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## LIVE-RELATED PAEDIATRIC LIVER TRANSPLANTATION AN EXTENSION OF PARENTAL LOVE

The 16-month-old Yuen Ka-wai, the second and youngest patient who has received a live-related liver transplant operation in South-east Asia, is rejoining her family today.

The operation was performed on August 6, 1993 at the Prince of Wales Hospital, the Chinese University of Hong Kong. The successful outcome has proven for the second time that Hong Kong is one of the few centres in the world where such a formidable operation can be carried out.

With the increasing number of referrals from other hospitals, there are now more than ten children on our waiting list who are expected to require a liver transplantation in the near future. The transplant team at the Prince of Wales Hospital would like to appeal to the public for cadaveric organ donation in order to save this unfortunate group of children.

Currently there is an eight-month-old boy with liver failure who will require a liver transplant within the next two to three months. Because of mismatch of blood groups, both of his parents are not suitable to be live-related donors, and therefore cadaveric liver graft will be the only hope for his survival.

Doctors at the Chinese University of Hong Kong would also like to take this opportunity to thank the Paediatric Liver Transplant Support Group for their unstinting support to Ka-wai's family before and after the operation.

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