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Zhongshan Ophthalmic Center (ZOC) is affiliated to Sun Yat-sen University and is located in Guangzhou, China’s third largest city and the ‘southern gateway’ to China. Since its inception in 1983, ZOC has become the number-one eye hospital in China and one of the largest eye centres in the world. It consists of three parts: the Eye Hospital, the Ophthalmologic Research Institute and the Preventive Ophthalmology Department.

ZOC is known for its major in quality clinical eye care and ophthalmic research. In 2015, ZOC managed 930,000 outpatient visits and more than 63,000 surgeries. ZOC has 196 consultant ophthalmologists and offers a full spectrum of tertiary subspecialty care for common and more complicated eye diseases.

Granted the status of State Key Laboratory of Ophthalmology by China’s Ministry of Science and Technology and being the only one of its kind in China, the State Key Laboratory of Ophthalmology forms a major part of ZOC. It has an area of 6,500 square metres and is equipped with a wide range of research facilities. The laboratory recently launched an ambitious plan to renew and expand its research programme, being firmly committed to push the boundaries of innovation and knowledge as far as it can. Its latest research areas include stem cell and developmental biology, genetics and gene therapy, vascular biology, neuroscience, and immunology.

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