Christmas came very early at King Edward VIII hospital when an official handing over of wheelchairs donation from Taiwan Embassy was held on 29th of August 2011. The Taiwan embassy donated 120 wheelchairs to this hospital. King Edward VIII is the only hospital in KwaZulu Natal that received such a donation, as the second one was Chris Hani Baragwaneth, in Gauteng Province. KEH was chosen for its legacy as the teaching hospital in the province. Most importantly this innovation was the vision to promote better life for physically challenged and easing the burden of the shortage of wheelchairs in the hospital.

“This amazing donation has proved that the relationship between our government, department of health and the Taiwan Embassy is going from strength to strength,” said Dr Mhlongo (Area General Manager,)

“The Taiwan embassy wishes for the quality health care and looking forward to work with this department in the near future,” said Dr. Ellen (Health Representative, DOH, Taiwan to Africa)
Mrs. Ntombifuthi Mthethwa—Disability and Rehab, District and Ms. Jennifer Kroutz—Chronic Unit, both from EThekwini District

Mr. Mabutho Sibande—NDOH, International Relations; Dr. Ellen—Health Rep, DOH Taiwan to Africa and Ms. Thembeka Ma....—NDOH International Relations

Left: National, Provincial, District, Taiwan Embassy and Hospital Representatives. Right: Dr. Mhlongo, Dr. Baloyi and Dr. Ellen showing appreciation of the donation