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HONG KONG · RETINA · 1993 4TH MEETING OF SCHEPENS INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY

A very special meeting in eye surgery, Hong Kong Retina 1993 - 4th Meeting of Schepens International Society (SIS), will be held from 30 March - 2 April 1993 at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre.

The Schepens International Society (SIS) was formed in 1988 by a group of eye surgeons specializing in the diseases and surgery in the rear part of the eye (the vitreous and the retina). It is named after Dr Charles L. Schepens who is often recognized as one of the most prominent specialists in this field and held as one of the founders of modern retinal surgery. The purpose of SIS is to establish, on a worldwide basis, and exchange of knowledge concerning retinal and vitreous diseases. The Society meets once every two years in various parts of the world for a four-day meeting dedicated to exchange of views among eye specialists and surgeons. It offers instructional courses as part of its programme because one of the goals of the Society is education, especially oriented to the new generation of ophthalmologists. The courses are conducted by SIS members who are all distinguished vitreoretinal specialists with a passion for excellence.

This is the first time that a major international meeting in a highly specialized area of eye surgery is held in Hong Kong. It is open to all ophthalmologists, both members and non-members of SIS. The Chinese University of Hong Kong is organizing the meeting jointly with the Schepens International Society with a view to provide an opportunity for local ophthalmologists and trainees in ophthalmology to exchange views with and learn from overseas experts and distinguished specialists. The previous three meetings were all held in Europe (Paris, Rome and Madrid) and this is the first opportunity for a major meeting in vitreoretinal diseases and surgery to be held in the Asia-Pacific Region.

More than 150 vitreoretinal surgeons form USA, France, Italy, Japan, Spain, Thailand, Taiwan, China and Hong Kong will deliver their papers and discuss the latest findings in their research. Over 200 delegates and accompanying persons have registered to participate.

Hong Kong 'Retina '1993 is also one of the numerous programmes conducted to celebrate the 30th Anniversary of the Chinese University of Hong Kong. It is partially supported by the Wei Lun Foundation in commemoration of the anniversary.

The Opening Session is scheduled to be held at 9:00 am on Tuesday, 30 March 1993 and the Welcome Address will be delivered by the Vice-Chancellor of the Chinese University of Hong Kong, Professor Charles Kao.

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Note to Editor:

You are cordially invited to send a representative to cover the eventand the opening ceremony at 9:00 am on March 30.

For further information, please contact Miss Eunice Tam of the conference secretariat at 527-8452 or Mrs Shirley Kwok of the Chinese University's Information Office at 609-7294.