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ENT PROFESSOR URGES PROPER PERSPECTIVE ON TECHNOLOGY

"Ear, Nose and Throat surgery, while acclaiming significant advances, requires us to question most seriously the adoption of technology as an end in itself," according to Professor C A van Hasselt, Professor of Surgery (Otorhinolaryngology) at The Chinese University, who will present his professorial inaugural lecture entitled "Silence, Sound, Balance" on October 7 at 5 pm at the Lecture Theatre in Prince of Wales Hospital, Shatin.

"In reflecting on achievement, it is imperative for surgeons and others to take a balanced view. The desire for technical prowess must not be allowed to override the need to solve patients' problems," he added.

Professor van Hasselt obtained his MB ChB degrees from the University of the Witwatersrand in South Africa in 1976 and the degree of Master of Medicine in 1987 from the same University.

Professor van Hasselt started the Ear, Nose and Throat Unit in the Medical Faculty of The Chinese University at the Prince of Wales Hospital in 1985 and is an acknowledged expert in the management of nasopharyngeal cancer. He has been appointed Professor of Surgery (Otorhinolaryngology) from July 1, 1993.

His current interests include research into ear diseases and he is a pioneer in laser surgery.

Attachment: Summary of the lecture

Dear Editor,

Professor C A van Hasselt will be delighted to meet members of the press at 11 am on October 7 at the Prince of Wales Hospital. Please contact Mr Ali Li (Tel: 6098895) of the University's Information & PR Office for details.