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Leading Gastroenterologist Joins ACLDT's team of surgeons

Asian Centre for Liver Diseases and Transplantation Limited (ACLDT) announced today that Dr Vincent Lai Wai Kwan, a leading gastroenterologist and specialist in acute liver failure with a Ph.D in medicine, will join its team of surgeons and medical experts from 2nd January 2011.

The appointment comes at a time when ACLDT is expanding its operations in Singapore and its newly opened liver specialist clinic in Vietnam.

Dr Lai was a Consultant Gastroenterologist at Singapore's National University Hospital (NUH) with a specific interest in viral hepatology, acute liver failure and liver transplantation.

Among other appointments, he is also a part of the acute liver failure faculty in the Asia Pacific Study of Liver Disease group. Prior to NUH, he was a Consultant Hepatologist in Derby City General Hospital.

Dr Lai has gained comprehensive training in all areas of Gastroenterology and Transplant Hepatology over a cumulative ten year period. He received his training in transplant hepatology over a five year period in one of the largest transplant unit in Europe. He has learned the investigation and management of upper gastrointestinal (GI), lower GI and hepatobiliary conditions and is confident in the management of dyspepsia / peptic ulcer disease, gastro-oesophageal reflux disease and organic causes of dysphagia. Apart from this, he has a wide knowledge with the management of achalasia, benign strictures and oesophageal malignancies using oesophageal dilatation, alcohol injection, argon plasma coagulation or oesophageal stent insertion and competent with the management of non-variceal upper GI bleeding using adrenaline injection, hemoclips, argon plasma coagulation or heater probe, and with diagnostic and therapeutic fibreoptic sigmoidoscopy and colonoscopy; the latter includes the use of hot biopsy, snare polypectomy and endoscopic mucosal resection. He is also fully trained in endoscopic retrograde cholangiopancreatography (ERCP)

A Malaysian, Dr Lai graduated from Sheffield University and completed his specialist training in the West Midlands UK and was awarded the Certificate of Completion of Training in General Medicine and Gastroenterology. He is on the specialist register in the UK. He received a Ph.D in Medicine in 2007 after

completing a dissertation on a study on "An Investigation Into The Role Of Sinusoidal Endothelium And Liver- Derived Dendritic Cells In Chronic Hepatitis C, Liver Laboratory in University of Birmingham.

"The addition of Dr Vincent Lai to our team of doctors and surgeons further underline ACLDT's vision of enhancing our pool specialist to serve our patients better and also to support our expansion strategies. The wealth of experience and skill that Dr Vincent Lai brings will strengthen ACLDT further and we are delighted with his appointment" said Dato' Dr Tan Kai Chah, Executive Chairman of ACLDT.

"The ACLDT is unique with a set up that is committed in delivering the highest level of individualized care in a highly specialized field of liver and gastrointestinal diseases and transplantation in the region. I am looking forward to joining a dedicated team to enhance the delivery and expansion of such specialize service to the region" Dr Vincent Lai said.

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For and on behalf of the Board

DARIO NAZZARI Company Secretary

About Asian Centre for Liver Diseases and Transplantation

Asian Centre for Liver Diseases & Transplantation Ltd (ASX:AJJ), founded in 1994, started trading on the Australian Securities Exchange in September 2009. The company's centre at Gleneagles Hospital, Singapore, is the largest private liver transplant and liver disease treatment facility in Asia, treating people from throughout the world. AJJ is progressing plans to establish centers in Vietnam, Malaysia and China to meet the growing demand in emerging markets.

The incidence of liver cancer has doubled in the past two decades and continues to increase due to hepatitis B and hepatitis C, alcoholism and fatty liver disease. AJJ has specialist skill in liver transplants from live donors, such as relatives, as the liver is the only human organ that can regenerate.

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