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## **HKSH 7<sup>th</sup> Walk For A Vision HK\$500,000 Donation Caring for Childhood Cancer Patients**

(30 March 2015 – Hong Kong) The Walk For A Vision, an annual fund-raising event of Hong Kong Sanatorium & Hospital (HKSH) was held on 15 March (Sunday). With more than 200 well-wishers participating in, the walkathon has successfully raised a total of HK\$500,000 for the Little Life Warrior Society (LLWS). The fund will be used for the promotion of LLWS to raise the awareness of childhood cancers, and to support its expansion of services to a wider network of hospitals, in the hope of benefiting more childhood cancer patients, survivors and their families.

HKSH understands the treatment undergone in childhood may deeply affect the future of cancer survivors and always keeps abreast of the service and development of cancer treatment in Hong Kong. “Apart from organising fund-raising events to help children cancer patients, we are striving to bring proton therapy (PT), the latest cancer treatments to Hong Kong. PT allows more accurate and efficient treatment and causes less adverse effects to healthy tissues or organs near the tumour, providing a new option for all cancer patients, in particular, paediatric patients,” said Dr. Joseph CHAN, Deputy Medical Superintendent of HKSH and Chief Volunteer Leader of HKSH Village Volunteers.

“Over the years, The Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK) has been supporting childhood cancer patients and their families through different channels and making utmost efforts to enhance treatments, education and professional training in the field,” said Prof. LEUNG Ting Fan, Chairman of Department of Paediatrics, CUHK and Honorary Advisor of LLWS. The current recovery rate of childhood cancers in Hong Kong is over 80%. Certain cancers such as leukaemia even have recovery rate exceeding 90%.

Dr. LI Chi Kong, Chief, Division of Haematology/Oncology/BMT, Prince of Wales Hospital and Honorary Advisor of LLWS said, “The advancement of medical technology has raised the recovery rate of childhood cancer patients. However, the treatments, for example, radiotherapy, that help these children survive from cancer can also hinder their intellectual development and personal growth later on. The follow up treatment and long-term health of them have become a focus of care. We hope that continuous advances in treatment options will bring less late effects, thus improving survivors’ growth and quality of life.”



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“It is really encouraging to know that HKSH will introduce PT in Hong Kong, which would benefit many childhood cancer patients, especially those with brain tumours,” added Dr. LI Chi Kong.

Walk For A Vision is an annual charity event organised by HKSH Village Volunteers. Each year the walkathon raises funds for different medical related institutions and projects. Starting from HKSH, the 11-km walkathon route passes through Sing Woo Road, Tai Hang Road, Wong Nai Chung Gap Road, and Violet Hill, routing back to HKSH.

Dr. Walton LI, Medical Superintendent of HKSH thanked all participants for taking part in the event, “We are pleased to make a continuous contribution to the society and care for childhood cancer patients with love and action, which echoed HKSH’s commitment in striving for holistic care.”

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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 service the public as well as promoting medical education and research.

### **About HKSH Village Volunteers**

Established in April 2009, the HKSH Village Volunteers, which consists of HKSH staff members, doctors, nursing students, alumni of the School of Nursing and retired staff, has been taking part in various community and fundraising activities in order to promote the health and wellness of people in Hong Kong through care and love. Two main fundraising events are the annual Walkathon “Walk For A Vision” and “Christmas Party in Benefit of OSC”. In recent years, more volunteer programmes and services have been developed such as “HKSH Health Buddies”, “HKSH Health Talks”, “HKSH Caring Friends”, and “HKSH Trekkers”. Collaboration organisations include Ebenezer New Hope School, Ripple Action, Enlighten, and St. James’ Settlement.



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### **About Little Life Warrior Society**

The Little Life Warrior Society (LLWS) is a childhood cancer mutual-support organisation aiming to promote and improve the services and benefits of childhood cancer patients, child patients received bone marrow transplant and severe blood diseases as well as strengthen communication among children patients, parents and medical staff. It was established by children cancer patients, survivors, parents and medical staff of the Lady Pao Children's Cancer Centre of Prince of Wales Hospital in Sha Tin in March 2002, and was officially registered as a non-profit-making charity organisation in November 2009. LLWS provides children patients with different services and activities such as the LLWS Choir and Visiting Group, with the goal of allowing children patients, newly diagnosed patients and their parents to support and encourage each other so to let them live a better life and give back to the community. Currently, LLWS's work has been widely recognised by the public.

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## Photos

1. The kick-off ceremony of “Walk for a Vision” organised by HKSH Village Volunteers was officiated by Dr. Walton LI, Medical Superintendent of HKSH; Dr. Joseph CHAN, Deputy Medical Superintendent of HKSH and Chief Volunteer Leader of HKSH Village Volunteers; Ms Phoebe CHAN, Vice-chairperson of LLSW; guests of LLSW; members of the Clinical Governance Committee and Hospital Management Committee of HKSH.



2. Dr. Walton LI (first from left), Medical Superintendent of HKSH; and Dr. Joseph CHAN (third from left), Deputy Medical Superintendent of HKSH and Chief Volunteer Leader of HKSH Village Volunteers presented the cheque of pledged donation of HK\$500,000 to Prof. LEUNG Ting Fan (forth from left), Chairman of Department of Paediatrics, CUHK and Honorary advisor of LLWS; Ms. Phoebe CHAN (second from left), Vice-chairperson of LLSW; and members of LLWS – CHAN Yui Ching (front) and Winnington-Ingram Theo (fifth from left).



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3. Little Life Warriors expressed their gratitude to HKSH with a 3D painting. Prof. YUEN Man Pan Patrick (third from left), Honorary Clinical Professor, CUHK and Honorary President of LLWS; and Ms. Phoebe CHAN (forth from left), Vice-chairperson of LLSW presented the painting to Dr. Walton LI (first from left), Medical Superintendent of HKSH; and Dr. Joseph CHAN (second from left), Deputy Medical Superintendent of HKSH and Chief Volunteer Leader of HKSH Village Volunteers.



4. Over 20 boards of directors, patients, and caregivers from the LLWS took part in the walkathon.



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5. Prof. LEUNG Ting Fan (fifth from left), Chairman of Department of Paediatrics, CUHK and Honorary Advisor of LLWS; Dr. LI Chi Kong (sixth from left), Chief, Division of Haematology/Oncology/ BMT, Prince of Wales Hospital and Honorary Advisor of LLWS explained the current development and treatments of childhood cancer in Hong Kong at the Prize Presentation Ceremony. Dr. MA Louis Chee-keung, parent of childhood cancer survivor; Winnington-Ingram Theo (third from left) and CHAN Yui Ching (forth from left), members of LLWS shared their experience with the audience.



6. Guests, Winners of Circle Rally, Participants and Volunteers of Walk For A Vision 2015.



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