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Lions have a caring eye on hospital



From Left: Mrs Hanoomanjee, Mr Bruno Lebreux, president of the Lions Club of Port Louis, and Prof Cyrus Tabatabay.

The Lions Club of Port Louis in collaboration with the Teaching Eye Surgery Foundation of Geneva, yesterday donated an Rs3.3 million Optical Coherence Tomography (OCT) machine to the Subramania Bharati Eye Hospital in Moka.

Minister of Health and Quality of Life Mrs Maya Hanoomanjee thanked the Lions Club of Port Louis, which has played a major supporting role in the field of retinopathy over the past 50 years.

It is also providing full support in the construction of a new operating theatre at the Moka Eye Hospital.

The minister was also thankful for the multiple interventions carried out by the

team of expert ophthalmologists from the Hopitaux Universite de Geneve, led by Professor Cyrus Tabatabay.

and the Director General of the Hopitaux Universitaires de Geneve, Mr Bernard Gruson. "Around 773 cases of eye surgeries were carried out by the team of surgeons led by Prof. Tabatabay.

As from today, he will operate on eight patients for corneal grafting after we have received eight corneas from Sri Lanka through the help of the Lions Club," the minister said. The minister said that this new OCT machine will enhance efficiency of surgical interventions.

According to the latest national non-communicable diseases survey by the Ministry of Health and Quality of Life, 19.3% of the population aged above 30 are diabetics.

"This is something which tops our priorities and this is why my ministry will be launching the National Service Framework for Diabetes (NSFD), a programme which aims at reducing the problems related to diabetes through an integrated and holistic approach."

The NSFD will also include a national digital screening programme, which has already been launched at the Sir Seewoosagur Ramgoolam National Hospital, the Victoria Hospital and the Jawaharlal Nehru.

"The programme will be extended to the Dr Jeetoo Hospital, the Central Flacq Hospital and in Rodrigues as well by this month," the minister pointed out.

Prof. Tabatabay said that the OCT machine, which is one of the latest technological tools, will allow the team to carry out more accurate surgeries on patients suffering from retinal complications.

"I hope that the Government of Mauritius will give us the chance to further collaborate with the team at the Moka Eye Hospital. The power of the Moka Hospital resides in the medical staff which is imperative to the well-being of patients," the professor added.

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