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Sixth International Workshop on Therapeutic Endoscopy

The 6th 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, Shatin from yesterday (December 3) to December 5, 1991.

At yesterday's opening ceremony, Prof Arthur K C Li, Associate Dean of Medicine Faculty of The Chinese University of Hong Kong, said that the development of therapeutic endoscopy in the past few years had been explosive. Many common conditions that had required an open operation in the past could now be managed by endoscopy. The Chinese University of Hong Kong hoped to share the advanced techniques with local and overseas doctors in the three-day workshop.

A leading centre in the field of therapeutic endoscopy in South East Asia, the Combined Endoscopy Unit at the Prince of Wales Hospital has long 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 workshop, a whole range of new techniques is demonstrated via closed circuit television. Doctors from the Prince of Wales Hospital and world renowned endoscopists including Dr Peter B Cotton and Dr Jerome D Waye from USA, and Dr Nib Soehendra from Germany are invited to participate in the demonstrations. 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 and colonoscopic polypectomy will be performed. Of particular interest will be the technique of laparoscopic cholecystectomy which is a new method of gall stone treatment to remove the gall bladder through the umbilicus without an open operation.

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

December 3, 1991

Attachment: Speech by Prof Arthur K C Li