

CAST-Eye Bank Special Session I: Variations in Eye Banking in Different Localities – Successes and Challenges

Eye Banking in Hong Kong, China

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Hong Kong, with a population of around seven million, has started recruiting local donors since 1992 and promoting eye tissue donation since. With many initiatives to uphold the quality, safety and fairness in distribution of donor eye tissues, Hospital Authority Eye Bank (HAEB), the only eye bank in Hong Kong, has been an internationally accredited eye bank since 2017. But as with many countries in Asia, Hong Kong faces the challenge of shortage of supply of donor corneas, with more than three hundred patients on the waiting list. This presentation will discuss the efforts taken to bring HAEB to where it stands today, and the continued efforts against the fight for blindness in the years to come.