

**Donation Ceremony for CUHK Teaching Hospital and
CUHK Jockey Club Institute of Ageing**

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Mr (Brian) Stevenson, Mr (Winfried) Engelbrecht-Bresges, Mr (Douglas) So, Dr (Vincent) Cheng, Mr. (Chien) Lee, distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen,

I would like to welcome you all to the Donation Ceremony this morning. Today marks a significant milestone in the history of The Chinese University of Hong Kong, as we announce our plan to develop a new Teaching Hospital on campus.

CUHK has always had the mission to serve the community with our exemplary academic achievements. We have an innovative idea to develop our very own hospital which is not-for-profit, aims to bridge the gap between the private and public healthcare sectors and meet the needs of Hong Kong people. We are most grateful that our endeavors have received an overwhelming support from the Hong Kong Jockey Club which generously donated an unprecedented amount of HK\$1.3 billion, the largest single donation from the Trust ever, in support of our teaching hospital project.

CUHK has always endeavored to innovate and always aspired to excellence. The Teaching Hospital project is a pioneering initiative to the humble purpose of serving the people of Hong Kong. The new Teaching Hospital is Hong Kong's first not-for-profit, self-financing university hospital that is wholly-owned by CUHK. There are no commercial organizations involved in the project.

The Hospital makes wide use of straight-forward package pricing so that the costs of treatment become transparent and affordable to local middle-class families.

The Hospital serves as an additional facility for teaching and research for our Faculty of Medicine. Any surplus from its services will be returned to support the future development of the hospital, the faculty and the university.

Conveniently located on a campus site at the University MTR station, the Teaching Hospital project will occupy a total floor area of about 78,000 m². We estimated the capital requirement of the whole project is HK\$6.3 billion. The Teaching Hospital will cover primary to tertiary care, including Accident and Emergency, Family Medicine, Chinese

Medicine, General Medicine and Surgery, Orthopaedics and Traumatology, Gynaecology, Paediatrics, Neonatology and Obstetrics. There will also be senior-friendly facilities and an elderly centre.

My deepest gratitude goes to The Hong Kong Jockey Club Charities Trust for approving an exceptionally generous donation to CUHK in support of the Teaching Hospital project. At the same time I am pleased to have received a donation of HK\$12 million in support of the CUHK Jockey Club Institute of Ageing.

Let me now move onto the Institute of Ageing. As we all know, Hong Kong is facing a rapidly ageing population. Promotion of the concept of “ageing well” is proven in many societies to be an effective measure to tackle the challenge of ageing population. The Chinese University has a solid track record in the service delivery for the elderly, and has established a long-term collaboration with the Jockey Club including the Jockey Club Centre for Positive Ageing, Jockey Club Osteoporosis Centre for Care and Control, and the Cadenza Project since 1997. The Institute of Ageing has been recently established at CUHK to synergize the efforts of cross-disciplinary research personnel and will facilitate multi-disciplinary collaborative research on a larger scale to bring results with a greater impact.

The Institute aims at promoting and implementing holistic strategies for active ageing through research, training and public education. Hong Kong Jockey Club’s donation of \$12 million will be used as the start-up funding of the Institute in the first five years. The Chinese University will continue its strategic partnership with the Jockey Club to carry on the CADENZA Project and the CADENZA Training Programme with the ultimate goal to make Hong Kong a world acclaimed age-friendly city.

In recognition to the Club’s munificence, a block in the Teaching Hospital project will be named The Hong Kong Jockey Club Clinical Tower and the Institute will be named The CUHK Jockey Club Institute of Ageing.

All in all, words cannot sufficiently describe our indebtedness to the Jockey Club for the contributions and support to the Chinese University over the years. These latest gifts will once again encourage us to repay the tremendous trust the Club has vested in us, by bringing the Teaching Hospital project and the Institute of Ageing to a success, and creating a valuable asset for the betterment of the life of the community.

Thank you very much.