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CUHK Establishes Fight for Sight Foundation Hotline

The Department of Ophthalmology & Visual Sciences of The Chinese University of Hong Kong, announces today the setting up of a Fight for Sight Foundation telephone hotline.

The hotline 187-8826 will operate on a 24 hour basis to offer the public information on eye problems and diseases and eyecare counselling. Public can also obtain information on the Foundation and eye clinics in Hong Kong

The Fight for Sight Foundation was set up last year to help those in the territory with eye diseases and other vision impairments. The objectives of the Foundation are:

- to develop outreach eyecare educational programmes for Hong Kong;
- to advance clinical services in eye care;
- to investigate hi-tech modalities of therapy and foster new eye drugs development;
- to nurture eye care professionals in Hong Kong and China;
- to advance rehabilitation programme for the visually handicapped.

"There is a real need for more eye care services in Hong Kong. The Foundation was established to assist the poor and needy. This hotline will be the first step to providing more eyecare facilities for the public," said Professor Mark Tso, Chairman of the Department of Ophthalmology & Visual Sciences and President of the Foundation.

"We hope, in time, we will be able to carry out more outreach programmes for the people of Hong Kong and fulfill our mission to build a community free from blindness," he added.

The hotline is set up with a donation from the Zonta Club of the New Territories. "We are happy to be able to donate to such a meaningful project and wish the Foundation every success in the future," said Mrs Pasy Ip, President.

The Foundation has also distributed educational pamphlets and posters to the public through district boards, welfare centres, old people's home, schools and hospitals to educate the public on eyecare.

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