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The Department of Surgery of the Chinese University of Hong Kong is pleased to announce that their surgeons performed a record "Triple Transplants" at the Prince of Wales Hospital on the 8th and the early morning of the 9th January 1992.

A 37-year-old lady tragically died from brain haemorrhage on the morning of 8th January 1992.

Her relatives kindly consented to donate her organs for transplantation. Under the personal direction of Professor Arthur LI Kwok Cheung, Chairman of the Department of Surgery of the Chinese University of Hong Kong, 3 teams of surgeons proceeded onto multiple transplantation operations.

The donor kidneys were transplanted to 2 male recipients aged 33 years and 46 years with end stage renal failure. Both of the patients have been on haemodialysis for over 4 years. Dr Peter CHAN Siu Foon, Head of Urologist Unit confirmed that both patients are recovering well.

The cornea was transplanted to a 70 year old man to restore his vision "He is comfortable and is very stable", said Dr Dennis LAM Shun Chiu, Head of the Ophthalmological Unit.

The liver was given to a 53 year old man who had inoperable liver cancer with a prognosis of 3 month survival. The patient has an aged mother and he was very keen to be able to look after his mother in her last remaining years. Together with Professor Li, Dr LAU Wan Yee, Dr Jonathan HO Kei Shing and Dr Kelvin LIU Kam Wing performed this second successful liver transplantation operation and the first of its kind in Hong Kong for liver cancer. The patient is now recovering in the Intensive Care Unit of the Prince of Wales Hospital. Professor Li praised the anaesthetic team led by Dr Amy CHO Mun Wai and Dr CHUI Po Tong and the hepatologist Dr Nancy LEUNG for their expertise which enabled the whole operation again to go smoothly and take less than 7 hours to complete.

The tragic death of one lady has given hope and survival to 4 patients who are all stable and well at the Prince of Wales Hospital. This is the first time that different teams of surgeons, anaesthetists and nurses and technicians have worked through the day and night to transplant so many organs to different patients.

Despite the recent lack of funds for drugs at the Prince of Wales Hospital, Professor Li confirmed that the Providence Foundation Ltd have pledged the cost of the first five liver transplants at the Prince of Wales Hospital to help those in need.

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