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FV HOSPITAL AND O2 HEALTHCARE GROUP (SINGAPORE) SET UP THE FIRST REGIONAL THORACIC SURGERY CENTRE IN VIETNAM

Leading Singaporean thoracic surgeon and lung cancer specialist, Dr Su Jang Wen, is first of many top Singaporean experts to be brought into FV Hospital

Ho Chi Minh City, 15th August 2024 – FV Hospital, a member of Thomson Medical Group, partners Singapore’s O2 Healthcare Group, a member of OUE Healthcare Limited to set up the first regional Thoracic Surgery Centre in Vietnam. As part of this collaboration, Dr Su Jang Wen, a leading cardiothoracic surgeon and lung cancer specialist from O2 Healthcare Group, will provide treatment for patients at this new centre.

Dr Su received advanced training in thoracic and cardiovascular surgery in the United States. Of the more than 7,000 lung, heart, and oesophageal surgeries he has performed since 2007, 95% have been conducted using video-assisted thoracic surgery (VATS), a minimally invasive technique with incisions of only 1.5 to 3 cm. This advanced technique yields high success rates for a variety of thoracic conditions, including lung cancer, mediastinal tumours, chest wall surgery, pleural conditions, sympathetic nerve surgery, and oesophageal surgery. Dr Su has maintained an impressive record of zero post-operative mortality in elective surgeries.

O2 Healthcare Group, a leading lung specialist group in Singapore, is known for its advanced medical care. With a team of 11 respiratory physicians and 2 cardiothoracic surgeons, the group excels in lung care across Southeast Asia, offering comprehensive and personalised treatments for various lung conditions.

The establishment of a regional FV Thoracic Surgery Centre will greatly enhance the success rate of lung cancer treatment at FV Hospital and in Vietnam. Through this collaboration, FV Hospital can offer cutting-edge diagnostic and treatment options for lung cancer and complex thoracic conditions at affordable prices for patients in Vietnam. Starting today, Vietnamese patients can register for treatment with Dr Su at the FV Thoracic Surgery Centre.

Lung cancer is one of the most prevalent and fatal cancers in Vietnam, affecting both males and females. Cancer accounts for 19% of all deaths in Vietnam, with lung cancer being the second most common cancer and also the second leading cause of death since 2012. In 2020, there were an estimated 26,262 new cases and 23,797 deaths¹. More than 90% of lung cancer cases are linked to smoking. Unfortunately, most patients are diagnosed at a late stage, making treatment difficult and costly.

According to Dr Su's experience, when diagnosed early, the 5-year survival rate post-surgery without chemotherapy can be as high as 99% for stage 0 (meaning pre-invasive lung cancer), and as high as 92% for stage 1A (which is a tumour limited to the lung, with no metastatic dissemination to distant organs or lymph node). The survival rate drops considerably at later stages (for stage 2 the survival rate drops to 40% and for stage 3 it's 15%, most patients dying within a year after the diagnostic. Source of data: Cancer Research UK).

Early detection is crucial and FV Hospital offers lung cancer screening using Low Dose Computerized Tomography ("CT") Scan. The American Cancer Society recommends annual lung cancer screening with a low-dose CT scan for patients aged 50 to 80 years who have smoking history.

Dr Su is privileged to share his over 20 years of knowledge and experience in thoracic surgery, particularly in complex thoracic procedures, with doctors at FV Hospital. He believes that by working together as a team, they will be able to provide high-standard, international-level thoracic surgery services not only to patients in Vietnam, but to the entire region.

Dr Jean-Marcel Guillon, CEO of FV Hospital, said, "*The first regional Thoracic Surgery Centre in Vietnam, co-founded by FV Hospital and O2 Health Group, will offer diagnostic and surgical treatment services for all thoracic conditions, including lung cancer, mediastinal tumours, oesophageal cancer, pneumothorax, chest wall conditions, and sympathetic nerve resection. Additionally, we will collaborate with lung specialists in Vietnam to conduct early lung cancer screenings. From now on, lung cancer patients and those with complex thoracic conditions will no longer need to travel to Singapore for treatment. They can receive high-quality care right here at FV Hospital in Ho Chi Minh City, at a fraction of the price they would pay in Singapore.*"

"The FV Hospital medical team is excited about this collaboration with Singapore's leading surgeons, as it will significantly enhance the treatment of complex cases at FV Hospital. This partnership also provides an opportunity for our medical staff to gain hands-on experience, exchange knowledge, and improve their skills," he added.

¹ <https://www.jto.org/article/S1556-0864%2821%2902229-2/fulltext#:~:text=Cancer%20accounts%20for%20approximately%2019,23%2C797%20cancer%20deaths%20in%202020>



A Wave of Top Singaporean Doctors is Set to Arrive at FV Hospital to Enhance the Treatment of Complex Conditions and Actively Transfer Knowledge and Techniques.

The collaboration between FV Hospital and O2 Healthcare Group marks the beginning of an influx of top specialists from Singapore to FV Hospital to offer cutting-edge diagnostic and treatment options at affordable prices and at the patients' doorstep.

