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The 5th International Workshop on Therapeutic Endoscopy jointly organized by The Chinese University of Hong Kong and the Hong Kong Society of Digestive Endoscopy is being held at the Prince of Wales Hospital from December 11 to 13, 1990.

Dr Joseph Leung, Reader of the Medicine Department of CUHK, said the main aim of the workshop was to teach advanced techniques of therapeutic endoscopy. According to him significant advances have been made in the field of therapeutic endoscopy in the last few years. Many conditions that needed surgery in the past can now be treated by endoscopy.

The Combined Endoscopy Unit at the Prince of Wales Hospital is a leading center in the field of therapeutic endoscopy in South East Asia and has been active in the development of many new techniques of therapeutic endoscopy for diseases prevalent in the region. Notable breakthroughs have been made in endoscopic treatment of bleeding ulcers and non-operative treatment of biliary stones.

During the three-day workshop, a whole range of new techniques is being 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 Worth Boyce Jr from USA and Dr Michel Cremer from Belgium. 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 are performed. Of particular interest is the technique of laparoscopic cholecystectomy. In this new method of gall stone treatment, the gall bladder is removed through the umbilicus without an open operation.

Two hundred doctors from more than 30 countries have been invited to participate in the panel discussions to exchange views and share their experience.

Attachment: Speech by Prof Arthur K C Li