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Special Highlight

8TH SUB-CONFERENCE OF THE YOUNG ACADEMY OF SCIENCES SUMMIT (YASS) 10 JUNE 2026

The 8th Sub-Conference of the Young Academy of Sciences Summit (YASS) was held on June 10, 2026, at the InnoCentre in Kowloon Tong. The event gathered young scientists and scholars to discuss **innovative solutions and emerging challenges across various disciplines**. It aimed to promote interdisciplinary collaboration and foster the development of future scientific leaders. Prof Esther Chan served as the moderator, guiding discussions and facilitating knowledge exchange among participants.



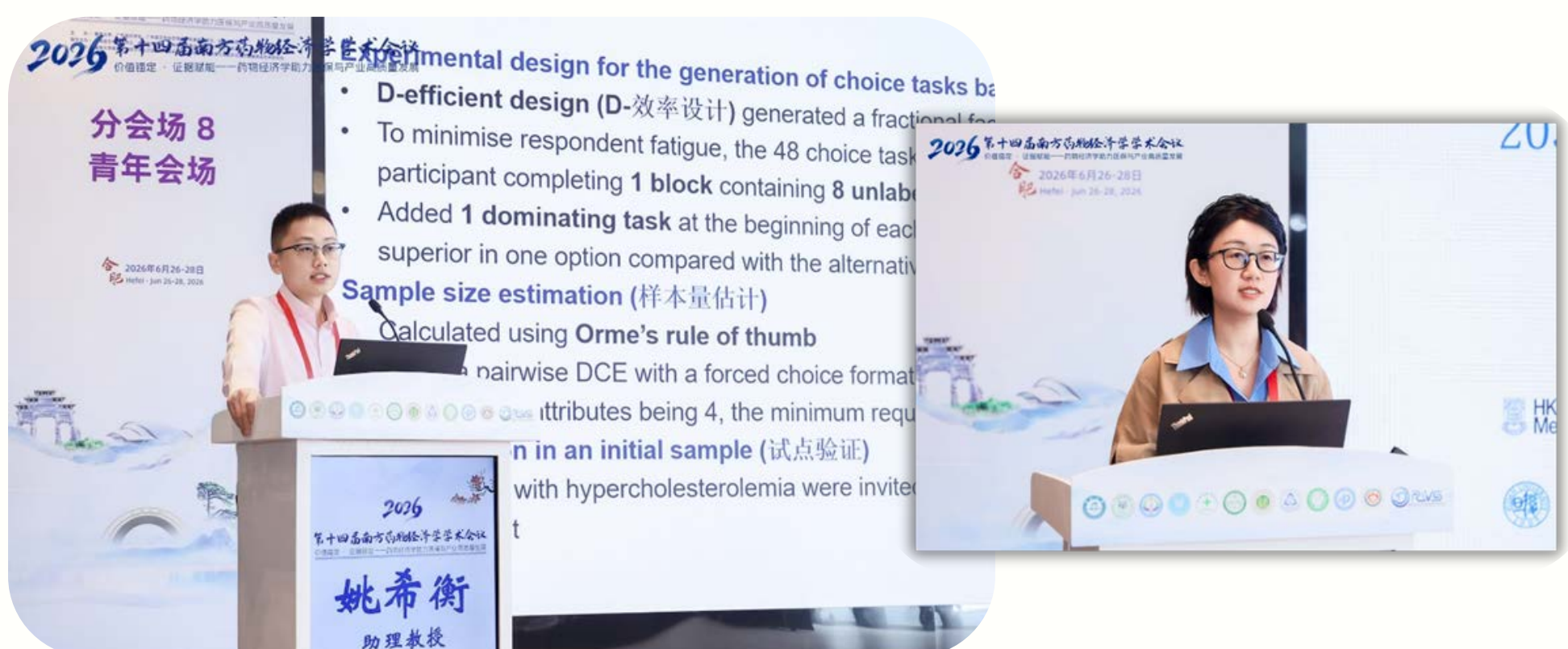
HTAI ANNUAL MEETING 2026 6 – 10 JUNE 2026

The HTAi Annual Meeting 2026 was held in Istanbul from June 6 to 10, bringing together global health technology assessment experts to discuss innovations in policies, methods, and evidence generation. Effie Cheung delivered an oral presentation, and Prof Shirley Li participated as a panelist, contributing insights on the future of health technology assessment.



