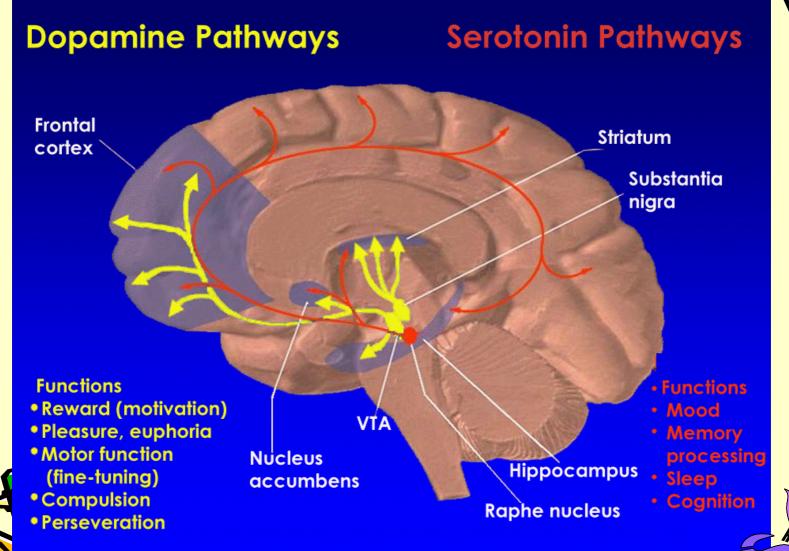




Endorphins \Rightarrow natural pain killers, positive emotion, sense of reward



Exercise enhances release of dopamine and serotonin



Our Conception

"Bottom-up and top-down" Approach

- Staff provide the stimulus and desire for the formation
- Cluster management facilitates and provides the support
- "Join hands" between management and staff nurture its growth





Our Birth

- $^{\bullet}$ HKWC Sports Association inauguration \Rightarrow 13.6.2007
- · Before HKWCSA: Only 5 sports teams
- · After HKWCSA:
- 10 sports teams & 3 interest groups (2007)
- \Rightarrow 12 sports teams & 5 interest groups (2009)





