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The China Medical Board of New York, Inc. is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Lincoln Chen as its next president, effective July 1, 2006. An internationally respected leader in global philanthropy and international health, Dr. Chen comes to the China Medical Board from his current position as Director of the Global Equity Initiative at Harvard University's Asia Center. Prior leadership experiences include serving as Executive Vice President for the Rockefeller Foundation, Taro Takemi Professor of International Health at Harvard's School of Public Health, and Director of the Harvard Center for Population and Development Studies.

"Dr. Chen's wide-ranging background and understanding of the importance of China's medical and public health education in today's world makes him ideally suited to lead the China Medical Board towards its 100th anniversary in 2014," said Dr. Jordan Cohen, President of the Association of American Medical Colleges and Chair of the CMB Presidential Selection Committee.

CMB Board Chair Mary Brown Bullock observed that "Lincoln Chen understands the significance of this pivotal moment in the history of modern medicine and public health in China and Southeast Asia. He will assist us in working with our partner institutions as well as creating new institutional linkages to address the challenging health issues of our times."

Lincoln Chen received his BA from Princeton University, his MD from Harvard Medical School, and his MPH from The Johns Hopkins School of Hygiene and Public Health. His international experience includes serving as Representative of the Ford Foundation to India, Nepal and Sri Lanka, and earlier as the Scientific Director of the International Center for Diarrheal Disease Research in Bangladesh. He currently serves as Chair of the Board of Directors of CARE, a Board member of the United National Fund for International Partnerships, and is a member of the Institute of Medicine, the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, and the World Academy of Arts and Sciences.

The China Medical Board has, since inception, been the leading American foundation focused on medicine and public health in Asia. Among its most important contributions have been launching modern, western-based medical sciences and education in China with the establishment and continued support for Peking Union Medical College, pioneering village-based rural health work in China, and strengthening medical education and research – in medicine, nursing and public health – at key medical institutions in more than a dozen Asian countries.

During the past ten years, under the leadership of Roy Schwarz, MD, the China Medical Board has supported projects designed to enhance medical, nursing and public health education, as well as research in the biomedical sciences and public health. One notable project was the creation of the Institute for International Medical Education, which developed Global Minimum Essential Requirements or competency standards for medical education worldwide. This project was pilot tested in eight key Chinese medical universities and the results have triggered a wave of education reform across China. The only two Chinese national awards for medical education during the past four years were given for this and a CMB sponsored curriculum reform project.