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Dr. Lam began his career in pediatrician practice and is now Chief Executive Officer of Haven of Hope Christian Service – a non-profit-making organization offering elderly, primary healthcare, rehabilitation and education services in Hong Kong.

With a vision towards advancing the development of the elderly service industry, Dr. Lam currently serves as Vice-chairman of the Elderly Commission set up by the Labour & Welfare Bureau and heads the Commission's Working Group on Long Term Care Model to advise the Government on policy formulation. He is also Chairman of the Advisory Committee of "The Opportunities for the Elderly Project" launched by the Social Welfare Department. As a member of both Education Bureau's Elderly Care Service Training Advisory Committee and the Hong Kong Council for Accreditation of Academic & Vocational Qualifications, he pursues to better the service quality and manpower supply in the industry.

The promotion of community health and development is another keen area of interest of Dr. Lam. During his two terms of service as an appointed member of the Sai Kung District Council from 2000 to 2007, he pioneered World Health Organization's concept of Healthy City in Hong Kong and is at present the Honorary Secretary of The China Hong Kong Chapter of the Alliance for Healthy Cities. He is now also Chairman of the Community Investment & Inclusion Fund Committee set up by the Labour & Welfare Bureau.

Dr. Lam's involvement in other voluntary services include serving as Executive Committee member of Hong Kong Housing Society, member of the Social Welfare Department's Lump Sum Grant Steering Committee, coopted member of the Commission on Poverty – Special Needs Groups Task Force, member of the Land & Development Advisory Committee, member of the Appeal Board Panel (Town Planning), Board member of Hong Kong Bible Society, etc.

Present and Future Needs of the Elderly Community

Those were the days when the sprouting up of baby boomers caught the world by surprise; this is the time when we are preparing for their second revolution – they are reshaping the universal definition of ageing. As the boomers reach their twilight years, they are much well off than their preceding generations, be it physically, mentally, emotionally or financially. Hong Kong has already taken adaptive measures in terms of housing, mobility, medical and social service in order to respond to our elders' changing needs. Based on our initial experiences captured, it is believed that proactive policy reforms and service innovations are necessary towards embracing the new era of ageing. This presentation aims to analyze the multi-dimensional needs of our future elders, identify the lessons learnt from current practices which shed light on future policy and service implications, and anticipate the foreseeable challenges ahead.