

Trauma centre for Ajman

MoH SIGNS A PACT WITH MUNICH MEDICAL INTERNATIONAL

By a staff reporter

DUBAI — The Ministry of Health and LMU Munich Medical International (LMU-MMI) have signed a memorandum of understanding to establish a trauma centre for emergency services in the Shaikh Khalifa Hospital in Ajman.

After signing the MoU with German officials during the Arab Health 2007, Dr Ali Shukr, Undersecretary at the MoH, said the LMU-MMI will provide a detailed study about the capacities and future development of trauma service in Northern Emirates with particular focus on Shaikh Khalifa Hospital in Ajman.

In 2006, the universities corporation started its operations in the UAE with the opening of the Ultrasound Training Academy in Dubai Healthcare City (DHCC). The LMU-MMI is now

also planning to set up a large simulation centre in Dubai, conduct a survey of trauma services in the Northern Emirates and establish a treatment centre for mental disorders in Sharjah.

"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 detailed analysis and provide MoH with specific recommendations for reorganisation of the service in the Northern Emirates," he said.

Officials of the LMU Munich Medical International said that the UAE has given LMU-MMI a task to arrange for a comprehensive training programme for those involved in trauma services.

"This is a task that we have successfully carried

out at Munich University," they explained.

The German officials also said that LMU Munich University would offer medical consultation and education in the country. "But, the major focus of the activities is planning of healthcare services and healthcare delivery," they added.

Feasibility Study

As part of the MoU, LMU-MMI also plans to establish a treatment centre for patients with mental disorder in Sharjah.

"With support of the government, local stakeholders and Shaikha Jameela Al Qasimi, Chairperson of the Sharjah City for Humanitarian Services, the LMU-MMI is developing a medical concept which will be tested in a feasibility study," said the German officials.

In November 2006, the LMU Munich Medical International started its first training courses at

the LMU Ultrasound Training Academy Dubai, a 6,000-sq-ft training facility that provides interactive and computer-based ultrasound training courses to medical professionals and sonographers from the Middle East, Asia, Africa and Europe.

In the academy, courses in abdominal and vascular ultrasound, obstetrical ultrasound, echocardiography, soft tissue and trauma ultrasound are conducted. The training programmes are accredited by Harvard Medical School Dubai Centre.

The DHCC commissioned the LMU Munich Medical International to plan a 30,000-sq-ft 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 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.

Simulation Centre

The planning process of the simulation centre is supported by the Institute of Emergency Medicine and Medicine Management (INM) at the LMU Munich University. The institute has established a high-tech simulation centre in Munich which is one of the most modern centres of its kind worldwide, integrating highly realistic scenarios for teaching trainees in the essential clinical skills of pre-hospital and in-hospital acute medical care. It also includes real time video monitoring system (full digital A-V) for evaluating the trainees.