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## SYMPOSIUM TO BOOST RESEARCH ON DETECTION AND TREATMENT OF ABNORMAL FOETUSES

Thirteen medical experts from the United States, Hong Kong, China and Taiwan will gather at a symposium in Hong Kong tomorrow (May 29) to exchange views and discuss latest research findings on the detection and treatment of congenital abnormal fetuses.

Congenital diseases are not uncommon in Hong Kong. The Prince of Wales Hospital has, for the past ten years, handled more than 1,500 cases of congenital abnormalities - including limb deformities and visceral anomalies. These abnormalities can be inherited or caused by various other reasons. Babies born to "older" mothers are found to suffer from a higher incidence of congenital diseases.

Organized by the Chinese University of Hong Kong, the symposium on "Antenatal Diagnosis of Congenital Abnormalities : Implications for Neonatal Care" will be held on May 29 and 30 at the Prince of Wales Hospital in Shatin.

It will focus on the problems of congenital abnormalities in Hong Kong and the South China region, and post-natal care to abnormal babies. It is hoped that the symposium will lay the ground for further research on the treatment of abnormal fetuses, which is still at an experimental stage.

Papers on a wide range of topics will be presented at the symposium. Professor Charles Kleinman of the Yale University will speak on his collaborative research with the Hunan Medical University on prenatal cardiac diagnosis and treatment in the human fetuses.

Congenital anomalies with special reference to the Hong Kong experience will be highlighted by Prof C Metreweli, Dr Kelvin Liu and Dr Jack C Y Cheng of the Chinese University, and Dr Stephen T S Lam of the Department of Health.

The symposium is jointly organized by the New Asia College of the Chinese University and the "New Asia" Consortium of universities and medical schools - including the Yale-China Association, the Hunan Medical University, the Yale University School of Medicine, and the School of Medicine, State University of New York Buffalo.

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