CT Scan Equipment Improved

Much needed improvements have been implemented for the CT scan equipment at the Belau National Hospital. Work on the system’s power supply began in July to stabilize power to both the CT scan and wall-mounted X-ray equipment in the Radiology Department.

“With the completion of the CT scan repairs along with the X-ray unit, both can now benefit from the Uninterruptable Power Supply (UPS) system to condition electrical anomalies and prevent sudden power loss,” says Bio-Med Equipment Specialist Alben Adelbai, who further explained that both units had to be turned off during rainy and windy conditions in the past due to the high risk of power outage.

Since July, errors within the CT scan have been corrected and other critical parts including a new power module have been installed to allow the equipment to function efficiently even in the event of an island-wide power loss and while running on backup generators.

“The CT scan is the most expensive medical equipment in the Belau National Hospital and the new UPS power system is one of the most important improvements to the hospital,” says Adelbai.

The Computerized Tomography (CT) Scan is used globally to supplement x-ray and medical ultrasonography not only in the diagnosis and treatment of injuries and other medical conditions but is also used for preventive medicine and screening.

BNH Security Officers Deputized

 Shin Kong Medical Team Visits BNH

The 2014 Medical Team from the Republic of China, Taiwan Shin Kong Hospital under the “Taiwan Medical Program (TMP),” sponsored by the ROC government, recently concluded its visit to the Republic of Palau providing free medical service to the people of Palau. This year, the medical team focused on three medical specialty areas such as Cardiology (Heart Disease), Pulmonology (Respiratory Illness), Nephrology (Kidney Disease), and Nutrition.

The team members were Dr. Shiow-Wen Liou, Dr. Lung-Ching Chen, Cardiologist, Dr. Chun-Yu Lai, Pulmonologist, Dr. Ming-Hsien Tsai, Nephrologists, Ms. Shu-Fen Liao, Chief of Nutrition Department and Ms. Ya-Hui Tseng, Head Nurse. The delegation was led by Dr. Sheng-Mou Hou, Superintendent of Shin Kong Hospital.

The medical team saw over a hundred patients, provided training for medical staff, and worked together with the Ministry’s senior management team to enhance local capacity for patient care and improve the medical referral program between the Belau National Hospital and Shin Kong Hospital.

Mr. Gregorio Ngirmang, the Minister of Health stated, “I would like to express our appreciation to Dr. Shen-Mou Hou, and his delegation for the wonderful work they have provided to many of our patients in Palau.”

He continued: “Since we have successfully begun to send medical referral patients to Shin Kong Hospital for medical treatment, we have saved the government thousands of dollars but more importantly we have made a difference in the lives of so many of our patients. The Ministry of Health takes the opportunity to thank Her Excellency, Extraordinary & Plenipotentiary, Maggie Tien, Ambassador to the Republic of China, Taiwan for funding this important program and their continued support for health care of the people of Palau.”

MINISTRY OF HEALTH
Greetings! This is the inaugural issue of the “Pulse”, Ministry of Health’s newsletter, whose purpose is to share the good work that the hard-working men and women of the Ministry do every day for the health of our nation. The newsletter is an important tool that will provide direct communication to the public, strengthen our relationships with our partners, facilitate dialogue with our patients, and raise awareness on our public health initiatives.

The Pulse shall have a strong and clear voice, our voice, to articulate our strengths and weaknesses and find opportunities to work together to better our communities.

Today, Palauans face tremendous health challenges due to Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs), as we see how they affect our health systems, and our communities. In response to this crisis, the Ministry of Health consolidates its resources, and with leadership and support from the Office of the President, collaborates with other Ministries and partners to combat this threat to the health of our nation, because we cannot do this alone; it can only be done with the “whole of society, the whole of government”. We need all individuals, families, clans, traditional and government leaders, schools, churches, businesses, civil society and government agencies because health is everyone’s responsibility.

This newsletter is the first step in our advocacy campaign for health, and we will use it with other tools including social media, online interactive website, radio talk shows, a public health channel, and other forms of media to maintain communication with you. We want to take health to where it belongs, not just in our churches, our homes - where we live, play, work and pray. But where we need it most - our OKE chambers, our classrooms, our offices, our hospital, nor our clinics or our wards but where we need it most - where we live, play, work and pray.

Today, we are sharing about the Ministry of Health’s newsletter, whose purpose is to share the good work that the hard-working men and women of the Ministry do every day for the health of our nation. The newsletter is an important tool that will provide direct communication to the public, strengthen our relationships with our partners, facilitate dialogue with our patients, and raise awareness on our public health initiatives.

The MOH continues to monitoring the outbreaks in West Africa along with others in the region and continues to follow latest preparedness guidelines from WHO and the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).