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In Hong Kong, about five to six children die from cancer every month and there are around 100 to 120 new cases each year. Child cancer patients who currently receive treatment at the Prince of Wales Hospital total some 200.

Fortunately, owing to breakthroughs made in treatment methods, the probability of recovery has been greatly improved in certain types of cancer. In some cases, the chance of cure may reach 50%.

A Children's Cancer Fund under the auspices of The Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK) was formally set up yesterday (November 3). Lady Ford, Patron of the Fund, officiated at the inaugural ceremony together with Prof Charles Kao, Vice-Chancellor of CUHK and Dr T Y Chau, Director of Hospital Services. They also visited the child cancer patients undergoing treatment in the Prince of Wales Hospital.

Sir Run-Run Shaw took the lead to donate one million Hong Kong dollars to the Fund. The Chairperson of the Fund, Mrs Miami Chow, called for further support from the general public.

"If a child suffers from cancer, the whole family will be affected. Not only do they have to stand different types of psychological and financial pressures, they also have the difficult task of helping the child go through the suffering in the long treatment process," Mrs Chow said.

The Children's Cancer Fund aims to help those children receiving treatment at the Prince of Wales Hospital and their families to go through the difficult time.

The Fund also aims to offer financial support to families that cannot afford treatment expenses, to improve the facilities for treatment in the Prince of Wales Hospital and to upgrade the training of medical staff in the management of childhood cancer. Statistical data on childhood cancers in Hong Kong will also be collected for future research.

The Children's Cancer Fund, a charity appeal set up under the patronage of the CUHK is run by a team of specialist doctors from the Department of Paediatrics of the Prince of Wales Hospital together with a group of dedicated volunteers.

The Fund has already received several donations from different institutions and groups. More public fund-raising activities will be organised in due course.