



Society for the Promotion of Hospice Care

New Initiatives of The Society for the Promotion of Hospice Care

The Hong Kong 2001 Population Census revealed that there are over 700,000 people aged 65 and above, representing 11.2% of the total population. It was also predicted that this age group would increase to 12.2% in the next decade (estimated about 1 million people). These figures highlight the issue of an aging population.

The Society for the Promotion of Hospice Care (SPHC) is dedicated to promote hospice care and provide bereavement counseling. Against the backdrop of an aging population, the Society considers the provision of hospice care and bereavement counseling essential to the future welfare of our community. By way of providing training in these particular services, the general public will have new opportunities to be equipped with the knowledge of caring and nursing for the elderly, as well as ways to cope with the departure of their beloved family members.

In collaboration with the Vocational Training Council, SPHC is planning a new training initiative. Two new courses at elementary and advanced levels will be launched. In addition to health care and nursing techniques, these courses will also feature modules on life and death education.

Life and death education aims to dispel the myths and fears on the subject of death; special latter life education aims to cater to the needs of the elderly and the retirees. In order to address public awareness, a series of latter life forum will be organised by SPHC. Medical bodies and others involved in caring for the elderly will be invited to discuss related issues with the general public. SPHC is committed to organising community education programs to help people face the most difficult fact of life, the end of their life journey, with peace

To facilitate the implementation of new initiatives, SPHC's new office in Central is equipped with bereavement counseling rooms and a seminar room, in addition to the Jessie and Thomas Tam Centre located at Cheung Sha Wan

About SPHC

SPHC is a government registered charitable organization established in 1986. SPHC is committed to promote hospice care, provide bereavement counseling services and develop related professional training courses. SPHC advocates community education to encourage people to value life, come to terms with death and to foster positive attitude towards a full life.

Should you require further information about SPHC's services or wish to make a donation, please contact us.

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(left to right) Mr Clarence Chang, Chairman of SPHC Fundraising and Publicity Sub-Committee; Mrs Yvonne Siu Sun, Executive Director of SPHC; Dr C H Leong, Chairman of SPHC; Mr Raymond Wong, Vice-Chairman of SPHC – announced SPHC new initiatives at the press conference held on 5 September 2002.

