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LASIK Forum @ The Lasik Surgery Clinic

Dates: 18 March 2009 (Wed) @ 7pm
19 March 2009 (Thurs) @ 7pm
21 March 2009 (Sat) @ 4pm

Venue: The Lasik Surgery Clinic
290 Orchard Road #13-01/06
Paragon Medical Singapore 238859
Refreshments will be served

Speakers: Dr Marc Tay
Dr Yap Soo Keong
Dr Jon Goh
Dr Leonard Ang
(Senior Eye Consultants)
Subject to rotation

Agenda:

1. Common Vision Problems
2. Are You A Suitable Candidate For LASIK?
3. How LASIK Is Done?
4. Option For Presbyopia "Lau Hua"
- 40 Years Old & Above
5. Custom LASIK Vs. Wavefront LASIK
6. INTRALASE™ (blade-free) Vs. Microkeratome (blade)
- We Have Both Applications
7. VISX Technology
8. Possible Risks & Side Effects
9. Prevention & Successful Management Of LASIK Complications



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Help for the ♥ in Kim Keat

RESIDENTS in Kim Keat will now have help close at hand should they suffer a cardiac arrest. For the first time, an automated external defibrillator (AED) has been installed at a home for the aged and made accessible to those in the same neighbourhood.

To ensure that the device is used properly, training in the use of the defibrillator and cardio-pulmonary resuscitation (CPR) has been provided to staff of the Adventist Home for the Elders, at Block 195 Kim Keat Avenue, as well as to volunteers and resident committee members in the area.

Speaking at the event marking the installation of the device yesterday, Member of Parliament (Bishan-Toa Payoh GRC) Josephine Teo



MP Josephine Teo at the launch in Kim Keat yesterday. PHOTO COURTESY ALBERT SEAH

praised the community partnership. She urged more to attend the training in future: "All these will go a long way in helping to save more lives."

In recent years, an increasing number of AEDs have been installed

in public places such as schools and shopping centres. When used together with CPR, an AED is seen as an important step in the chain of survival, especially in the initial stages of a heart attack.

SINGAPORE EDUCATION

More Saudi students here

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FIRST, it was a draw for students from South-east Asia, and then students from China in search of an overseas education without having to leave Asia. Now, Singapore is also proving attractive to tertiary students from Saudi Arabia.

At least 70 King Abdullah scholars from Saudi Arabia are expected here this year, a huge jump from the pioneer batch of 14 who will be entering their third year of studies at local universities in August. Singapore and Saudi Arabia have had a co-operation framework for education and scientific research since 2006.

Out of the 54 Saudi students already pursuing graduate and post-graduate studies in Singapore, almost two out of three are women. Issues of personal safety and convenience were cited as reasons for choosing Singapore.

Saudi Arabia's Ambassador



Mr Ahmed Alakeeli plans to study aerospace engineering at NTU.

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to Singapore, Mr Jamil Mahmoud M Merdad, said: "We have a close relationship with our religion, our values and culture.

"That's why Singapore represents to us an opportunity for our girls to come here and to go to school very comfortably without being harassed or experience the problems other students face abroad especially in the West."

Pioneer Saudi students look forward to welcoming more of their fellow citizens to Singapore. One of them, Mr Mohammad Nizar, who is studying at the National University of Singapore (NUS), felt "Singaporeans don't know a lot about Saudis", so having more Saudis coming to Singapore to study will help Singaporeans understand them better.

These students, like Mr Jihad Qari, also plan to make the most of their time here: "I'm studying English at the British Council and after I finish, I will go to university, either NUS or Nanyang Technological University (NTU) to finish a master's degree."

Another student, Mr Ahmed Alakeeli, said: "My future plan is to get a bachelor degree in aerospace engineering at NTU, and after that, I will try to get a master's degree and a PhD."

Of the more than 70 new King Abdullah scholars expected this year, 40 have already arrived, while at least 30 more are expected to join them in the coming months.

More Singapore companies venture into Oman

THE presence of Singaporean companies in the Middle East is growing — with two homegrown companies the latest to go into joint-ventures with businesses located in Oman.

In a signing ceremony yesterday witnessed by President S R Nathan, who is now in Oman on a state visit, the two firms, Top Great Engineering & Marine and Sky Holding Pte Ltd, sealed their partnerships with Omani companies, WJ Towell and Al Lawami International LLC respectively.

Top Great Engineering is

partnering WJ Towell to build two sets of dock gates for Port of Duqm Sultanate of Oman, the second largest dry dock in the world.

The project itself is worth about \$30 million.

Meanwhile, steel manufacturer Sky Holdings's joint-venture with Al Lawami is to provide management and technological expertise to set up a cable manufacturing plant in Oman. The annual capacity of the plant is expected to be from 20,000 tonnes to 50,000 tonnes.

Both companies will be setting up offices in Oman.

Welcoming the development, Mr Lim Ban Hoe, IE Singapore's regional director of International Operations (Middle East & Africa) said "the Middle East is a region of rich natural resources, and Oman is a market with great potential."

This include business opportunities in sectors such as urban and industrial infrastructure, health care, oil and gas infrastructure services, as well as information technology.