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**Union Hospital's Maternity Booking and Arrangement
for Pregnant Mainlander**

Press Release

(Hong Kong , 23 January 2007 , Tuesday) – Union Hospital has adopted the following arrangements - “Advanced Booking System for Maternity Services” and “Confirmation Certificate on Maternity Booking” - for pregnant mainlanders in response to the government’s measures to curb the influx of mainland expectant mothers giving birth in Hong Kong. Dr Anthony Lee, Chief Hospital Manager of Union Hospital said “we aim to ensure the rights of local pregnant mother and their babies and in order to provide them with suitable care and quality service, pre-booking of maternity bed and attending antenatal visit of pregnant mainlanders are being encouraged.

Maternity Booking and Arrangement for Pregnant Mainlander

1 Central Registry

- 1.1 The Central Registry, a booking system for expectant mothers, is established by the Hong Kong Private Hospitals Association in order to optimize utilization of maternity beds in Hong Kong.
- 1.2 Attending doctors are required to make booking of maternity bed for the expectant mothers at only one private hospital which will then submit all the data to the Central Registry regularly to screen for over bookings.

2 Arrangement of “Confirmation Certificate on Maternity Booking” (the Certificate)

- 2.1 The pregnant mainlander or her relatives or friends could apply for the Certificate at Room 202, 2/F Medical Centre during the office hours (Mondays to Fridays: 9am-1pm, 2-5pm; Saturdays: 9am-1pm)

2.2 **Deposit: HK\$40,000** (By Cash / CUP / VISA / EPS only)

2.3 How to Apply

2.3.1 The applicant (pregnant mother)

2.3.2 The applicant's relative / friend to produce the following documents:

2.3.2.1 Valid authorization letter; and

2.3.2.2 Original or copy of applicant's (i) identity proof and (ii) travel document; and

2.3.2.3 Original of authorized person's identity proof or travel document; and

2.3.2.4 Original or copy of doctor's referral letter if the doctor is not Hospital's salaried O&G specialist

2.4 Validity of "Confirmation Certificate on Maternity Booking"

One month past the Expected Date of Confinement (e.g. EDC: 20 June 2007, Valid until: 19 July 2007) or until cessation of pregnancy

2.5 Deposit Arrangement

2.5.1 No refund for cancellation request raised after the Certificate expired or without written notice from attending doctor 2 week before Expected Date of Confinement

2.5.2 Cancellation is allowed upon submission of written notice from attending doctor at least 2 weeks before Expected Date of Confinement.

2.5.2.1 A special administrative fee of HK\$10,000 will be charged and the remaining HK\$30,000 will be refunded

2.5.2.2 Deposit is refunded only upon presentation of original of receipt of deposit, "Confirmation Certificate on Maternity Booking", letter of cancellation request from the attending doctor

2.5.2.3 The remaining deposit will be refunded 5 working days after Expected Date of Confinement

2.5.2.4 Letter of Cancellation*: (i) Should state the reference number of the Certificate, date of issue and personal particulars of the applicants or (ii) attach a copy of the Certificate

2.6 Document for Admission

The applicant should present the original of the Certificate and the identity proof upon admission.

3 Maternity Charges for Mainland China Mothers

3.1 Maternity Packages for Pregnant Mainlander (Effective from 1 February 2007)

Normal Vaginal Delivery

- **Minimum HK\$42,000** (Inclusive of Standard /Twin Room charges, doctors' and sundries fees)
- **Minimum HK\$80,000** (Inclusive of Private Room charges, doctors' and sundries fees)

Elective Caesarean Section

- **Minimum HK\$52,000** (Inclusive of Standard /Twin Room charges, doctors' and sundries fees)
- **Minimum HK\$100,000** (Inclusive of Private Room charges, doctors' and sundries fees)

3.2 Special Surcharges

3.2.1 A surcharge of HK\$20,000 will be levied for pregnant mothers without prior attendance at her attending doctor for antenatal check whereas a surcharge of HK\$10,000 for those attending less than three antenatal visits, each separated by at least a week (therefore covering a span of more than 2 weeks). The antenatal examination and the appropriate tests should be done by O & G specialists and registered laboratories in Hong Kong.

3.2.2 Other Surcharges will apply to multiple pregnancy, elective caesarean section at all times, Sundays, public holidays and auspicious hours, fail trial of labour resulting in emergency caesarean section, etc.

3.3 The above charges will be subject to change without prior notification.

4 Union Hospital will not serve illegal overstayers or those without valid identity proof.

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