

## **New TelePathology and TeleMedicine Partnership between UCLA Health and Zhengzhou, China.**

On April 10, 2015, the Zhengzhou International TeleMedicine Center was officially unveiled. The Vice Mayor of Zhengzhou, Ms. Liu Dong, the Director of Zhengzhou Municipal Health and Family Planning Commission (HFPC), Mr. Gu Jianqin, the Vice Director of Henan Provincial HFPC, Mr. Huang Wei, the CEO of Zhengzhou 6<sup>th</sup> People's Hospital (Z6PH), Mr. Xu Jinsheng, and several hundred health professionals and workers from local hospitals attended the opening ceremony of the Center. A delegation from UCLA also attended and spoke at the ceremony: Dr. Jianyu Rao, professor of pathology and laboratory medicine at the Geffen School of Medicine, Dr. Serge Alexanian, Chief Medical Officer and Laboratory Medical Director of UCLA Health / CTI Medical Laboratories, Mr. Michael Burke, Director of UCLA Health International Development, and Dr. Qingmei Jia, Researcher of Division of Infectious Diseases, Department of Medicine.



The Zhengzhou 6<sup>th</sup> People's hospital, also known as Henan Provincial Infectious Diseases Hospital, was established in 1953. It is a comprehensive infectious Diseases hospital in Henan province, providing medical treatment, teaching, scientific research, prevention, health care, and rehabilitation to the local and provincial community. An agreement reached among UCLA, the Second Affiliated Hospital of Zhejiang University

(SAHZU), and Z6PH led the Zhengzhou Municipal HFPC to establish the Zhengzhou International TeleMedicine Center to advance medical care and meet the increasingly specialized medical needs of patients from Zhengzhou, Henan. The Zhengzhou International TeleMedicine Center is currently composed of three interrelated platforms: (a) International TelePathology platform, allowing the center to collaborate closely with the UCLA International Telepathology program led by Dr. Scott Binder and Dr. Jianyu Rao, SAHZU, and Z6PH; (b) International TeleMedicine platform, and (c) Domestic TeleMedicine platform.

Zhengzhou, the capital city of Henan province, is one of the three largest commodity trading centers in China, a nationally integrated transport hub, and the biggest city of the new Asia-Europe continental bridge China section and the Yellow River basin. With a resident population of 9.19 million, Zhengzhou ranks No. 2 in population density among all capital cities in the country. There are a total of 4026 medical and health institutions at various levels in Zhengzhou, including 216 hospitals, 3642 basic community health care centers/clinics, 140 public health institutions, and 28 other medical institutions.

Immediately prior to the opening ceremony, a videoconference between UCLA Health and Zhengzhou International TeleMedicine center answered audience questions.



“The establishment of the Zhengzhou International TeleMedicine Center means that not only can patients from Zhengzhou, China be referred directly to the University of California, Los Angeles in U.S., receive services of diagnosis, treatment, and rehabilitation, but also we can exchange medical research, education, and health worker training with UCLA ” Said Gu Jianqin, the Director of Zhengzhou Municipal HFPC.

The CEO of Z6PH, Mr. Xu Jinsheng, said, “Zhengzhou International TeleMedicine Center is the first International TeleMedicine center established in Zhengzhou. Its goal is to establish a domestic first class TeleMedicine Center with advanced equipment and scientific management, providing broad and immediate diagnosis and treatment services to the local people”.

Several weeks after the event, members of the Zhengzhou Health Ministry, municipal government, and Sixth People’s Hospital visited UCLA for a bilateral exchange. In addition to tours of Ronald Reagan Medical Center and the Brentwood Microbiology annex, the visit initiated discussions for a potential educational initiative to further UCLA’s outreach efforts in the People’s Republic of China.

