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The Department of Surgery of The Chinese University of Hong Kong is greatly saddened by the death of Ms. Macy Lee who passed away on Sunday evening 29 November 1992.

The life of this young lady could have been saved by a heart lung transplant operation. The doctors at the Prince of Wales Hospital have the abilities and skills to perform this operation and the intensive support of the post-operative care was available.

Unfortunately no donor was available during these past months of Ms. Lee's critical illness despite the fact that intense efforts were made to secure organ donation. Nonetheless we are grateful to the many well wishers and support from the public in our quest to save this young life. The generous donation collected from the Oriental Press Charitable Foundation for this operation is one example of the warmth and kindness of the people of Hong Kong. As the purpose of the gift was to perform this operation, the money will now be returned to the donor.

Although we deeply regret that this young lady has died, we hope that her bravery in facing up to the tragic end will inspire others to come forward to donate their organs. Most importantly we hope that the Hong Kong Government will re-examine the policy on organ donation so that more young lives will not be lost in vain. When the doctors can help to save lives, when the patients want to live but when will the Hong Kong Government take the lead to prevent further tragedies like Ms. Macy Lee?

In the meantime we shall now start our registration for organ donation to increase the pool of donors. We feel this is correct because we are the only hospital in Hong Kong that offers the whole range of organ donation. Besides kidneys, liver, bone, bone marrow, heart and lung, we also transplant corneas and we have the only established Hong Kong Skin Bank to service the whole territory.

Many patients are still waiting desperately for organ transplant. For those desiring to register donation of their organs in due time, and for families consenting in donation on behalf of the dying, please call 636 2623.

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