Once a colleague, Dr Anthony Yim has become a close friend of mine, and I feel much honoured to have been asked to write this Foreword.

A pioneer in Video Assisted Thoracic Surgery (VATS), Anthony’s outstanding surgical skills benefited many patients when the new technique was first introduced by him to Hong Kong. Not only did he distinguish himself internationally in his clinical work, he was also greatly respected as a researcher and teacher. In fact he reached the pinnacle of his surgical career at a very young age.

It was unfortunate that Anthony chose to have an early retirement for personal reasons. However, his irrepresible talent has found new ways of expression: he turns to painting to express his artistry and warm personality. We have lost a wonderful surgeon but been given a compassionate painter. I am sure Anthony’s second career will be just as successful and fulfilling as his first.

One very important thing to note is Anthony’s bravery and optimism. It is far from easy to muster the courage to start all over again and to persevere in a new pursuit. Anthony has greatly inspired us and shown us by example the wonders of the human spirit.

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