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Cancer Centre a Big Step Forward in Cancer Care

Hong Kong's cancer care takes a major step forward as the Hong Kong Cancer Institute of the Chinese University of Hong Kong celebrates the functional opening of Hong Kong's first purpose built Cancer Centre at the Prince of Wales Hospital in a ceremony officiated by Mrs Lavender Patten today.

The Director of the Hong Kong Cancer Institute, Professor Philip Johnson said, "The Cancer Centre brings together under one roof doctors of different specialties, extensive research laboratories, treatment facilities for children's cancer and adult's cancer, sophisticated investigational methods and patient support services. By grouping all these doctors and facilities together, the care for cancer patients is far more comprehensive than what any individual practitioner can offer."

The cancer centre comprises the Sir Y K Pao Centre for Cancer and the Lady Pao Children Cancer Centre, which were established in November 1994 with a HK\$120 million from Dr and Mrs Peter Woo. The two centres were officially opened by His Royal Highness Prince of Wales three months ago.

The special features of the seven-storey centre include: a Cancer Screening Unit with the latest diagnostic imaging equipment; a purpose-built day chemotherapy clinic which offers cost-effective outpatient services enabling patients to stay close to their families; a paediatric cancer centre specifically designed to meet the young patients' needs and allay their fears of hospital - which has in-patient beds, isolation rooms and a Bone Marrow Transplant Unit; a special dispensary for cancer drug preparation which offers better protection for staff against health hazards in such drug preparation.

Note to Editors:

A series of workshops to be attended by local cancer specialists and the scientific advisors to the Hong Kong Cancer Institute to discuss particular areas of cancer will be held tomorrow morning (February 17). All the participants from the workshops will meet in the 2/F Lecture Theatre at the Prince of Wales Hospital from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm when consensus reports will be presented.

You are cordially invited to send a representative to attend the consensus sessions. The workshops will discuss the following topics: Breast Cancer, Nasopharyngeal Carcinoma, Soft tissue and bone sarcoma and Liver Cancer.