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Hong Kong Sanatorium & Hospital and Hong Kong Society of Paediatric Dentistry Jointly Organize “Understanding Autistic Children with Loving Care” Symposium

(23 October 2011, Hong Kong) Today the Hong Kong Sanatorium & Hospital (“HKSH”) has jointly organized a symposium with the Hong Kong Society of Paediatric Dentistry (“HKSPD”) on “Understanding Autistic Children with Loving Care”. Speakers from various professions were invited to deliver presentations on topics such as the diagnosis and treatment of Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD), challenges for families with ASD children and dental healthcare among autistic children, with the aim of encouraging the public to lend care and support for autistic patients and families.

The incidence of ASD in children of Hong Kong has been on the increase in recent years. While parents of autistic children are bound for a painstaking journey, medical professionals also need to overcome challenges in treating ASD children due to their inability to communicate and interact.

Speaking at the symposium were Dr. Iris Lau, Specialist in Paediatrics of HKSH, Dr. Peter Lee, Director, Clinical Health Psychology Centre of HKSH, Ms. Patricia Ho, Speech Therapist of HKSH, Dr. Lilian Ko, Paediatric Specialist of Hong Kong Child Development Center, Dr. William Fan, Chairman of Hong Kong Autism Awareness Alliance, Dr. Anthony Lau, Chief Executive Officer of Town Health Medical and Dental Services Ltd, and Dr. Eilly Lau, Vice President of Hong Kong Society of Paediatric Dentistry. Besides instilling knowledge on ASD, the speakers also had a fruitful exchange with the audience, including members of HKSPD, representatives from social welfare organizations as well as families with autistic children.

The symposium organized by HKSH and HKSPD has successfully facilitated communication and exchange between medical professionals such as dentists and families with ASD children. It is hope to have helped build mutual understanding and trust for the sake of providing healthcare service to autistic children in the future. During the symposium, dentists from HKSPD also encouraged parents to bring their kids for regular dental check-up so as to acquire more knowledge on oral health while letting children get acquainted with the people and environment of dental clinics, paving the way for better oral hygiene through proper examinations and treatments.

As a responsible corporate citizen serving the community with compassion, action and professionalism, HKSH’s commitment in health education spans from organizing monthly health seminars in the hospital premise to partnering with medical institutions/associations and charitable organizations.

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About Hong Kong Sanatorium & Hospital

Hong Kong Sanatorium & Hospital is one of the leading private hospitals in Hong Kong. With the motto “Quality in Service Excellence in Care”, the Hospital is committed to serving the public as well as promoting medical education and research.

About Hong Kong Society of Paediatric Dentistry

Hong Kong Society of Paediatric Dentistry was inaugurated in 1991 and is made up of dentists whose primary concern is in the area(s) of the practice, education and/or research specifically related to the specialty of Paediatric Dentistry.

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Dr. Ryan Li, Assistant Head, Department of Dentistry of HKSH (back row, third from right), Dr. Peter Lee, Director, Clinical Health Psychology Centre of HKSH (front row, third from right), Dr. William Fan, Chairman of Hong Kong Autism Awareness Alliance (front row, third from left) and Dr. Lilian Ko, Paediatric Specialist of Hong Kong Child Development Center (centre front) with HKSPD representatives.

