

## \$75m target to build hospital

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A NEW hospital for severely disabled people needing constant care will open in 1996 — provided the Hong Kong Cheshire Home Foundation can raise the \$75 million needed.

Foundation treasurer Alan Crawley said there was a desperate shortage of places in Hong Kong for disabled people who were bedridden.

"Our Sha Tin home is really overbooked," he said.

The Sha Tin Cheshire Home, which opened in 1991, has 50 beds for the severely disabled.

"As soon as it opened, bang, all the slots were filled and there was still a huge waiting list," Mr Crawley said.

The charity is planning to build a hospital with 120 to 150 beds next to its Chung Hom Kok home on Hong Kong island.

Like the foundation's

other two homes in the territory, the hospital will cater for the physically handicapped.

Mr Crawley said the Secretary for Health and Welfare, Elizabeth Wong Chien Chi-lien, had given her blessing to the project.

The charity is appealing to the public to support its flag day on Saturday so it can begin vital site investigation work and architectural planning.