

CMEL NEWSLETTER

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We are CMEL! Welcome to the forty-first issue of the CMEL Newsletter! This publication aims to update you on the latest news and information in the biomedical world. We will also share information about upcoming events, so stay tuned! Find out more about <u>CMEL</u>. We also have a <u>Twitter account</u> and a <u>Facebook page</u>.

### Top story in this newsletter

#### Prize:



"Genetic discrimination in Asia: A review of public policies, practices and incidents" received the 2020 Early Career Researcher Prize

A paper co-authored by Associate Professor Calvin Ho and colleagues on "Genetic discrimination in Asia: A review of public policies, practices and incidents" received the 2020 Early Career Researcher Prize, sponsored by the Wellcome Trust, at the <u>World Congress of Bioethics</u>. The paper is currently under review for publication. The World Congress of Bioethics is the largest international English-language bioethics conference and has just been hosted by the University of Pennsylvania, in Philadelphia, USA. Associate Professor Calvin Ho is CMEL's faculty member.

何維倫副教授與其他學者合撰的論文,在「世界生物倫理學大會」上獲得由惠康基金會贊助的「2020年傑出青年學者獎」,論文題為《亞洲的基因歧視:公共政策、實踐及事件回顧》。該論文即將出版,現被審閱中。「世界生物倫理學大會」是最大型的國際性英語生物倫理學會議,今年的「世界生物倫理學大會」剛由賓夕法尼亞大學在美國費城完滿舉辦。何教授為本中心成員。

### Consultation:

# Hong Kong government released consultation report on advance directives and dying in place



The Hong Kong Government has issued a consultation report on end-of-life care legislative proposals regarding (1) advance directives and (2) dying in place. Read more **here**.

香港政府發表《晚期照顧公眾諮詢報告》,總結關於 (1)預設醫療指示 及 (2)病人在居處離世的立法建議諮詢結果,接此閱讀更多。

#### **Recent Case:**

# Hong Kong doctors found guilty of misconduct after signing off on procedures for restraining elderly without proper assessment records made



The Medical Council of Hong Kong found six doctors guilty of misconduct. Their signatures and name chops were found on incomplete forms for restraining elderly residents of care homes. Key information was missing on those incomplete forms, such as assessment of the patient and, in some cases, the patient's name and date. Read more **here**.

香港醫務委員會裁定6名醫生專業失當。他們預先在對安老院院友使用約束物的表格簽署及蓋章,而表格的關鍵項目被留空,例如對病人的評估及(在部分個案中)病人的姓名和日期,按此閱讀更多。

### In the News:

# CMEL's member shared his views on mass surveillance and COVID-19 contact tracing apps



Associate Professor Calvin Ho shared his views on the privacy issues arising from and the ethical principles that should apply to the use of COVID-19 mobile apps by authorities for contact tracing, which is a form of mass surveillance. Click <a href="here">here</a> for an article of *University World News* to learn more.

**2019** 冠狀病毒病大流行,多國以流動電話應用程式追蹤接觸者,這種追蹤構成一種「大規模監控」,引起私隱爭議並牽涉倫理原則,何維倫副教授分享了他對相關的私隱爭議及倫理原則的見解,**按此**閱讀《大學世界新聞》的報道。