



## Foreword by Professor S. P. Lee

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In 1922, in the east coast city of New York in the United States, the magazine *Reader's Digest* was first published. It is now one of the best selling magazines in the world, with a global readership of almost 70 million. With the passing of historical developments, a review of the magazine and its published literature is an important witness of the evolution of societal, social and cultural transformation over the past century.

Also in 1922, in the tiny British colonial entrepôt of Hong Kong in the southern tip of China, the first issue of *The Caduceus*, the journal of The University of Hong Kong's Medical Society, was born. For over eight decades, *The Caduceus* recorded the life, thoughts and culture of our medical students. The rich collection of articles of this journal not only represents the collective history and memories of HKU medics, but also that of the development of medicine in Hong Kong from a unique perspective.

*The Caduceus is the equivalent of the Reader's Digest* for HKU medics. It is an important part of the written history of the universe of HKU Medical Faculty, and for that matter, the medical profession in Hong Kong. *The Caduceus Digest*, entitled "85 Years of Caduceus", is a vivid reconstruction of the historical heritage and spiritual face of HKU medical students, much like a symphony that embodies the happiness and sadness, the hopes and fears, and the pride and humanity of our Medical Faculty. This sweeping symphonic poem, which so passionately chronicled the lives of generation of students and the rites of their passage, will resonate with all fellow colleagues, alumni and students of the Faculty.