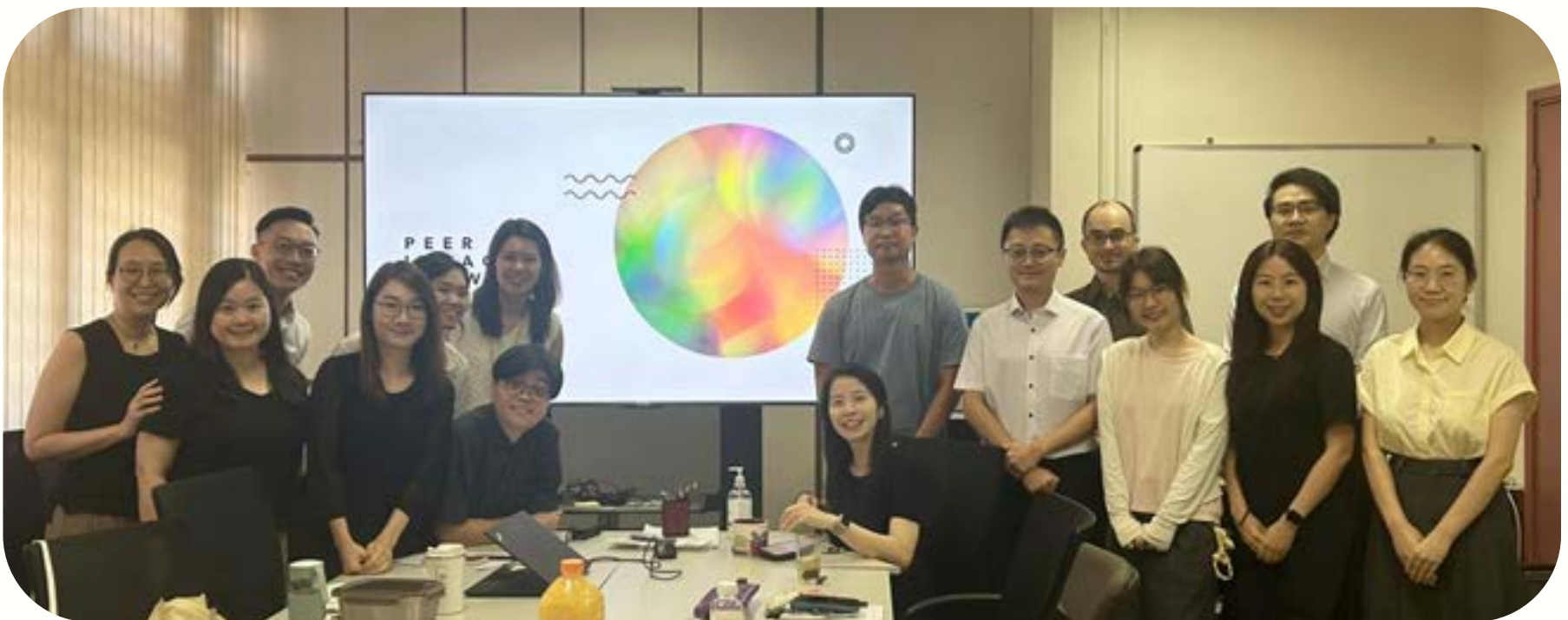
THE 14TH SOUTHERN PHARMACOECONOMICS FORUM 26 – 28 JUNE 2026

The 14th Southern Pharmacoeconomics Forum was held in Hefei, China, from June 26 to 28, 2026. This prestigious event brought together experts in health economics, pharmacoeconomics, and healthcare policy to discuss the latest advancements, challenges, and strategic approaches in medication evaluation and healthcare resource allocation across Southern China. Prof Shirley Li and Prof Edmund Yiu participated as speakers, sharing insights on innovative approaches and research findings in pharmacoeconomics, fostering collaboration and knowledge exchange among professionals in the region.



