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#### 5th Taiwanese delegation of medical volunteers to serve at

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A fifth Taiwanese delegation of six medical and nursing volunteers led by Dr. Man-chi LO, and Coordinator Dr. Nina KAO is scheduled to arrive in Saint Lucia on Saturday, 25th September, 2010 to continue service work at St. Jude Hospital for a period of three weeks, with an aim to enhance the Hospital's performance. This is another successful joint effort project in the past ten months between the governments of Saint Lucia and the Republic of China (Taiwan) in the area of health and medical cooperation conducted by St. Jude Hospital and its twin hospital in Taiwan, the Changhua Christian Hospital.

This delegation is composed of four doctors and two nurses. Their details are as follows:

1. Dr. Chao-jung WENG Dentist Female
2. Dr. Yen-wen HUANG Orthopedics Male
3. Dr. Min-sheng HUANG Ophthalmologist Male
4. Dr. Hank Hong-chu CHEN Emergency Doctor Male
5. Ms Yi-an CHIEN Emergency Nurse Female
6. Ms Wei-ling TSAI Operation Room Nurse Female
7. Dr. Man-chi LO Team leader/Neurologist Male
8. Dr. Nina KAO Coordinator Female

Another delegation of the Changhua Christian Hospital, led by Dr Shou-Jen KUO, its Superintendent, had just visited St Lucia from 2nd to 3rd September, 2010. Cordial meetings held with Hon. Dr. Keith Mondesir, Minister for Health, Mr. Percival McDonald, Chairman of the Board of Directors and staff of St. Jude Hospital during the delegation's visit have strengthened the existing medical cooperation. Initiatives of further training, a comprehensive volunteer programme for the year 2011 which includes different specialists on a periodical basis have been discussed, besides the idea of making St Jude Hospital a high quality referral hospital in the Caribbean region has also been introduced.

St. Jude Hospital signed an Agreement of Twinning with the Changhua Christian Hospital on 8th July, 2009. The Changhua Christian Hospital in

central Taiwan is a 1600 beds medical center and teaching hospital, employing over 3,800 people and receiving approximately 5,000 patient-visits daily. According to the Agreement, both medical institutions agree to undertake a comprehensive exchange of information on the health sector, provision of international volunteers and to facilitate the increase in knowledge of health care professionals through the conduct of seminars and professional training and exchanges of staff on the basis of equality and reciprocity. Since then, the Changhua Christian Hospital has hosted three-month intensive training programmes for two groups of seven members in total of the medical, nursing and technical staff from St. Jude Hospital. One laboratory staff from St. Jude Hospital will soon conclude an eight-week training programme. All the mentioned programmes serve as essential measures for the capacity-building of St. Jude Hospital.

Based on the same Agreement, the Changhua Christian Hospital pledges to send volunteers to serve at St. Jude Hospital. The first delegation of Taiwanese volunteers offered their service to St. Jude Hospital's patients from 21st November to 12th December, 2009; the second from 16th January to 5th February, 2010; the third from 10th to 30th April, 2010; and the fourth from 24th July to 13th August, 2010. Respectively members of the four delegations returned to Taiwan with gratitude for the assistance and hospitality they had received from the staff of St. Jude Hospital in general and the working experiences they had acquired during their service which already broadened their vision and knowledge would surely have tremendous impact on their future careers.

Following the successful model between St. Jude Hospital and Changhua Christian Hospital, the Milton Cato Memorial Hospital in St Vincent and Grenadines has signed an Agreement of Twinning with the Changhua Christian Hospital on 1st September, 2010.

This new model of international cooperation focusing on training and volunteer in the field of medical and health scopes has won commendation from both the governments of Saint Lucia and the Republic of China (Taiwan) and their peoples alike.

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