



UCB supports new epilepsy patient centre in Beijing and partners with Chinese association to open more

- UCB part of Belgian trade mission to China
- HRH Princess Mathilde of Belgium inaugurates new patient centre
- Signing of memorandum of understanding with CAAE in presence of HRH Prince Philippe of Belgium

Beijing, 24 October 2011 UCB is supporting a new epilepsy centre at the Peking University First Hospital in Beijing - officially opened today by HRH Princess Mathilde of Belgium as part of the Belgian economic mission to China.

The aim of the epilepsy centre is to raise awareness about this severe disease amongst paediatric patients and the families who care for them. The centre was launched in collaboration with the Chinese Association Against Epilepsy (CAAE), which has had a strategic partnership with UCB since 2005.

Following the official opening, UCB CEO Roch Doliveux signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with Professor Shichuo Li, President of the CAAE. The MOU reaffirms UCB's ongoing support to the association with the aim of opening further epilepsy awareness centres across China's main cities in the coming years.

Luc Vermeesch, Head of UCB's International Major Markets commented: "Opening this first awareness centre today is an important milestone in the UCB-CAAE partnership which will continue to blossom in the future. Our passion is to improve the lives of epilepsy patients all over the world – and this of course includes people who live with epilepsy here in China, as well as their families".

Epilepsy is the most common serious neurological disorder and is one of the world's most prevalent non-communicable diseases. In China, epilepsy constitutes a significant health challenge that affects nine million people with around 400,000 new cases diagnosed every year.

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