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Press Statement by The Faculty of Medicine of The Chinese University of Hong Kong

100 Births Conceived by Assisted Human Reproductive Technologies

The Unit for Assisted Human Reproduction was established jointly by the Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology and the Department of Anatomy of the Chinese University of Hong Kong in 1985. It is situated in the Lee Hysan Clinical Research Laboratories at the Prince of Wales Hospital. Although the main procedures are carried out by University scientific and clinical staff, much valuable support has been given by the Department of Chemical Pathology as well as medical and nursing staff of the Prince of Wales Hospital.

During the past eight years, the Unit has made significant achievements in assisted human reproduction which may be summarised as follows:

August 1987 : First successful pregnancy from IVF (in vitro

fertilization).

November 1987 : First successful pregnancy from GIFT (gamete

intrafallopian transfer).

May 1990 : First successful twin pregnancy from cryopreserved

embryos.

February 1991 : First successful twin pregnancy from PROST

(pronuclear stage tubal transfer).

On this occasion to mark the first one hundred births resulting from assisted human reproductive technologies, the Unit wishes to express their deepest appreciation of the contributions made by all staff and patients concerned, without whose support achievements as listed above would not have been possible.

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* Reporters are reminded that names and photos or individual identification of the parents and their children should be published only with their prior consent. Your co-operation in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

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