HKU Supports organ donation

Organ Donation Promotion Awareness Week (November 21 – 25, 2016)

Dear colleagues / students / alumni,

In support of the Government's initiative to promote organ donation, the University will be launching an Organ Donation Promotion Awareness week (November 21 – 25, 2016).

Organ transplant is a well-proven intervention which improves and saves lives of patients suffering from end-stage organ failure. The success rates of organ transplant in Hong Kong are very high, thanks to our medical colleagues in Queen Mary Hospital. Organ transplant has become the only hope for patients with organ failure in order to live on. However, the availability of organ donor remains the biggest challenge to organ transplant in Hong Kong, which has a very low organ donation rate. There are now more than 2,000 patients and their family waiting desperately everyday for suitable organs, which are very hard to come by.

We hope that through the Organ Donations Promotion Awareness Campaign, we can raise awareness and understanding of the shortage of organ donation in Hong Kong, and the facts and benefits about organ donation. During the promotion awareness campaign, there will be exhibition, talk and sharing by organ donors. Details are as follows:

Launch ceremony

Date: November 21, 2016 (Monday)
Time: 12:00 noon – 12:30 pm
Venue: G/F, KK Leung Building Concourse

Officiated by Dr. Steven Cannon, Executive Vice-President (Administration and Finance)

Exhibition and Booth

Date: November 21 – 23, 2016 (Monday-Wednesday)
Time: 11:00 am – 4:00 pm
Venue: G/F, KK Leung Building Concourse

There will be demo on how to register as donor in the Centralised Organ Donation Register (CODR).

Talk and sharing by organ donors

Date:	November 21, 2016 (Monday)
Time:	12:45 pm – 2:15 pm
Venue:	T6, Meng Wah Complex
Language:	Cantonese
Speakers:	Ms. Koo and Ms. Chan, Organ Donation Coordinators, Queen Mary Hospital Miss Lee Ka Po (Liver Donor - Staff) Miss Law Ka Man (Liver Donor - Student)

* Sandwiches and drinks will be provided at 12:30 pm before the start of the talk.

The speakers will give an introduction of organ transplant in Hong Kong and the liver donors will have their sharing experience.

To enroll for the talk, please register through the HKU Event Management System:
http://hkuems1.hku.hk/hkuems/hkuevent.aspx

HKU Organ Donation Promotion Awareness facebook page

You can show your support and/or share with your family and friends that you have signed up as a donor in the HKU Organ Donation Promotion Awareness facebook page (https://www.facebook.com/100HKU/).

Further information on organ donation is available at organ donation webpage of the Department of Health:
www.organdonation.gov.hk
Facebook page: www.facebook.com/organdonationhk
Centralised Organ Donation Register: www.codr.gov.hk

Organ donation is crucial to saving the lives. Let us join hands in supporting organ donation to help the patients in need.