HONG KONG Note To Editor

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Press Invitation

The Chinese University of Hong Kong has recently successfully applied an excimer laser technique called Phototherapeutic Keratectomy (PTK) to treat patients with corneal scars and diseases, who otherwise may require corneal transplant.

The excimer laser can be used to remove superficial corneal opacities as well as smoothen the corneal surface. PTK is good for treating corneal scars such as those caused by thermal burns. It can also be used to treat corneal degeneration such as calcific band keratopathy, and granular dystrophy and painful recurrent epithelial erosion.

To promote inter-flow in research, education and clinical services related to the excimer laser technology and surgery, the Department of Ophthalmology & Visual Sciences of the Chinese University will hold an "International Symposium and Mini-fellowship on Modern Challenges of LASIK and PTK" on 12-13 April, 1997 at Prince of Wales Hospital, Shatin.

The University will hold a press conference on 11 April, 1997 to introduce this technique to the public. Patients who were recently benefited by laser surgery will also share their experience about the treatment with the media. You are cordially invited to send a representative to cover the press conference. Details are as follows:

Date

: 11 April, 1997 (Friday)

Time

: 3:00 pm

Venue

: 2/F., Clinical Science Building, Seminar Room I

Prince of Wales Hospital, Shatin

Speakers: Professor Sydney Chung,

Acting Dean of Medicine, CUHK

Professor Mark O M Tso,

Chairman, Department of Ophthalmology & Visual Science, CUHK

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