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Korea-Arizona trauma summit is underway

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Singapore: South Korea is trying to establish a national trauma system and is going to make several significant devlopments towards towards estabishing the same at the Korea-Arizona Trauma Summit, which is being held from April 1-3, 2013. During the summit, a delegation from Korea, comprising of government, medical and healthcare experts, will vist Arizona, US.

The summit, which is hosted by the Ramsey Social Justice Foundation in collaboration with the Arizona Department of Health Services, will bring Koreans closer access to coordinated, state-of-the-art trauma care. Korea-Arizona Trauma Summit will take place in Phoenix and Tucson. It will include tours, numerous presentations and demonstrations facilitated by medical and hospital leaders from Arizona's internationally renowned EMS and Trauma System.

The Korean delegation is comprised of 34 physicians, public health and government officials, including Mr Oh Jae Sae, Congressman of the National Assembly; Minister of Health and Welfare, Jung Woo Jin; chairman of the Korean Society of Traumatology, Dr Lee Jong Bouk; and the president of the National Medical Center, Dr Youn Yeo Kyu. One of the high points of the unique, three-day international summit is a Memo of Understanding that establishes a Korean Government Trauma Council in Arizona on April 1. The memo includes the appointments of Bob Ramsey, President and Founder of the Ramsey Social Justice Foundation; and Dr Bentley Bobrow of the Arizona Department of Health Services and the Foundation's medical director, as official US Councilors.

Among the state and local political officials at the Welcome Ceremony will be Arizona Governor Mr Jan Brewer; Congressman Mr Ed Pastor; Phoenix Mayor Mr Greg Stanton; Scottsdale Mayor Mr Jim Lane; Director of Health Services Mr Will Humble; Director of the Arizona Department of Health Services Bureau of EMS and Trauma System and Ramsey Social Justice Foundation Medical Director Dr Bentley Bobrow; CEO and President of Maricopa Integrated Health System Ms Betsey Bayless; Chief of Glendale Fire Department Mr Mark Burdick; and Chief of Phoenix Fire Department Mr Bob Khan.

Arizona facilities hosting portions of the summit will be the Maricopa Integrated Health Systems, University of Arizona College of Medicine, University Medical Center, Phoenix Fire Department, Starwest Tech International, Rural/Metro Ambulance Services, Phoenix Children's Hospital and Scottsdale Healthcare. Mr Bob Ramsey explained that the establishment of the trauma counsel has its roots in meetings here last year when the Korean government dispatched 12 trauma surgeons and

public health officials to learn how Arizona's globally renowned statewide EMS and Trauma System and out-of-hospital electronic data measurement system were implemented. "Those productive meetings resulted in forging close relationships between Arizona EMS and Trauma System leaders, the Ramsey Social Justice Foundation and the Korean Trauma Society," said Mr Ramsey.

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