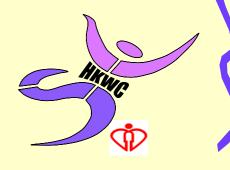
Our Organization

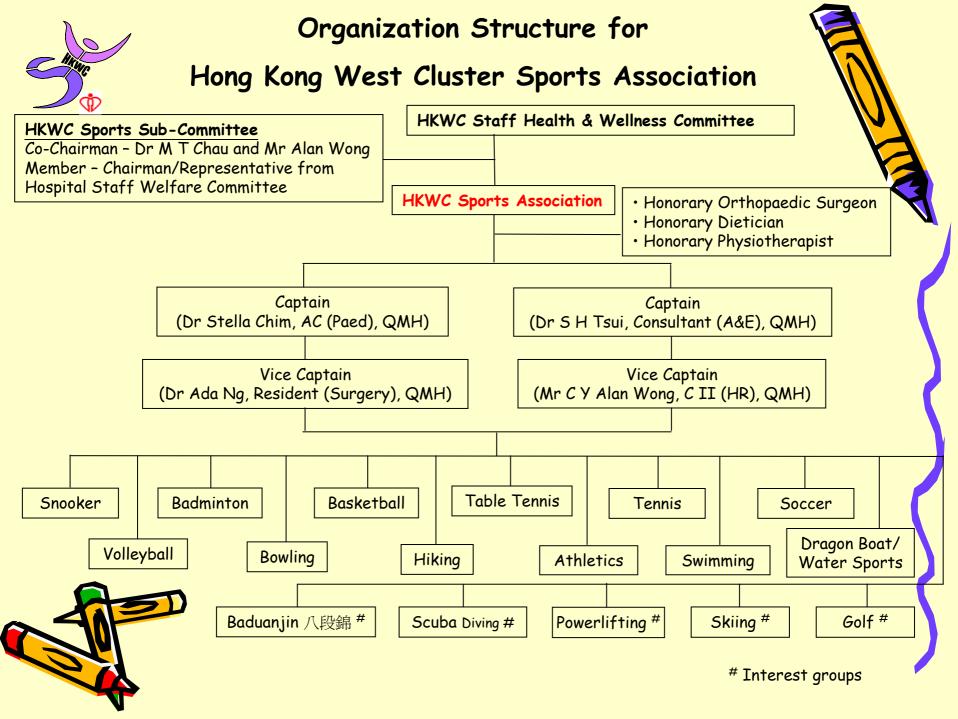
Well structured

- Self-initiated, committed staff volunteers
- Dedicated administrative support
- · Own logo, identity and team uniform
- Publicity through email, designated notice boards and intranet website (activities update and facilities booking)









Our Aims

Breath and depth

 Involves staff from different ranks and grades in all Cluster hospitals and institutions

Provides a wide variety of sports activities, from "entry" to "competition" levels, for staff choice and



Our Aims

Popular and elite

- Training courses, regular practice sessions
- Hiking trips, sports facilities booking
- Intra-cluster tournaments
- Sports teams representatives in HA tournaments











Our Finances

- Self-sustaining from donations
- · Annual HKWC Chinese New Year walkathon



Donations from walkathon

Year	No. of Participants (Staff + Family Members)	Fund Raised for Sports Association via Chinese New Year Walkathon		
		From		
		Hospital Governing Committees/	From	
		QMH Charitable Trust/	Staff	
		other donors		
2010	275	34%	66%	
2009	246	41%	59%	
2008	207	63%	37%	







Our Achievements

Team building and sense of belonging

- Champion in many major HA events, such as 2007
 & 2009 Aquatics, 2008 Athletics
- ⇒ Achieved by group effort with large number of participants, led and supported by elite players, energetic team captains, staff volunteers, cheer leaders and management







Our Achievements

	Before 2007	2007	2008	2009
HA Sports Meet	~ 30		103	
HA Swimming Gala		67		101









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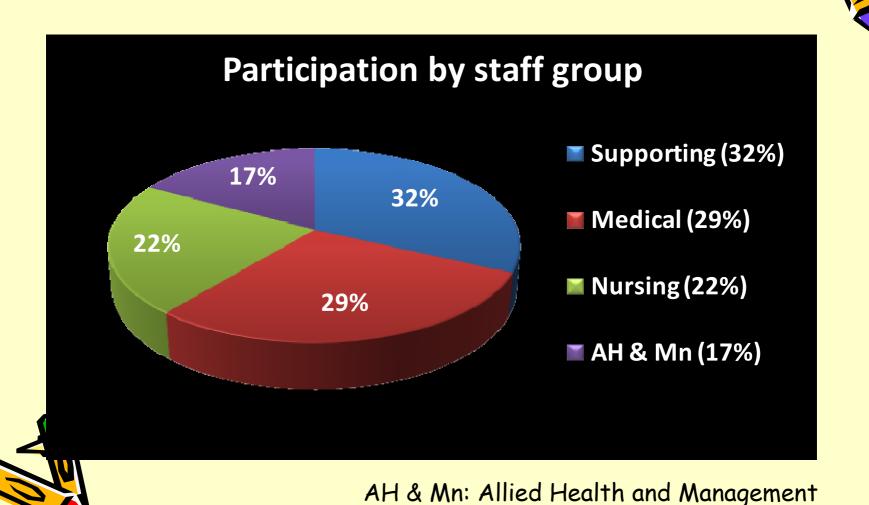
Rapid growth in activities and participants

	07/08	08/09	09/10
Total Programs	32	43	47
No of Participants (Entries)	1051	3715	5894





2009/10 participation rate break down (n = 5894)





Conclusion

- HKWCSA demonstrated a successful model of engaging staff in cultivating a happy and caring culture for fellow colleagues
- · More staff took part in regular exercise
- Friendship developed across disciplines and departments
- Increased collaboration beyond sports





Our Goal

- · One staff one sport
- · Health, Wellness and Fun
- From intra-cluster communication to inter-cluster communication to realize the HA Vision of

"Healthy People and Happy Staff" through the promotion of sport and wellness activities



Thank you very much



