

# New emergency units for northern emirates

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THE know-how of medical experts from Germany's LMU Munich University has been roped in to develop emergency and trauma services in Northern Emirates and to establish a psychiatric centre in Sharjah.

The Ministry of Health (MoH) signed a Memorandum of Understanding with LMU Munich Medical International (LMU-MMI), the corporation of the University, on the sidelines of the recently held Arab Health Congress in Dubai.

MoH Undersecretary Dr Ali Ahmed Bin Shakar, who signed the MoU, said that the Minister of Health Humaid Mohammed Obeid Al Qattami had selected LMU-MMI to provide a detailed study about the capacities and future development of the trauma service for the Northern Emirates with a particular focus on Sheikh Khalifa Hospital in Ajman.

"Based on the extensive

experience of Munich University in assessing and restructuring large parts of the emergency services of Southern Germany, Southern Tirol and Austria, LMU-MMI will conduct the detailed analysis and provide the MoH with specific recommendations for reorganisation of the service in the Northern Emirates."

Officials of LMU-MMI said that they had been requested to arrange a complex training programme for those involved in trauma services. "This is a task that we have successfully carried out to date to more than 30,000 trainees at Munich University," a release said.

As part of the MoU, LMU-MMI will also plan and establish a treatment centre for mental disorders in Sharjah. With support of the government, local stakeholders and particularly Sheikhha Jameela Al Qassimi, the Chairperson of the Sharjah City for Humanitarian Services, LMU-MMI is developing a medical concept

for the psychiatric services.

LMU-MMI started its operations in the UAE with the opening of the Ultrasound Training Academy in Dubai Healthcare City (DHCC) in 2006. DHCC has also commissioned LMU MMI to plan a 30,000 square feet Medical Simulation Centre which will be part of a state-of-the-art educational facility built by Harvard Medical School Dubai Centre (HMSDC).

The new building complex at the heart of DHCC is scheduled for completion by the end of 2007 and will be equipped with leading-edge technology. It will also accommodate the Maktoum Harvard Medical Library which will be the most advanced collection of clinical and professional development resources in the region.

The planning process of the Simulation Centre is supported by the Institute of Emergency Medicine and Medicine Management at LMU Munich University.