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CHINA'S LEADING REFORMER SPEAKS

Recovery, Resilience and Respect: Mental Health in China

Under Prof Yu Xin's enlightened and creative leadership, the world's most populous country is now embarking on the largest and most ambitious program of mental health reform ever known. From institutional practices to family and community-based care, China is witnessing an unprecedented health service transformation.

Prof Yu is Executive Director of the National Institute of Mental Health, Peking University. His institute was central to mental health recovery efforts following China's disastrous Sichuan earthquake last year and continues to work in affected areas. He will visit Australia next week as part of Asia-Australia Mental Health.

Interview times available:

Tuesday, February 17, 2009

Prof Yu's outstanding contribution to this area has been recognised with the following national and international positions held: the Inaugural Chairman and Standing Committee Member of the Chinese Psychiatric Association, Board Member International Narcotics Control Board, Member of the International Expert Group for the WHO International Classification of Diseases Revision, Member of the Advisory Board for Mental Health for the Ministry of Health PRC, Vice Chairman of The Chinese Association for Alzheimer's Disease and consultant to the Aging Research Center of Peking University. In 1998, he was the Hubert Humphrey Fellow at the School of Public Health, Johns Hopkins University, USA.

In Australia he was awarded the PA/Pfizer Fellowship in 1996 for advanced training at The Academic Unit of Old Age Psychiatry, University of Melbourne and was an invited speaker for the 2005 Deakin lectures in Melbourne.

Prof Yu will deliver a free public lecture about the challenges of building a mental health service for one fifth of the world's population, and of the unique partnership forged over many years with Australian colleagues that collaboratively seeks solutions to the enormous challenge of supporting the most marginalised in any society - the mentally ill.

The lecture is presented by Asia-Australia Mental Health. It will be held in the Carrillo Gantner Basement Theatre, Sidney Myer Asia Centre, The University of Melbourne, on Tuesday, 17 February 2009, 6.15 pm to 7.30 pm.

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