

AAMG Partners Pinlon Hospital and 30th Street Clinic to Establish Myanmar's First Holistic Liver Centre



(Left to Right): Dr Htay Htay Kyi (Pinlon Hospital), Dr Tan Kai Chah (Asian American Medical Group), Professor Khin Maung Win (30th Street Clinic) and Dr Zaw Htun (Pinlon Hospital)

Singapore, 11 September 2014 – Asian American Medical Group Limited ("AAMG"), led by renowned liver surgeon Dr Tan Kai Chah, has teamed up with Pinlon Hospital and 30th Street Clinic ("30th Street") to establish the first holistic liver centre in Myanmar, a country of 51 million people with a rising incidence of liver disease.

The new liver centre – Pinlon Liver Center ("PLC") – is expected to open by the end of 2014. It will be situated in privately-held Pinlon Hospital in Yangon and will provide the most advanced treatment for a whole spectrum of liver diseases, including full-fledged liver transplantation in the near future.

The joint venture is 50% held by Pinlon Hospital, 30% by 30th Street, a world-class diagnostics and healthcare centre headed by one of Myanmar's foremost hepatologists and academics, Professor Khin Maung Win ("Professor Khin") and 20% by Asian American Liver Centre ("AALC"), a whollyowned subsidiary of AAMG.

Professor Khin has been actively involved in patient care, continuing medical education and research in the field of hepatology and gastroenterology since 1999. A Founder and Patron of Myanmar Gastroenterology and Liver Society and member of the Myanmar Academy of Medical Science and Myanmar Medical Association, he is also a founding member and Executive Committee member of South Asian Association for the Study of the Liver and a United Nations' Designated Physician.



Listed on the Australian Securities Exchange, AAMG has established a Comprehensive Transplant Centre based in Singapore, in collaboration with the renowned US-based healthcare enterprise UPMC.

AAMG will provide management and consultancy services including training of medical staff, research collaboration and telemedicine to the joint venture. Dr Tan, Executive Chairman of AAMG, who has carried out more than 215 living donor liver transplantations to-date at AALC, will travel regularly to Yangon with fellow AALC surgeons to conduct surgeries together with Myanmar surgeons at PLC.

Professor Khin said, "The establishment of PLC represents a quantum leap in the provision of liver treatment in Myanmar where liver diseases are becoming more prevalent. It has always been my vision to set up a world-class liver centre in Myanmar, as I believe that there is a huge demand for such services in our booming country now. I am proud to partner such a well-regarded healthcare provider as AAMG, led by the renowned liver surgeon Dr K C Tan, and Pinlon Hospital, led by Dr Zaw Htun and Dr Htay Htay Kyi, in our joint efforts to be pioneers in providing access to high-quality medical care for Myanmar and the region."

Dr Htay Htay Kyi of Pinlon Hospital said, "We are excited to incorporate PLC into our premises and to be a part of this partnership with Professor Khin and AAMG. This would not only expand our existing suite of services but also address the existing needs of the population."

"It is a great honour to partner with Pinlon Hospital and Professor Khin. For AAMG, this is a highly significant partnership as we will be able to offer high-quality liver surgery including liver transplantation in the future in Myanmar under the AAMG brand – for both Myanmar as well as international patients," said Dr Tan.

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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 the Asian American Blood & Marrow Transplant Centre Pte Ltd ("AABMTC") which opened in 2013.

AALC, one of Asia's foremost liver centres, is led by renowned hepatobiliary expert and liver transplant surgeon, Dr Tan Kai Chah (Dr K C 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 2013, AALC doctors began providing consultation to Malaysians at iHeal Medical Centre in Malaysia's capital city Kuala Lumpur, and a year later commenced surgical procedures.

AABMTC was established as an extension to AAMG's medical capabilities. It is spearheaded by Dr Yvonne Loh, a Haematologist who specialises in haematopoietic cell transplantation and who has performed close to 100 transplants. Dr Loh also has had specific training in transplant for immunological diseases.

In 2012, AAMG entered into a strategic collaboration with UPMC, one of the top 10 medical institutions in the United States. This has enhanced AAMG's clinical capabilities through shared protocols, rigorous quality standards and technology leading to the establishment of the Comprehensive Transplant Centre – a first-of-its-kind one-stop medical hub for treatment of liver, gastrointestinal and haematological diseases and transplantation in Asia.

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