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PROFESSOR OF SURGERY ON RECENT ADVANCES IN LIVER OPERATIONS

Professor of Surgery at the Chinese University of Hong Kong, Prof. Joseph Lau Wan Yee, will deliver his inaugural lecture -- entitled "Surgeons and the First Sovereign Thrones" -- on Friday (November 25) at 5 p.m. at Lecture Theatre L1, Science Centre, at the University's Shatin Campus.

The public lecture will outline recent advances in liver surgery -- which have benefited many patients previously inoperable and hopeless, and improved the quality of life and duration of survival.

"From time immemorial, the liver has always been considered the organ of life," said Prof. Lau, adding that William Shakespeare called liver, brain and heart "these sovereign thrones" in his famous work *Twelfth Night*.

"Liver surgery has only become relatively safe in the past 30 years With improved safety in surgery, the limit of liver surgery has been extended into areas where no surgeon dared to perform in the past," Prof. Lau said.

Prof. Lau studied medicine at the University of Hong Kong and obtained his M.B., B.S. degrees in 1972. He served in the surgical units of Queen Mary Hospital and Princess Margaret Hospital before joining the Queen Elizabeth Hospital as consultant surgeon in 1988.

Prof. Lau joined the Chinese University as Senior Lecturer in Surgery in 1989, and was promoted to Reader in 1992.

He holds offices in many professional societies, and is a fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh, the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons, the American College of Surgeons, the International College of Angiology and the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine in Surgery.

Encl: The synopsis of Prof. Lau's lecture

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