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CUHK PHARMACY COURSE RECEIVES DONATION FOR SCHOLARSHIP

The territory's first Bachelor of Pharmacy course, offered by The Chinese University of Hong Kong, got a boost recently with a HK\$100,000 donation from an international pharmaceutical company, Merck Sharp & Dohme (Asia) Ltd. (MSD) for student scholarships.

Six outstanding students will benefit from the donation between 1992 and 1996.

Tailored to meet the needs of both the pharmacy profession and the public, the course has been developed in conjunction with academic and professional organisations. It emphasizes on training and motivating students to become caring professionals who not only dispense medicines but also advise on health matters and ways of preventing illness. The course also covers traditional Chinese medicine as well as orthodox Western approaches. Currently 31 students are enrolled in the Programme.

Speaking at the presentation ceremony, Mr. Marc Cugnon, MSD's Regional Director said: "MSD is proud to offer the first student scholarships for Hong Kong's first Bachelor of Pharmacy course. In line with MSD's own commitment to excellence in pharmaceutical products and health care, we encourage and support good academic training for pharmacists. We believe that every one in the community will benefit from more professionally qualified pharmacists."

MSD is a worldwide, research-intensive health products company that develops, produces and markets human and animal health products and speciality chemicals.

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Attachment: Photo of the presentation ceremony