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Burns Expert Foresees New Frontiers in Plastic Surgery

Increasing use of computers and fast development in bio-compatible allograft products will bring new horizons in plastic surgery and benefit the patient both physically and psychologically.

Professor Walter W K King, Professor of Surgery (Head, Neck and Reconstructive Surgery) of The Chinese University of Hong Kong will speak on the latest developments in plastic surgery in his Inaugural Lecture, entitled "*Head and Neck - Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery: Past, Present and Future*" on **Thursday, September 26, 1996 at 5:30pm in Lecture Theatre, 2/F., Clinical Sciences Building, Prince of Wales Hospital, Shatin**. The medium of the lecture is English.

Professor King will go through the five-thousand-year history of plastic surgery and discuss the various aspects of plastic surgery that have long been practised in Hong Kong over the past forty years. Recently, under the auspices of the Academy of Medicine and the College of Surgeons of Hong Kong, plastic surgery has been formally organised into a surgical specialty complete with training programmes in approved training centres at several major hospitals.

He will point out that increasing use of three-dimensional computerised imaging and reconstruction facilitate the planning of facial surgery, prediction of surgical outcome and evaluation of the result of surgery. New bone implants, better skin and tissue substitute, and advances in immunotherapy or immunosurgery allow more use of skin allografts, limb and bone allografts to rebuild parts of the body. Progress in minimal invasive plastic surgery or endoscopic plastic surgery improves the aesthetic results of many head and neck, facial and breast surgery.

Professor King received his B.A. in Biochemistry from University of Wisconsin, Madison in 1971 and then obtained his M.D. from the School of Medicine, Vanderbilt University in 1975. He joined the Faculty of Medicine, The Chinese University of Hong Kong as lecturer in surgery in 1984 and was promoted to Professor of Surgery in 1995. Professor King concurrently holds positions as Chief, Division of Head & Neck/ Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery; Chief, Burns Unit; and Chief, Nutritional Support Unit of the Prince of Wales Hospital.

Press are welcome to attend the Inaugural Lecture by Professor Walter King. For enquiries, please call Ms Cheung Man-yi of the University's Information and Public Relations Office at 2609-8896.