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SPREADING SMILES ACROSS JIANGSU, CHINA

TORONTO – Smile China’s medical team is preparing for its 6th and largest mission to China, Dr. Joseph Wong, Chair and Founder of Smile China announced today.

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“We are really looking forward to our upcoming mission and we are already being overwhelmed by the number of requests from parents as news of our upcoming mission spreads,” said Dr. Wong.

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Leaving in October, Smile China’s medical team will travel to Yancheng, Jiangsu in the People’s Republic of China. With the goal of helping 100 children this year, the medical team is the largest in Smile China’s history and includes world-renowned facial plastic surgeons from both Canada and the United States.

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This year’s mission is also special since Jiangsu is Ontario’s sister province in China, and the mission follows on historic commitments for a medical humanitarian mission made by Smile China during the November 2005 trade mission to China led by Premier McGuinty.

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“We are also pleased that, as in past missions, we will have an opportunity to educate the local hospitals and surgeons with the most up-to-date medical techniques,” said Dr. Wong. “Hopefully, armed with this knowledge, local surgeons will build self-sufficient cleft lip and palate programs to have a sustained effect on the children who need this type of surgery.”

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Smile China is a registered Canadian charitable organization that helps restore self-esteem and health to children born with cleft lip or palate deformities in rural China. Each year the Smile China team, led by Dr. Wong, visits the poorest, most remote cities in China to perform corrective facial surgery for underprivileged children. To date, Smile China has helped over 150 children and trained over 100 local physicians.

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To send off the medical team, Smile China will hold the first annual “Spread-a-Smile” Fundraising Gala on Friday, September 29, 2006 at the Mandarin Garden Banquet & Convention Centre in Brampton.

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*It may only be a cleft repair, but it restores a child's life.
It may only be a smile, but it's one filled with hope and dignity.*