Present at the signing ceremony between FV Hospital and O2 Healthcare Group on August 15, 2024, at FV Hospital, **Dr Melvin Heng, CEO of Thomson Medical Group**, said: *“O2 Healthcare Group is the first of 11 major medical centres in Singapore that we are partnering with to bring top specialists from Singapore to provide treatment to patients at FV Hospital. These specialists will address complex conditions in fields such as TAVR cardiac interventions, electrophysiology, vascular surgery, spinal surgery, neurosurgery, pelvic surgery, urological cancer surgery, head and neck surgery, liver treatment, oncology, and general surgery”*.

About FV Hospital

FV Hospital is the first 100% foreign-invested hospital in Vietnam conceived and created by a group of French doctors at the time when the Vietnamese Government called for foreign investors to participate in the health sector.

FV Hospital opened for business on 11th March 2003 and after 20 years of development, FV Hospital is considered the leading private hospital in Vietnam who obtained 3 consecutive JCI Gold Seal certifications - a proud achievement.

About Thomson Medical Group

Listed on the Mainboard of the Singapore Exchange, Thomson Medical Group Limited (SGX: A50) is one of the leading listed healthcare players in the South-East Asian region with operations in Singapore, Malaysia and Vietnam.

Established in 1979, the Group's Thomson Medical Pte Ltd is one of the largest private provider of healthcare services for women and children in Singapore. It owns and operates the iconic Thomson Medical Centre and a network of close to 40 specialist medical clinics and facilities providing outpatient women and children healthcare services, and service offerings in diagnostic imaging, health screening, gynaecological oncology, dentistry, specialist dermatology, traditional Chinese medicine, musculoskeletal and sports medicine.



The Group's operations in Malaysia under TMC Life Sciences Berhad is a multi-disciplinary healthcare company listed on Bursa Malaysia. It operates Thomson Hospital Kota Damansara, a tertiary hospital located in Kota Damansara, and the award-winning TMC Fertility Centre which is the industry leader in assisted reproduction in Malaysia. It also owns the proposed Thomson Iskandar Medical Hub in Johor Bahru, Malaysia.

The Group also owns a prime 9.23 ha freehold waterfront land, strategically located in Johor Bahru's City Centre, with a proposed long-term plan to build an integrated healthcare city to meet the growing healthcare needs of the people in the region.

The Group's FV Hospital operations in Vietnam provides care across more than 30 medical specialities, including oncology, cardiology, ophthalmology, orthopaedics, maternity, and gastroenterology. The first Joint Commission International-accredited hospital in South Vietnam, it has close to 200 operating beds and over 1600 staff, which includes more than 200 Vietnamese and expatriate doctors.

FV Hospital also operates an outpatient clinic FV Saigon Clinic and the American Chiropractic Clinic business, which consists of a network of four clinics across Vietnam, offering chiropractic services and sports medicine.

About O2 Healthcare Group

O2 Healthcare Group is a leading lung specialist group based in Singapore, known for its cutting-edge medical care and advanced treatment techniques. With a team of 11 respiratory physicians and 2 cardiothoracic surgeons, O2 Healthcare Group has established itself as a leader in lung care in the Southeast Asia Region. With expertise in cardiac surgery, thoracic surgery, pulmonary medicine, and intensive care, O2 Healthcare Group is committed to offering comprehensive and personalized specialist medical services tailored to address a diverse range of lung conditions.

O2 Healthcare Group is a member of OUE Healthcare's group of companies.

About OUE Healthcare Limited

OUE Healthcare Limited ("OUE Healthcare") is a regional healthcare group focused on building a sustainable healthcare ecosystem in Asia anchored on Singapore's medical excellence. OUE Healthcare is the healthcare arm of OUE Limited, which is a leading real estate and healthcare group based in Singapore. OUE Healthcare is a Singapore-incorporated company and has been listed on the Catalist of the SGX-ST since 8 July 2013.



Currently, OUE Healthcare's regional network comprises healthcare operations in Singapore, China and Myanmar. In Singapore, OUE Healthcare operates and manages O2 Healthcare Group, a lung specialist group with expertise in respiratory care and cardiothoracic surgeries. OUE Healthcare also owns a strategic stake in Healthway Medical Corporation, a respected medical group with extensive networks of clinics and medical centres in Singapore. In Myanmar, OUE Healthcare jointly operates and manages Pun Hlaing Hospitals, one of the leading private hospital groups in the country. In China, OUE Healthcare operates a grade-I general hospital in Wuxi and is jointly developing and operating two grade-II hospitals with China Merchants Group, in Changshu and Shenzhen respectively.

Additionally, OUE Healthcare is the largest unitholder of First Real Estate Investment Trust, Singapore's first listed healthcare real estate investment trust, holding a direct stake of about 32%; and holds a 40% stake of its manager, First REIT Management Limited.

OUE Healthcare continually seeks to grow its healthcare businesses in Asia via its three-pronged strategy comprising strategic partnerships, asset-light business model and regional expansion.