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LIVER CANCER TALK AT KWONG WAI SHIU HOSPITAL TO CATER TO DIALECT-SPEAKING COMMUNITY

Singapore, 24 July – A free public talk in Cantonese on liver cancer will be held at the Kwong Wai Shiu Hospital (KWS) on this Saturday, 28 July.

A team of medical specialists drawn from the National Cancer Centre Singapore, the Singapore General Hospital and the Gleneagles Medical Centre will speak on various issues related to the cancer.

The talk will focus on the following three areas:

- 1.** “Hepatitis B – What you should know about the modes of infection, prevention and treatment” by Dr Leong Hoe Nam, Consultant Infectious Disease Physician, SGH.
- 2.** “Liver Cancer – What you should know about prevention, early detection and treatment” by Dr Karmen Wong, Senior Consultant Medical Oncologist, Gleneagles Medical Centre.
- 3.** “Complementary therapy and diet in liver cancer” by Dr Foo Kian Fong, Senior Consultant Medical Oncologist, National Cancer Centre Singapore.

There will be a Question and Answer session with the doctors after they have delivered their talks.

Hepatitis B is a virus that causes inflammation of the liver, which, if untreated can pose serious risks. Complications of Hepatitis B include acute hepatitis (episode of liver inflammation), chronic hepatitis (permanent liver inflammation), liver cirrhosis (permanent scarring and hardening of the liver), liver failure and liver cancer.

Hepatitis B is estimated to cause 60 to 80 per cent of primary liver cancers worldwide. In Singapore, 1,855 primary liver cancers were diagnosed between 1988 and 2002, and an estimated 1 in 35 adult Singaporeans are Hepatitis B carriers. Majority of Hepatitis B and liver cancer patients do not exhibit noticeable symptoms when infected, thus making the threat of such a disease all the more dangerous.

The talk is co-organised by Kwong Wai Shiu Hospital, the National Cancer Centre Singapore and supported by Health Promotion Board. Members of the public who are interested to attend the forum; please telephone : 62976250 or 62946592.

About KWSH

Kwong Wai Shiu Hospital (KWS) is a charitable organization committed to providing quality healthcare to the sick and needy in Singapore. KWS occupies 14 blocks in a 6-acre compound, and employs more than 200 staff. Facilities on-site include an In-patient Department (IPD), an Out-patient Department (OPD), a Day Rehabilitation

Centre (DRC) and a Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) Centre. KWS annual operating expenses are of about S\$8.5 Million.

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