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Mr. Shane Solomon
Chief Executive
Hospital Authority

Dear Chief Executive:

The Hospital Authority is to be congratulated on the public-private programme to clear its heavy waiting list of about 50,000 patients, awaiting cataract operation.

It is reported in the media that "patients who have been waiting for more than three years receive a HK\$5,000 subsidy to help them get operations done in the private sector, paying a maximum of HK8,000."

We understand that there are quite a number of patients who had joined the scheme who still find it financially difficult to pay the extra amount required by the private sector, and so cannot proceed with the cataract operation.

If it has not yet been done, may we suggest that the Hospital Authority review the results achieved so far since the scheme started, and take the necessary steps to adjust the conditions of the scheme to make it possible for the backlog to be reduced at a faster rate.

Sincerely,

Hilton Cheong-Leen
President

cc Mr. Anthony Wu
Chairman, Hospital Authority
The Hon York Chow
Secretary for Food and Health