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PRESS INVITATION

The Chinese University of Hong Kong Medical Faculty
Sets Up Hong Kong's First Seating Clinic and The Cathay Pacific Wheelchair Bank
for Children with Neuromuscular Diseases

The Faculty of Medicine of The Chinese University of Hong Kong sets up Hong Kong's first Seating Clinic and Wheelchair Bank for children with neuromuscular diseases.

The wheelchair bank was set up with funds raised from a donation campaign by Cathay Pacific Airways in celebrating its 50th anniversary. It will be administered by the Faculty of Medicine and the Prince of Wales Hospital.

The Faculty of Medicine has also established the first seating clinic at the Prince of Wales Hospital to improve the quality of life and independence for children with neuromuscular diseases through proper seating, positioning and mobility.

The wheelchairs bought for the bank will be special adaptable models with body support systems, designed to help children in the community suffering from neuromuscular diseases. Most of these patients and their families cannot afford to acquire such equipment.

The wheelchairs will help prevent complications as the children grow, improve their quality of life and allow many to be integrated into regular educational and other activities.

The following representatives from Cathay Pacific, CUHK and the Prince of Wales Hospital will announce the launch of the donation campaign and demonstrate the benefits of the wheelchair bank, using samples of the new wheelchair equipment:

Simon Heale, Deputy Managing Director Commercial, Cathay Pacific Airways
Professor Arthur Li, Dean of the Faculty of Medicine, The Chinese University of Hong Kong
Dr Alison Reid, Hospital Chief Executive, Prince of Wales Hospital
Dr Jack Cheng, Head of Paediatric Orthopaedic Service, Faculty of Medicine, The Chinese University of Hong Kong
Professor John Evans, Head of Jockey Club Rehabilitation Engineering Centre, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University

Details of the press conference as follow:

Date : January 16, 1996 (Tuesday)
Time : 3:00pm
Venue : Seminar Room 1
2/F Prince of Wales Hospital
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