



Singapore-based Asian American Medical Group Opens Myanmar's First Dedicated Gastrointestinal & Liver Centre in Collaboration with Pinlon Hospital and 30th Street Clinic

Myanmar/ Singapore; 6 March 2016 – In a milestone for its healthcare industry, Myanmar's first dedicated centre for gastrointestinal and liver treatment officially opened today, bringing together leading specialists from Singapore-based Asian American Medical Group ("AAMG") and Yangon's famous 30th Street Clinic ("30th Street") to tackle the rising incidence of liver disease in the emerging Southeast Asian nation.

Located at Pinlon Hospital in Yangon, the Pinlon Gastrointestinal & Liver Centre ("PGLC") is run by AAMG and 30th Street, a well-known diagnostics and healthcare centre headed by Professor Khin Maung Win, one of Myanmar's top hepatologists and academics. Under the leadership of Professor Khin and AAMG Executive Chairman Dr Tan Kai Chah, the centre will offer consultation, treatment, endoscopies and certain surgical procedures for local and international patients.

According to a survey in 2015 carried out by health officials in Myanmar, some 3.3 million people in the country suffer from Hepatitis B while another 1.3 million are affected by Hepatitis C. Both conditions are the most common local causes of liver cirrhosis and cancer.

PGLC will be positioned as an international medical centre. Medical experts from AAMG – surgeons, radiologists, oncologists – will work with local gastrointestinal and liver specialists to improve the quality of liver treatments in Myanmar.

The centre will also leverage on AAMG's longstanding collaboration with U.S.-based University of Pittsburgh Medical Centre (UPMC). The world-renowned UPMC is ranked No. 13 in the prestigious *U.S. News & World Report* annual Honour Roll of America's Best Hospitals. Through AAMG, doctors and nurses from PGLC can also expect work/training stints in Singapore or the U.S. to gain exposure to global best practices.

Professor Khin, Chairman of 30th Street Clinic, said: "Many Myanmar citizens currently have to travel overseas to get liver treatment. With this dedicated gastrointestinal and liver centre, high-quality clinical care will now be available to all, even those from the region in need of liver treatment."

Dr Tan said: "We have no doubt that PGLC will become a leading centre for gastrointestinal and liver treatment in Myanmar and even the neighbouring countries. One of AAMG's goals for this centre is to be able to carry out more complex medical procedures, including liver transplants in the foreseeable future."

Mr Kaung Myat, CEO of Pinlon Hospital, said: "The opening of this centre is timely, given the prevalence of liver diseases in Myanmar. Knowing both Professor Khin and



Dr Tan, I am confident that PGLC will pave the way for better liver treatments in Myanmar and beyond.”

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About Asian American Medical Group

Asian American Medical Group (“AAMG”) is based in Singapore and has been listed on the Australian Securities Exchange since September 2009. The Group’s operations include the Asian American Liver Centre Pte Ltd (“AALC”), established in 1994 in Singapore, and Asian American Radiation Oncology Pte Ltd (“AARO”).

The Group entered into a strategic collaboration in October 2012 with the US-based US\$12-billion integrated global health enterprise UPMC. UPMC, ranked No. 13 on the U.S. News & World Report Honor Roll of American’s Best Hospitals, is affiliated with the University of Pittsburgh Schools of the Health Sciences and are pioneers in the field of transplantation. This collaboration has enhanced AAMG’s clinical capabilities through shared protocols, rigorous quality standards and technology and also created a platform for AAMG to expand into other countries in Asia such as Malaysia, Myanmar, Russia and China.

AALC, one of Asia’s foremost liver centres, is led by renowned hepatobiliary expert and liver transplant surgeon, Dr. Tan Kai Chah (Dr. KC Tan), who helped start the Liver Transplant Programme at the King’s College Hospital London, UK, and pioneered the highly successful Living Donor Liver Transplantation (LDLT) Programme in Singapore. In 2014, AALC begun conducting surgical procedures at iHEAL Medical Centre, located in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

AARO, established in March 2015, offers radiation oncology consultancy and management and is spearheaded by Dr Daniel Tan Yat Harn. Based in Singapore, AARO will drive expansion into the growing radiotherapy and oncology segment in the overseas market, at a time where there is a shortage of modern radiotherapy treatment centres.

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About 30th Street Clinic

The 30th Street Clinic was established in the year 2000. It lies in the heart of Yangon City at 30th Street, Pabedan Township, Yangon.

The Clinic specializes on the treatment of liver diseases, especially in treating Hepatitis B and Hepatitis C and liver cancer patients. As for the treatment, it also provides TACE procedure. The Clinic has a modern laboratory of its own, which is fully equipped with the latest laboratory equipment from the world's most reliable foreign companies. It is run by the highly efficient biochemist, pathologies and microbiologist to provide the highest medical services to the public.

This Institution was founded by Professor Khin Maung Win, who is a well-known Hepatologist not only in Myanmar but also internationally. He was trained in the UK at the very famous Royal Infirmary Hospital in London under the supervision of Professor Dame Sheilah Sherlock.

About Pinlon Hospital

Pinlon Hospital is a 300-bed private tertiary care hospital that has been serving the residents of Yangon since 2007. It is the third installment under the Pinlon group of Hospitals (PLGH), which consists of two other locally well-known hospitals, namely Shwe Gon Daing Specialist Centre (SSC) in Yangon and Outara Thiri Hospital in Nay Pyi Taw.

Led by the president of PLGH, Dr. Zaw Htun, and the CEO of Pinlon Hospital, Mr. Kaung Myat, Pinlon Hospital has come a long way from its infant stage as a general medicine and surgery care center to one of the leading hospitals in Myanmar with various successful specialty clinics such as Pinlon Cancer Centre, Pinlon Heart Centre and Pinlon Hemodialysis Centre. It is on its way to launching Myanmar's most advanced Gastrointestinal (GI) & Liver specialty clinic, Pinlon GI & Liver Centre, in collaboration with AAMG and 30th Street Clinic, on March 6th 2016.

Pinlon Cancer Center, established in 2013, is the first local private cancer center providing radiation and medical oncology consultancy and treatment. Pinlon Cancer Center is currently the only cancer clinic in Myanmar to offer 3D conformal radiation therapy, under the leadership of the chief radiation oncologist, Dr. Min Din. The medical oncology department is led by Dr. Soe Aung, a renowned medical oncologist and an active member of American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO).

Pinlon Hemodialysis Center is one of the first private kidney-specific clinics in Myanmar to have conducted successful live donor kidney transplantations. Established in 2014, it continues to serve the local communities with the much-needed expertise and experience on kidney transplant procedures.