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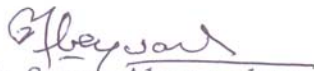
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All the Eye Operations come to a standstill indefinitely, in TH, Kandy

Eye operating theatre in TH, Kandy has been closed from 05th July 2013 due to a higher risk of infections related to eye surgery. Proper theatre air condition system has failed in 2007. Since then various patch work was done as remedial measures, without addressing core issue of central air condition system. In consequence some of patients faced serious complications following surgery.

Despite repeated requests made over the years to the relevant authorities, to replace air conditioning in the operating theatre, to make safe environment for eye operation, none of these requests were entertained. 15000 eye operations are being performed by this unit, annually. Presently eye operations have come to a standstill, including emergency eye operations. All the patients are now being transferred to National Eye Hospital, Colombo, which is a tremendous burden to the general public, as well as the health system.

Thank You


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