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**Press Release**

**4<sup>th</sup> Taiwanese delegation of medical volunteers to serve at  
St. Jude Hospital**

A fourth Taiwanese delegation of six medical and nursing volunteers led by Dr. HUANG, Yee-wen, and Coordinator Dr. Nina KAO is scheduled to arrive in Saint Lucia on Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> July, 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 the fourth joint effort project in the past nine 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, of which one is senior doctor of the ENT department, and one is dentist. Their details are as follows:

1. Dr. Jia-lin <b>LI</b>	Dentist	Male
2. Dr. Tung-lin <b>SHEN</b>	Orthopedics/ER	Male
3. Dr. Chun-hsiung <b>HUANG</b>	Internal Medicine	Male
4. Dr. Cheng-chuan <b>CHANG</b>	ENT	Male
5. Ms Yi-chun <b>LAI</b>	Emergency Nurse	Female
6. Ms Hui-chen <b>KAO</b>	Operation Room Nurse	Female
7. Dr. Yee-wen <b>HUANG</b>	Team leader	Male
8. Dr. Nina <b>KAO</b>	Coordinator	Female

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 of the medical, nursing and technical staff from St. Jude Hospital. Presently one laboratory staff from St. Jude Hospital will soon start an eight-week training programme. All the mentioned programmes serve as essential measures for the capacity-building of St. Jude Hospital. Initiatives of further training will be proposed and discussed in the next couple of months.

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 21<sup>st</sup> November to 12<sup>th</sup> December, 2009; the second from 16<sup>th</sup> January to 5<sup>th</sup> February, 2010; and the third from 10<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> April, 2010. Respectively members of the three 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 and 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 will soon conclude an Agreement of Twinning with Changhua Christian Hospital.

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.