Bayer Shows its Sincerity by Providing NT\$1.6 Million as Guarantee Fund to Help Hemophilia Patients Who Contracted HIV

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Bayer Corporation and other blood product manufacturers will jointly provide humanitarian aid to hemophilia patients who contracted HIV. Under the suggestion by Department of Health of the Executive Yuan, the manufacturers will immediately provide NT\$1.6 million as guarantee fund by means of bank guarantee fund, and the manufacturers will continue to negotiate and enter into the final agreement directly with the patients and their representatives. The patients shall be able to receive the humanitarian aid when the agreement is entered into.

In order to have further discussion regarding the details, Bayer AG in Germany will send a representative to Taiwan to begin negotiation with the patients on February 23.

Early in the 80's hemophiliacs contracted HIV because of blood products, Bayer is without any fault. Cutter Laboratories, a subsidiary of Bayer Corporation in USA, has been using the latest technological knowledge to manufacture medical drugs carefully. It was a tragedy that was unpredictable and unavoidable. However, Bayer Corporation completely agrees to the financial needs of those patients and their families; in order to show its sincerity, Bayer Corporation will provide humanitarian payment to hemophilia patients who contracted HIV. The company also expects to coordinate with parties concerned as soon as possible and reach an agreement smoothly.

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拜耳展現誠意協助血友最被清思 提供一個零六百萬元之保證金

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拜耳公司將與其他的血液製劑製造廠商一起提供人道救助金給感染受滋病毒的 血友病息·在行政院衛生署的建議之下,製造廠商將以銀行保證金的方式,立即 提供一億零六百萬元新台幣之保證金·製造廠商也將繼續地直接與病惡及病患代 表協商並達成最後的協議,在達成協議後,病患將可以領取人道給付金,

為了進一步展開細節討論,拜耳德國總公司將派一位代表於 2 月 23 日抵台與病 患開始礎簡。

80年代初期血友病是因血液製劑感染愛滋病毒,拜耳並無過失。拜耳公司在美國的子公司卡特公司(Cutter Laboratories),一向以嚴謹的態度依最新的科技知識製造醫療藥品。這是一件在當時無法預見且無法避免的悲劇,然而拜耳公司全然同意這些病患及其家屬在財務上的需求,拜耳公司展現誠意,將提供人道給付給予屬染愛滋病毒之血友病患。公司也期待能盡遠的與各方協調並順利達成協議。

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