CSMPR X COPE CEDARS CROSSOVER BRAINSTORMING 6 MAY 2026

The CEDARS, CoPE colleagues, and CSMPR, JC team mental health colleagues met on May 6, for the [crossover brainstorming session](#). The meeting reviewed diverse initiatives aimed at enhancing mental health support through evaluation, digital adaptation, AI integration, and scalable funding strategies. The discussion focused on effective training evaluation, innovative AI tools, online interventions, and large-scale grant applications, all geared towards [improving campus mental health services and outreach efforts](#).



HFA HEART FAILURE 2026 CONFERENCE 9 – 12 MAY 2026

Junhan Tang had an e-Poster presentation at the HFA Heart Failure 2026 Conference, which took place from May 9 to 12 in Barcelona. The conference was a leading international event that gathered cardiology professionals to share the latest research, innovations, and clinical practices in heart failure management. It provided a platform for experts worldwide to collaborate, present groundbreaking studies, and discuss emerging therapies aimed at improving patient outcomes and advancing cardiology care.



HOSPITAL AUTHORITY CONVENTION 2026 11 – 13 MAY 2026



The Hospital Authority Convention 2026, which was held from May 11 to 13, was a prominent event that brought together healthcare professionals and stakeholders to discuss advancements, innovations, and future directions in healthcare services within Hong Kong. Prof Celine Chui was invited as a speaker, highlighting her expertise and contributions to the field. The convention provided a platform for knowledge exchange, networking, and collaboration to enhance healthcare delivery and patient outcomes.

H2026 DIA CHINA ANNUAL MEETING 13 – 16 MAY 2026

The 2026 DIA China Annual Meeting was held from May 13 to 16, 2026, in Shanghai. This conference gathered industry leaders, healthcare professionals, and regulators to discuss innovations in drug development, regulatory science, and patient-centered care. Prof Shirley Xue Li delivered a presentation on the role of real-world evidence (RWE) in supporting reimbursement decision-making in Hong Kong.



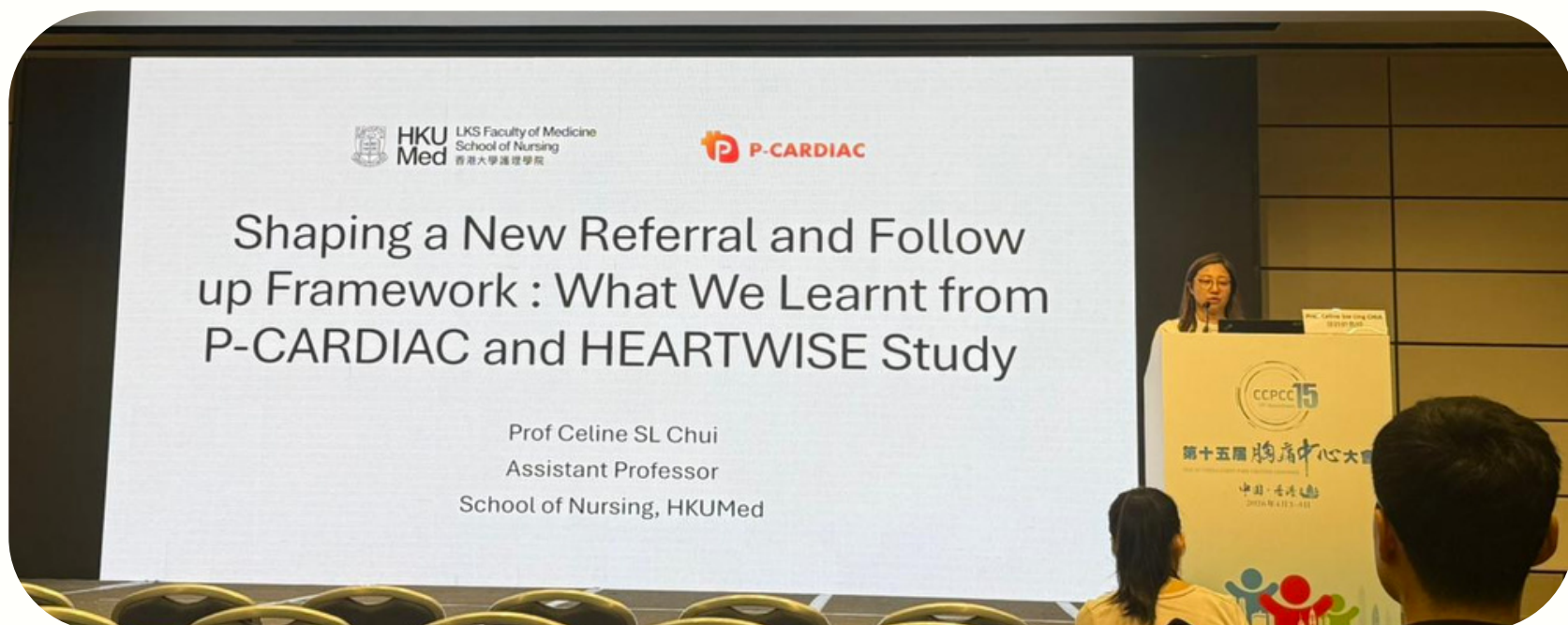
IMACE CONFERENCE 2026 (HEALTH ECONOMICS, TECHNOLOGY ASSESSMENT AND CLINICAL GUIDELINES: A BELATED DIALOGUE IN HONG KONG) 16 MAY 2026

