

Transcript of remarks by SFH at media session

Following is the transcript of remarks by the Secretary for Food and Health, Professor Sophia Chan, at a media session after attending the Eye Donation Thanksgiving Ceremony today (August 12):

Reporter: Will there be any follow-up action regarding the girl who is paralysed at the United Christian Hospital? Regarding the Hospital Authority's report released a few days ago, her family isn't very happy with that. Isn't that the hospital's responsibility to explain the situation clearly to the patient's family?

Secretary for Food and Health: It is unfortunate that this girl has come across this very rare complication. Of course, the Hospital Authority has the responsibility to explain to the patient and also the family members before any medical procedure; and after the procedure, to take good care of the patient and to identify any signs of stroke or complication. As far as the condition of the girl is concerned, the Hospital Authority is now providing care to the girl, especially rehabilitative care. The Hospital Authority is now communicating with the family members and also providing whatever support that is needed by the family members.

(Please also refer to the Chinese portion of the transcript.)