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CHINESE UNIVERSITY LAUNCHES 30TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS WITH WALKATHON TO FIGHT CANCER

Hong Kong's cancer treatment and research facilities received a major boost today with HK\$20-million donations presented to the Hong Kong Cancer Institute of the Chinese University of Hong Kong, in addition to funds raised in a walkathon joined by over 2,000 students and staff members of the University, government officials, community leaders and celebrities.

"Cancer is the number one killer disease in Hong Kong. There is a pressing need for the most effective diagnosis and treatment so that more lives can be saved," said Prof. Charles Kao Kuen, Vice-Chancellor of the University, which started its 30th Anniversary celebrations with the charity walkathon.

At a ceremony this morning, Prof. Kao received two donations of HK\$10 million each from the Mrs. Cheng Suen Man-shook Foundation and Mr. Thomas T.T. Chen, to the Hong Kong Cancer Institute.

The donations will help strengthen cancer research and treatment of cancer patients at the Prince of Wales Hospital -- including bone marrow transplant and other treatments for cancer in children, cancer outpatient treatment, counselling and public education.

"Funds raised will help to make the institute one of the best in Asia, which provide high-quality treatment for cancer patients in Hong Kong," said Prof. Kao.

Today's walkathon also marked the beginning of a year of activities commemorating the 30th Anniversary of the University, whose student population has grown six-fold from 1,600 in three faculties in 1963 to more than 10,000 in seven faculties in 1993.

"The Chinese University has become a vital part of Hong Kong. We must embrace our mission to serve the community even more strongly in the future," said Prof. Kao. "To lead, innovate and serve will continue to be our top priority in the years ahead," he said.

Seven eminent scholars, including two Nobel Laureates, will host a series of lectures in the Chinese University as part of the Anniversary celebrations. Other key events include ten international academic conferences, a four-day exhibition in March and an Open Day in November.

Today's walkathon was attended by the Secretary for Education and Manpower, Mr John Chan Cho-chak; Secretary for Health and Welfare, Mrs Wong Chien Chi-lien; ~~Legislative Councillor, Mrs. Peggy Lam~~; Director of Operations of the Hospital Authority, Dr. E. K. Yeoh; Chairman of the Hong Kong Cancer Institute, Prof. Gerald H. Choa; Council Chairman of the Chinese University, Sir Quo-wai Lee, and members of the All Stars Football Team.

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PHOTOS OF THE OPENING CEREMONY AND WALKATHON WILL BE SENT TO THE PRESS BY HAND THIS AFTERNOON