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NEW MOWASAT HOSPITAL AND CHIREC JOIN FORCES

OPHTHALMOLOGY CENTER OF EXCELLENCE OPENS

KUWAIT: Following its affiliation with CHIREC in September 2012, New Mowasat Hospital launched an event to mark the official opening of its ophthalmology center with its Belgium partner. CHIREC (The Centre Hospitalier Interregional Edith Cavell) is the largest medical center in Belgium and one of the most reputable institutions for eye care services.

The opening which was hosted in New Mowasat's ophthalmology center, was attended by Didier Reynders - Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Belgium and Damien Angelet - Ambassador of the Kingdom of Belgium to Kuwait, Nabila Al-Mulla ambassador of Kuwait to the kingdom of Belgium and Salah M Al-Wazzan Chairman & Managing Director of Al-Mowasat Holding Company. Moreover the event was attended by all Mowasat, members of Senior Management, in-house physicians and representatives from CHIREC who celebrated the momentous occasion.

In the press conference, New Mowasat hospital announced that its Ophthalmology Center of Excellence is fully equipped with the latest technology in the field, such as the iFS Femtosecond and the Schwind Amaris 750S. Its state-of-the-art facilities and highly-qualified doctors from Kuwait and Belgium place New Mowasat Hospital in a leading position to provide the most comprehensive and advanced eye care services.

Salah M Al-Wazzan, Chairman and Managing director of Al-Mowasat Holding company expressed his gratitude to Didier Reynders and the Belgium delegation, wishing great success to the affiliation between CHIREC and New Mowasat Hospital. Didier Reynders also declared his great pride in seeing such large healthcare institutions collaborating, which will surely result in better medical services offered in New Mowasat Hospital.

On this occasion, Nadeem Nazir, hospital director stated; "This center, which is an affiliation project with CHIREC Hospital Belgium, will bring together highly qualified doctors from Kuwait and Belgium in a state-of-the-art facility; allowing patients and public, local access to international,

comprehensive and advanced eye care services."

Moreover, Nadeem Nazir emphasized the positive outcome of this strategic partnership saying, "This affiliation will make available the most advanced international practice in the field of ophthalmology". In his opening speech, Dr Eduard Lotz, New Mowasat's Deputy Hospital Director, noted: "New Mowasat's essential role is

ance here even more."

Dr Bali and his team will collaborate with Dr Mohamed Abd Al-Naby, Dr Ghazi Al-Hamdan and Dr Mohamed Wagih El-Deeb, Consultant Ophthalmologists in New Mowasat Hospital, to guarantee that all procedures will be performed at the highest international standards to ensure only the best care is provided to New Mowasat's



carrying for patients, noting that since its founding almost 50 years ago, Mowasat has continuously taken initiative in promoting Quality, as evidenced by its accreditation from the Accreditation Canada International (ACI) & the Joint Commission International (JCI). He added "This event marks a milestone for New Mowasat, whereby international quality, techniques and technology are now accessible."

Dr Jacques Detoef, CEO of CHIREC Brussels, noted his pleasure of CHIREC's affiliation with New Mowasat Hospital, one of the leading hospitals in Kuwait. Whereas Dr Ernesto Bali, Cataract and Vitreo Retinal Surgeon at CHIREC, emphasized "New Mowasat is fully equipped with the most reliable and advanced machines available today in the international market and that will give us the opportunity to enhance our perform-

patients.

The New Mowasat Hospital was established in 1965 as one of the leading healthcare providers in Kuwait. The hospital is an accredited healthcare facility by the Accreditation Canada International (ACI) and the Joint Commission International (JCI). With forty seven years of leadership, the New Mowasat Hospital continues to expand and improve on its range of services to better serve the local citizens and residents alike.

The Centre Hospitalier Interregional Edith Cavell, or CHIREC, was established in 1936 in Belgium. It consists of four hospital sites and a medical centre, offering treatment in almost every medical and surgical discipline. Due to willingness to constantly aim for high performance, CHIREC has been awarded a number of quality labels.