



Lindsey McAlister (right), of the Youth Arts Foundation, takes the cheque from Swire's Hunter Crawford (second right), with Rae Leung and Deon Lai (left) looking on. Photo: Dickson Lee

Nina Wang's brother may step up role

Yvonne Tsui

The younger brother of late Nina Wang Kung Yu-sum, Dr Kung Yan-sum, could become more involved in the business of Chinachem Group and its charitable foundation after he retires from his clinic this week.

His plans to retire from his 30 years of practice started before the probate litigation that began in May this year, according to a person close to the situation.

But Kung did not set out to close down his clinic in order to become more involved in the business of the group and the foundation, the *South China Morning Post* was told. "Dr Kung has always been a director of the group and he comes to the office every morning, anyway. He is now in his 70s. He began telling his patients even before the trial that they could not expect him to continue his clinic work for the rest of his life," the person said.

But the parties involved have agreed that Kung's retirement will involve spending more time closely managing the business left by his late tycoon sister.

The *Post* has not learned why Dr Kung chose to close the clinic now - Thursday will be its final day. The judge's ruling on his sister's will is due to be delivered by the end of this year or early next year.

Wang's sister, Dr Molly Gong Chung-sum, will continue her role in Chinachem Group overseeing its marketing business.

She had moved back to Hong Kong before the litigation began, from her research post in the United States. Her husband has recently taken a research job at a local university and has decided to settle down with his wife in the city.



Kung Yan-sum Molly Gong

The Kung siblings led the legal battle against a rival claim, launched by fung shui master Tony Chan Chun-chuen, to control the tycoon's empire.

The case was heard in the Court of First Instance before Mr Justice John-son Lam Man-hon, who is expected to give his judgment probably after Christmas.

During Christmas, in addition to Kung's clinic closing down, Chinachem will move its headquarters from Tsim Sha Tsui's Chinachem Golden Plaza to Nina Tower in Tsuen Wan.

It had reportedly always been Wang's intention to make Nina Tower the headquarters of Chinachem when the office was built, the person said. It had nothing to do with recent rumours that the move to Tsuen Wan was to cut off any connection to the location where Chan claimed his version of the disputed will was written, he said.

It was understood that Wang's former living quarters on the top floor of the Tsim Sha Tsui building would remain untouched, preserved by her family as a memorial.

It is also being preserved in case any of its contents might be needed in a future court action. Many of the items that were kept there have been mentioned in the legal battle.

Swire group gives HK\$150,000 to Youth Arts Foundation Donation helps young cancer patients explore artistic talent

Adrian Wan

About 100 people fighting cancer will be able to take part in a six-month art workshop, thanks to Swire group's HK\$150,000 donation to the Youth Arts Foundation yesterday.

In its 15th year of sponsoring Operation Santa Claus, John Swire & Sons - one of the longest-serving corporate donors - raised the money through its charitable trust, for the foundation's new project targeted at 18 to 30-year-olds with cancer. The C Word. Hunter Crawford, staff director of the Swire group, said: "The company has had a long-time relationship with the foundation. And the project is a great cause, so we're happy to help them get the publicity in the English media they need."

The Swire group, which comprises about 80 companies with 70,000 employees, "will continue to support Operation Santa Claus as long as possible", he said.

Rae Leung Wai-hon was diagnosed with cancer in 2007.

She will be the artist in residence for The C Word, a free workshop not



only for the young people living with the disease, but also relatives struggling to deal with their own feelings.

The C Word will be open to about 100 people, run for approximately six months, and comprise workshops on audio recording, writing, photography and collage-making.

Leung said she came up with the idea after noticing there was not much support for cancer patients in her age group.

Last month, the foundation and the Little Life Warrior Society, another OSC beneficiary, sat down to talk about the benefits of art for peo-

ple living with cancer. Dr Matthew Shing Ming-kong, a founder of the mutual-aid organisation for children with cancer, said he used art as a way for his patients to express their thoughts and feelings. "It lets them understand themselves and others," he said. "And it undoubtedly lets people who care, like me, to get a glimpse of their inner feelings."

He recalled treating an 18-year-old avid badminton player two years ago. "The moment he knew he had cancer," Shing said, "the first question he asked was, 'Can I still play badminton?' To be frank it wasn't optimistic because his right hand was losing agility.

"Later, I saw his drawing of himself playing badminton with his left hand. His strong desire to continue playing badminton was amazing. But if it hadn't been for the painting, I wouldn't have known."

The young man regained strength in his right hand.

"Our children engage in lots of painting, singing, writing, arts and crafts, or even photography, in their leisure time," Shing said.

"By no means is their artistry sophisticated, but it's certain that the arts provide avenues for them to give vent to their feelings."

Yick Ling-yan, visual arts manager of the arts foundation, agreed that art was "a nice way to express one's thoughts".

Knowing the benefits art could bring to children with cancer, the foundation conducted a puppet-making programme for the Little Life Warrior Society a year ago.

She said: "It inspired uncertain children to share with people around them their happiness and their sadness."

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