The 2026 IMACE Conference, focusing on health economics, technology assessment, and clinical guidelines, was held in Hong Kong. It fostered expert dialogue on healthcare policy and innovation. Prof Joseph Blais attended as an IMACE External Expert, contributing insights to the discussions and enriching the exchange of ideas among participants



THE 15TH CHINA CHEST PAIN CENTERS CONGRESS 3 – 4 APRIL 2026

The 15th China Chest Pain Centers Congress (CCPCC 2026) was held on April 3–4, 2026, at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre, with a concurrent venue in Shenzhen. This event brought together around 3,000 healthcare professionals to exchange knowledge on chest pain management, cardiovascular medicine, healthcare innovation, AI-assisted clinical decision-making, and international collaboration. Prof Celine Chui was invited as a speaker, highlighting her expertise in the field.



GENERATING EVIDENCE TO INFORM CLINICAL PRACTICE IN NEUROLOGY AND MENTAL HEALTH (ITALY) 13 – 14 APRIL 2026

The Generating Evidence to Inform Clinical Practice in Neurology and Mental Health - Short Course, held in Italy on 13–14 April, brought together researchers and healthcare professionals to discuss evidence generation, epidemiological methods, and big-data research in neurology and mental health, promoting international collaboration and evidence-based clinical practice. Prof Celine Chui, Dr Kailin Chen, Keith Cheung, Eveline Li and Eunice Deng attended the short course.



Recently Published Papers

Celine S L Chui*, Celia Jiaxi Lin, Natalie Tsie, Marco Lee, Ashley Ching Yau Kwok, Judy Lee, Bonnie Leung, Meyone Yuen Tung Ng, Alston Conrad Chiu, Emmanuel Chun Ka Wong

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Professor Celine Chui and Professor Eric Wan,
Elected as Fellowship though distinction (FFPH),
Faculty of Public Health of the Royal Colleges of Physicians of the United Kingdom,
effective from 1 July

Outgoing Members

Kuan Peng

A PhD student in Shirley's team, has successfully graduated. We wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

Chengfei Li

A Research Assistant II in Shirley's team, handles data collection, cross-checking, analysis, and basic health economics cost-effectiveness studies. She will join the University of Maryland as a PhD student in Pharmaceutical Health Services Research in Fall 2026.



About CSMPR

Centre for Safe Medication Practice and Research (CSMPR) was established in 2012 to foster research and development in medication safety in collaboration with local and international partners.

The mission of the CSMPR is to improve the health and quality of life of patients through interdisciplinary collaborative research that addresses questions central to medication safety. We focus on delivering innovative results that optimise the safe and effective use of medications. Combining expertise from the University of Hong Kong (HKU) and collaborative partners around the globe, the CSMPR provides a world-renowned platform for the training of health care professionals, patients and the general public on the safe and effective use of medications.

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