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The 4th International Workshop on Therapeutic Endoscopy jointly organized by The Chinese University of Hong Kong and the Hong Kong Society of Digestive Endoscopy will be held at the Prince of Wales Hospital from December 5 to 7, 1989.

In the past decade significant advances have been made in endoscopy. Conditions that needed surgery in the past can now be treated by endoscopy, without resorting to open surgery. The Combined Endoscopy Unit at the Prince of Wales Hospital has been active in researching new techniques of therapeutic endoscopy for diseases prevalent in Hong Kong. Notable breakthroughs have been made in the endoscopic treatment of bleeding ulcers and the non-operative treatment of bile duct stones.

During the three-day workshop, a whole range of new techniques will be demonstrated and relayed to the audience via closed circuit television. Doctors from the Prince of Wales Hospital and world renowned endoscopists from overseas have been invited to participate in the demonstrations. Overseas experts include Dr Peter B Cotton and Dr Michael V Sivak Jr from U S A, Dr Kees Huibregtse from Holland and Dr Tatsuo Yamakawa from Japan. State of the art procedures such as endoscopic sphincterotomy and removal of bile duct stones, endoscopic stenting for malignant biliary obstruction, injection sclerotherapy for bleeding varices, intubation of oesophageal tumour, injection treatment for bleeding ulcers will be performed. Of particular interest will be the technique of shattering stones in the common bile duct using electrohydraulic forces via a "mother and baby" endoscope system.

The main aim of the workshop is to introduce the techniques of therapeutic endoscopy. Two hundred doctors from more than 30 countries will participate in the panel discussions to exchange views and share their experience.

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Attachment: Programme of the Workshop