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**BURNS VICTIMS TO BENEFIT FROM SEDAN CHAIR RACE**

Hong Kong, 24 April 1996 -- The Chairman of the Matilda Bazaar & Sedan Chair Race, Dr David Henderson, today presented a cheque for \$100,000 to Professor Joseph Lee, Acting Dean of The Faculty of Medicine of The Chinese University of Hong Kong. Dr Henderson said : "The organising committee of the Matilda Bazaar & Sedan Chair Race is delighted to be able to assist Professor King, Chief of The Burns Unit at the Prince of Wales Hospital in the excellent work he is doing in treating burns cases in Hong Kong".

Professor King of the Department of Surgery of the Chinese University of Hong Kong announced that the donation from the Matilda Bazaar & Sedan Chair Race will go towards the purchase of a special high energy laser machine which will be used to treat children who have suffered thick and raised burn scars.

Professor King thanked the Matilda Charities Fund for their generous donation and explained : "Burns injuries can leave long-lasting scars that may lead to changes in facial appearance as well as deformity of extremities due to unyielding scars. Children are especially prone to the development of thick scars as a result of skin damage from deep burns. Severely burnt patients - after recovery from their acute injuries - often require multiple reconstructive operations to improve their burn scars. The Burns Unit at the Prince of Wales Hospital provides comprehensive acute care as well as rehabilitative care to burn patients."

Professor King went on to explain : "The scars in burns cases can be treated using laser surgery. A special high energy laser is used for these patients. At present, our Burns Unit does not have a suitable laser for treating some of the scars in burns victims. The donation of \$100,000 from The Matilda Charities Fund will go towards the purchase of much needed skin laser equipment.

The Matilda Bazaar and Sedan Chair Race - an annual event - last year raised over HK\$1.8 million for a wide cross section of Hong Kong charities. This year's event will take place on Saturday 12 October.

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