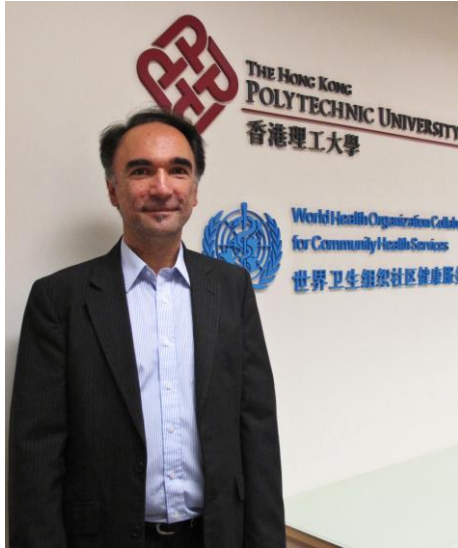




## Welcome to our New Director



Manchester and five hospital trusts from 2011.

Alex is an active researcher with a remarkable record of publications. His research interests are related to managing complex symptoms, especially chemotherapy- and radiotherapy-induced nausea and vomiting, mucositis, nutritional disturbances, and symptom clusters. With a clinical background in cancer care, Alex has worked both clinically and academically in a number of countries. His expertise has been highly recognized internationally by other prestigious universities through visiting professorships in Singapore, Canada and South Africa, and an adjunct professorship in Australia.

The Centre is devoted to improving community health through nurturing quality nursing professionals and providing research and consultancy leading to healthcare innovations. Under Alex's leadership, the Centre will move up to the next level in promoting evidence-based community health services in the Western Pacific Region and internationally.

We would like to extend a very warm welcome to Professor Alex MOLASIOTIS as the new Head of the School of Nursing as well as the new Director of the WHO Collaborating Centre for Community Health Services at The Hong Kong Polytechnic University.

Alex comes to us from the University of Manchester in the UK, where he was Head of the Academic Cancer Care Research Centre, Christie Hospital NHS Trust, from 2005 and the lead for research strategy in global health for Northwest England involving the University of



By implementing the WHO's mandate, the Centre has played a proactive role in strengthening evidence-based community health services and improving the health outcomes of local, regional and global populations since its designation in 2007. In December 2011, PolyU's School of Nursing was re-designated as a WHO Collaborating Centre for Community Health Services with the following terms of reference:

- To provide educational opportunities and programmes, as well as professional consultation for nurses to strengthen evidence-based service provision in community care;
- To develop and sustain an electronic data base to serve as a resource for training, research and collaboration in community health services development;
- To develop and test models of care in community health service provision, through collaboration with national and regional colleagues, research and evidence-based practice; and
- To support the WHO and its member states' policies and programmes in matters relating to health service provision.

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## Thanks to our Former Director

Special thanks to our former Director, Professor Samantha PANG, for her leadership and contributions to the Centre over the years. Samantha will continue to provide her expert support to the Centre.

## Event Highlights

### Global Network of WHO Collaborating Centres for Nursing and Midwifery Development

Dr Regina LEE (Assistant Professor and Deputy Director of the WHO CC) represented our Centre at the Executive Committee Meeting. Together with Prof Alice YUEN LOKE (Professor), she also attended the 16th General Meeting and the 9th International Conference of the Global Network of WHO Collaborating Centres for Nursing and Midwifery Development in Kobe, Japan from 27 Jun – 1 Jul 2012.

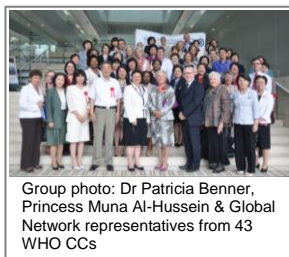
Our Centre is the Executive Member representing the Western Pacific Region (WPR) in the Global Network. Regina highlighted the recent projects and future plans of the WHO CCs in the WPR at both the Executive Committee Meeting and the General Meeting. An action plan for 2008-2012 was reviewed and the strategic planning of the Global Network was also discussed in the meetings.

Over ten colleagues from the School attended the International Conference of the Global Network from 29 Jun – 1 Jul. Prof Samantha PANG (Professor and former WHO CC Director) was invited to be a keynote speaker and spoke about ethical obligations in disaster nursing. Several papers from our School were accepted for presentation. We were excited that the poster of SN's Kin CHEUNG, Frederick YEUNG, Regina LEE & Sau-fong LEUNG, entitled "Work stress and mental health of secondary school teachers in Hong Kong", was awarded as one of the good poster presentations at the Conference.

Next Global Network meeting will be held in Portugal in 2014.

Global Network of WHO Collaborating Centres for Nursing and Midwifery Development:

<http://www.eerp.usp.br/globalnet/>



Group photo: Dr Patricia Benner, Princess Muna Al-Hussein & Global Network representatives from 43 WHO CCs



SN colleagues attended an International Conference in Kobe, Japan



University of Hyogo & PolyU signed an MOU

### Asia Pacific Emergency & Disaster Nursing and Partners Network (APEDNN)

The Disaster Nursing Taskforce of our School was invited to attend the APEDNN meeting held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia from 3 – 5 Oct 2012. The aim of the meeting this year was to build the research capacities of network members and enable them to apply their research skills to evaluate the impact and outcomes of nursing and midwifery disaster-related interventions. Among another 60 delegates from over 20 countries, Prof Samantha PANG (Professor), Dr Sijian LI (Lecturer), Ms Sunshine CHAN (Nurse Consultant), Mr Timothy LAI (Advanced Practice Nurse) and Dr Maria HUNG (Senior Clinical Associate) represented the School at this meeting.

During the meeting, Samantha gave a lecture on "Ethical Challenges in Disaster Nursing" and Sunshine updated and shared our experiences of

disaster nursing programmes. At the "Building disaster research capacities" session, Sijian acted as the Chairperson while Samantha facilitated a group exercise. There was a heated discussion on the proposed monitoring and evaluation framework for disaster research. Common interests were identified, and links were established with neighboring countries in order to conduct collaborative disaster research.

Our group facilitated and led countries including China, Japan and Korea in the discussion and formulation of action plans. We agreed upon collaborative studies with regard to the capacity building of civilians' disaster resilience. In addition, our School will take the lead in the development of a disaster research repository as a platform to disseminate disaster research output.

Next APEDNN meeting will be held in Thailand in 2013.

APEDNN:  
<http://www.apednn.org/>



Group photo: APEDNN meeting in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia



SN colleagues had participated in a group discussion with representatives from China, Japan and Korea

## Recent Activities



The first 'Creating synergy for school nurses across the region' symposium and seminar (Hong Kong)



Health assessment for students and their families at school (Hong Kong)



Health ambassador summer training programme for primary school students (Hong Kong)



Booth for health promotion (Hong Kong)



Summer programme 2012: Disaster and global health challenges (Xinjiang, China)

## Forthcoming Activities

Nov 2012	World AIDS Day seminar - 'Walk with Love'
	Disaster nursing training course