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## Hong Kong Sanatorium & Hospital First Awarded as Caring Company The 3rd “Walk for Vision” Raises Over HK\$400,000 for New Voice Club Helping the Needy to Regain Voice

(21 March 2011, Hong Kong) Hong Kong Sanatorium & Hospital (HKSH) was honoured to be awarded the Caring Company logo in March 2011 for the first time. Recognized for the unsparing efforts to care for the community, the Hospital continues to demonstrate the passion by organizing the third “Walk for Vision” with charity sales by its Village Volunteers to raise over HK\$429,500 for the New Voice Club of Hong Kong. The funds will be used to sponsor the “Breaking through the Barriers to Regain a New Voice” programme for the purchase of speech aids for laryngectomees to help them regain their voices and reintegrate into the community.

### **All Pull Together Tear Down the Barrier**

The kick-off ceremony began at 8:00am yesterday (20 March), officiated by Dr. Joseph Chan, Deputy Medical Superintendent of HKSH and Dr. William I. Wei, Assistant Medical Superintendent of HKSH and Honorary Advisor of the New Voice Club of Hong Kong. Over 200 HKSH staff and their family members took part in this year’s walkathon, of which the 11km circular route began and finished at the Hospital via Sing Woo Road, Tai Hang Road, Wong Nai Chung Gap Road and Violet Hill.

The New Voice Club of Hong Kong, this year’s beneficiary, has been founded for over 26 years, providing assistance to over 2,000 members every year. In recent years the Club has been extending its helping hand to the rehabilitated in mainland China. “We are all grateful to the support of HKSH. Right now I realize that, as a doctor, I can serve the Club not only with my expertise but also through participation in this charitable event,” said Dr. Wei. Parts of the donations will be for organizing visits to and rehabilitation courses in three or four cities in mainland China, while the remaining will be allocated for sponsoring the purchase of speech aids for laryngectomees in Hong Kong.

### **HKSH First Awarded Caring Company Logo**

In strict adherence to the motto “Quality in Service Excellence in Care”, HKSH always strives for the best services for the public with advanced medical technology and professional expertise. The Hospital also shows its care about the community with unsparing support for wide-ranging community services and charities.



Professor Rosie Young, Chairperson of Make-A-Wish<sup>®</sup> Hong Kong, the 2010 Walk for Vision's beneficiary, said, 'All of us at Make-A-Wish<sup>®</sup> Hong Kong are grateful to Hong Kong Sanatorium & Hospital for appointing our charity as the beneficiary of "Walk for Vision 2010" and for their generosity of spirit and passion with which they carry out the practice of healing. It was our pleasure and honour to successfully nominate Hong Kong Sanatorium and Hospital to the Caring Company Award.' Advocated by The Hong Kong Council of Social Service, the Caring Company Scheme is committed to building a cohesive society by promoting strategic partnership among businesses and social service partners and inspiring corporate social responsibility through caring for the community, employees and the environment.

As a socially responsible corporate, HKSH spares no effort in promoting voluntary services, raising donations for charities, supporting medical education and caring about employees. "HKSH is committed to the betterment of social wellbeing. That is why we focus on supporting medicine-related charities and non-profit organizations. We hope we can give our very best to the public in our professional capacity," said Dr. Joseph Chan, Deputy Medical Superintendent of HKSH and Chairperson of the Hospital's staff recreational organization, Village Club.

Since 2002, HKSH has been an active supporter of wide-ranging charity activities, among them are the Oxfam Trailwalker, the Community Chest, the World Heart Day, the Operation Santa Claus (a yearly charitable event co-organized by the South China Morning Post and RTHK), and the Pink Ball of the Hong Kong Hereditary Breast Cancer Family Registry, etc. In recent years, the Hospital has been encouraging its staff members to take part in voluntary services after work. "Village Volunteers" was established in April 2009 with an aim to support and serve the disadvantaged in the community.

A social prestige in itself, the Caring Company Logo serves as a recognition for the Hospital's contribution to community services. "With all the professional expertise, we are pleased to make a continuous contribution to society by acting as a promoter of voluntary and community services," said Ms. Agatha Hu, Director of Community Services Development of HKSH. Just like its resolute commitment to quality medical services, HKSH's enthusiasm for community wellbeing will always light the way for the Hospital in future.

## 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.

## Photos

- 1) Dr. Joseph Chan, Deputy Medical Superintendent of HKSH and Chairperson of Village Club (Ninth from the right), Dr. William I. Wei, Assistant Medical Superintendent of HKSH and Honorary Advisor of the New Voice Club of Hong Kong (Tenth from the right), Ms. Manbo Man, Director of Nursing Services of HKSH (Eighth from the left), and Mr. Wong Chun Tak, President of New Voice Club (Ninth from the left), officiate the kick-off ceremony of Walk for Vision. About 200 HKSH staff and their family members take part in this year’s Walk for Vision, raising a total of HK\$ 429,500 for the New Voice Club of Hong Kong.



- 2) Radio host Simon Siu (Eighth from the right) attends the charity sales, raising donations for the New Voice Club of Hong Kong.





- 3) Laryngectomees of 'New Voice Club' show their thankfulness to HKSH by giving a vocal performance.



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