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Eye Clinic receives \$35, 000 worth of equipment

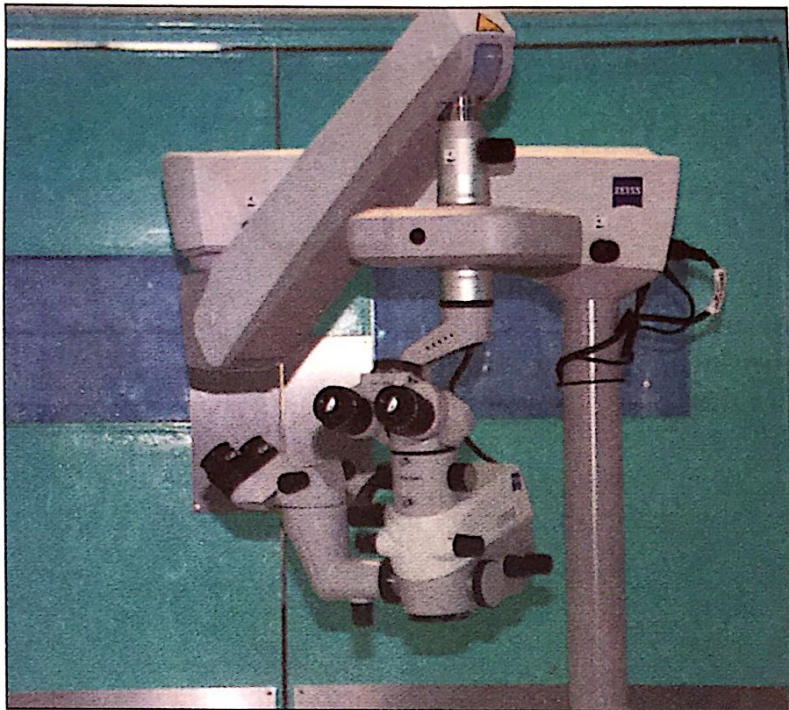
The Eye Clinic at the Seychelles Hospital has received advanced equipment for eye surgery. The equipment is worth \$35, 000.

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In a short ceremony on Friday 22 September, 2017 Professor Cyrus Tabatabay, President of the Teaching Eye Surgery (TES) Foundation, officially handed over equipment to the Eye Clinic of the Health Care Agency at the Seychelles Hospital. The ceremony was held in presence of Jean-Paul Adam, Minister of Health, Dr. Danny Louange, Chief Executive Officer of the Health Care Agency, Dr. Roland Barbe, the Ophthalmologist for the Eye Clinic, and other health officials.

The hi-tech equipment which is already in use at the hospital will help to perform eye surgeries for cataract with smaller incisions and in less time. In addition to that recovery will be faster. The equipment included a state-of-the-art microscope for eye surgery, eye loops and special scalpels for surgery amongst others. Such technological equipment is said to be found in very few countries in the Indian Ocean.

The donation was made in line with the MOU which was signed last year with the TES Foundation. Under the same agreement, training has been given by Professor

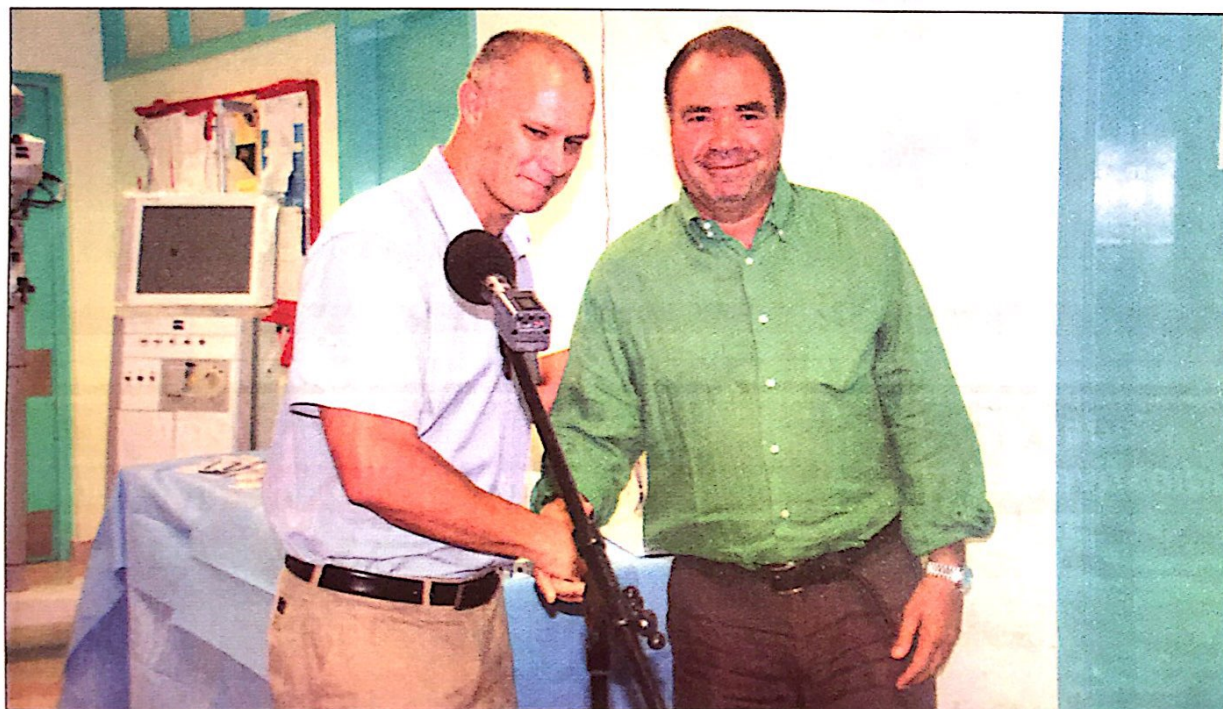


The latest model of microscope for eye surgery was donated to the Eye Clinic

Tabatabay to the health specialists who will be using the equipment.

Upon receiving the donation, Minister Adam said: "We are aiming to raise the standards of eye surgery in Seychelles. Professor

Tabatabay is very impressed by the engagement of the Seychellois professionals and how quickly we are taking a new direction based on the highest standard possible. I think it is the testimony to the hard



Minister Adam (left) accepting the donation from Prof. Tabatabay (right)

work that has been done for many years.”

Minister Adam also highlighted that further implementation of the MOU will include renovation of the Eye Theatre. The work will start soon. He added that it includes developing new and more complex processes and procedures. “We have people here who are able to do this. What we need is simply to ensure that there is a regular exposure to these best practices,” he

said.

On his side, Prof. Tabatabay claimed that he is extremely happy and proud to have worked with the eye surgery team for the past six months. He said the team has a high standard. Prof. Tabatabay, with the TES Foundation, has the mission of going round the world to teach eye surgeons. While here, he was also seeing patients.

Dr. Barbe, who has been trained to use the equipment, declared the

donation is a good step to improve on their services. “Compared to the equipment we were previously using these ones show that eye surgery is moving forward quite fast. Equipment which we are now using are of high standard, given the delicate nature of this kind of surgery.”

Currently there are two young Ophthalmologists that have been identified and are expected to be trained to a high standard.