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Introduction: The CE phenomenon in Hong Kong started since early 80's when our late chairman Dr. Erik Kvan visited a CE school in the United Kingdom. The Pető's Concept has become a gateway for a generation of insightful health care professionals to develop an impeccable rehabilitation system for persons with cerebral palsy. Traditional rehabilitation evolves a team of specialists to handle different parts of a patient's problems using reductionism, making us forget about 'personhood' and discard 'humanity' in paving the road to habilitation. It leaves the final assembly of various functioning pieces to the patient's hands and has often resulted in an impossible puzzle particularly for patients with generalization difficulty. **Aim:** The Pető's Concept serves as a common philosophy that taps the multidisciplinary team to 'work-in-sync' and to collaborate behind a shared vision. **Materials and Method:** We have built a 'through-train' system that provides rehabilitation from infant all the way to the golden age. It ranges from early training, special child care, special education, through sheltered and supported employment as well as dependent, semi-independent and independent residential services, to care and attention service. It offers an extended ladder for upward mobility with an ultimate goal of community integration and personality growth. **Results:** In receiving training from our services, clients gain first-hand experience in problem solving and in interacting with the physical and social environments. They return home with raised social awareness, with an interest in life issues plus the motivation to get involved. **Discussion:** Our successful experience in congenital cases has been extended to the acquired conditions. We have launched different types of centre- and home-based CE services for strokes and other acquired conditions as well as a transitional centre for preparing the spinal cord injured to return home. Being the leading CE advocate in the Far East with 3 honorary conductors granted by the Pető's Institute, we have also taken an active role in promoting CE to the neighboring countries and our motherland, the mainland China.