# MIOT, Seychelles govt. to sign MoU

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**CHENNAI:** The Seychelles government has signed a memorandum with MIOT Hospitals for training of doctors, consultants and specialists from that country, its vice-president Danny Faure said.

He was participating in the hospital's 15th anniversary celebrations here on Wednesday.

"We expect more of you professionals to work with African countries and the MIOT Hospitals side by side," Mr. Faure said. MIOT hospital had a special place in his heart as his mother and several of his country's citizens had been treated at the hospital, he said. The government of Seychelles expected the hospital to partner with them to establish the island's first medical



*Seychelles vice-president Danny Faure (right) and P.V.A. Mohandas, founder and managing director, MIOT Hospitals, at the hospital's 15th anniversary celebrations. Hospital chairman Mallika Mohandas is also seen* — PHOTO: K.V. SRINIVASAN

university, he added.

P.V.A. Mohandas, founder and managing director, MIOT Hospitals, said he wanted to be a Samaritan. The inspiration to become a doctor came from watching his physician grandfather.

The hospital, started as a centre to treat accident victims, had grown in size with 46 specialities and now treated patients from 129 countries, Dr. Mohandas said.

Hospital chairman Malli-ka Mohandas said she and her team had visited several cancer hospitals before coming up with their own institute for cancer care. Prithvi Mohandas, joint managing director, also spoke.

At the function, a cheque for Rs.10 lakh was handed over to Mahesh Memorial Trust, a non-governmental organisation which is involved in spreading awareness about cancer. In an effort to spread awareness about cancer care, the hospital through its Indo-British Health Initiative programme had conducted a photo-walk in the city last year. The photos were later auctioned.

The money raised through the event was handed over at the programme to the NGO's trustees P. Jayendra and Aruna Subramaniyam.