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Press Release

Changhua Christian Hospital delegation visits St Lucia

A delegation of the Changhua Christian Hospital, led by Dr Shou-Jen **KUO**, its Superintendent, will visit St Lucia from 2nd to 3rd September, 2010. After providing service of 4 medical and nursing volunteer groups, the Changhua Christian Hospital, sees the need to strengthen the existing volunteer programme with the St. Jude Hospital and has scheduled the visit to St Lucia to discuss further cooperation project for the year 2011. Other members of the delegation are: Dr. Man-chi **LO**, a Neurologist, and Dr. Nina **KAO**, the Coordinator. The delegation will meet with Hon. Dr. Keith Mondesir, Minister for Health and Mr. Percival McDonald, the Chairman of the Board of Directors and staff of St. Jude Hospital during its visit.

Since November 2009, 4 groups of medical and nursing volunteers of the Changhua Christian Hospital have served St Lucia with their expertises and have acquired warm hospitality and valuable experience by working alongside with the staff of St Jude Hospital. Numerous local patients have benefited from the medical services such as Orthopaedics, Emergency, Obstetrics, Gynaecological, Ear-Nose-Throat and Dental services among others. However requests of more specialists on a periodical basis have been conveyed through the people in St Lucia, therefore a comprehensive volunteer programme which includes different specialists will be discussed between St Jude Hospital the Changhua Christian Hospital for the year 2011.

Dr. KUO, a notable specialist of Endocrine surgery, Gastro surgery and Breast cancer, has ample professional career portfolios both domestically and internationally. He has obtained Postgraduate Certificate in Health Management at University of Birmingham, UK, besides he has also been Research Fellow at the Department of Surgery, University of Melbourne, St Vincent's Hospital, Melbourne, Australia. Presently Dr KUO is the director of “Taiwan Surgical Society of Gastroenterology” and “The Breast Cancer Society of Taiwan”. He has been appointed as Superintendent of the Changhua Christian Hospital, Taiwan since January 2008.

The 5th volunteer group, which includes Orthopedics, Ophthalmologist, Emergency Doctor, Emergency Nurse and Operation Room Nurse, will visit St Lucia on Saturday, 25th September, 2010 for a period of 3 weeks.

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