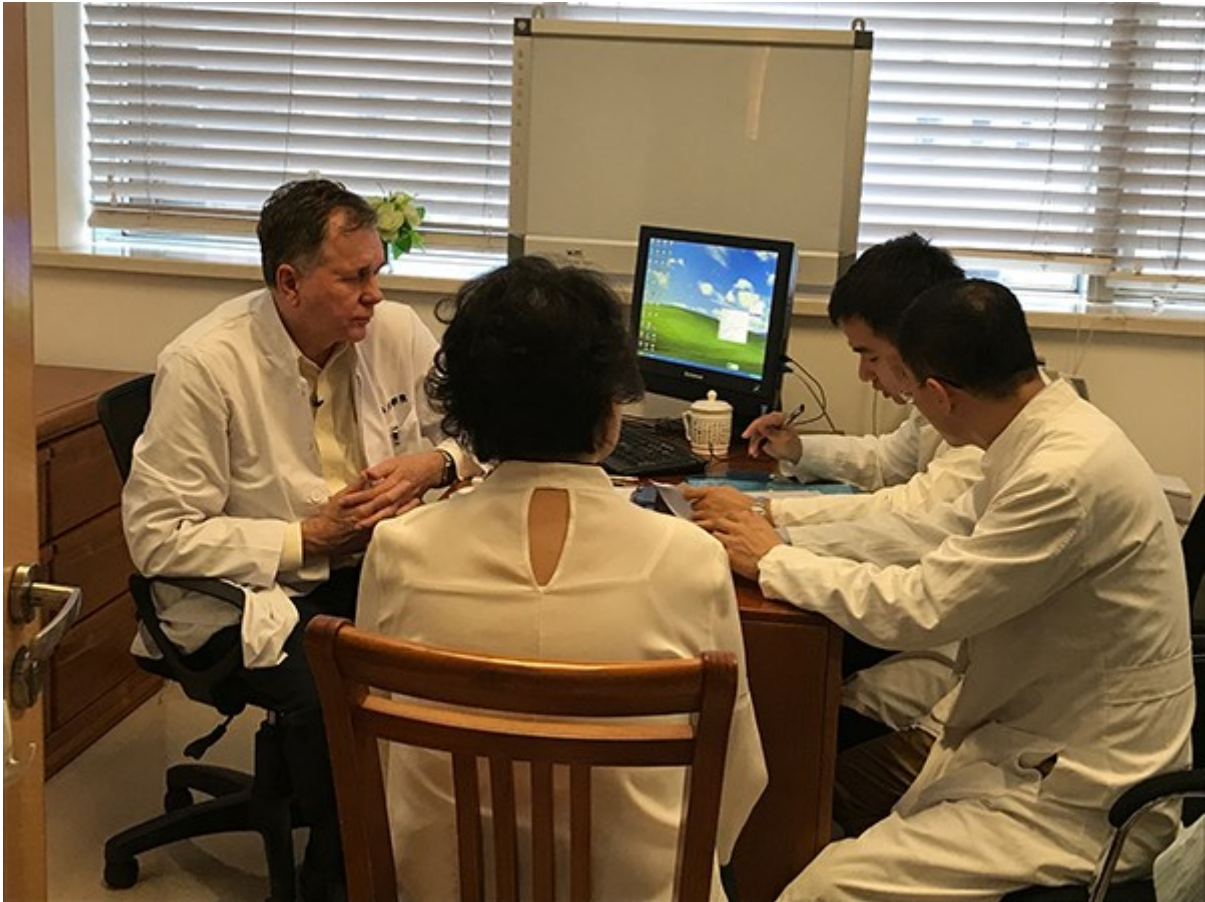


Nobel laureate starts outpatient service



Nobel Prize laureate Dr Barry Marshall starts his first outpatient service at Shanghai East Hospital yesterday. [Photo/Shanghai Daily]

Nobel Prize laureate Dr Barry Marshall started his first outpatient service at Shanghai East Hospital yesterday to offer the nation's first clinic with genetic testing and individualized treatment of people suffering *Helicobacter pylori* infection.

Marshall was honored with a Noble Prize in 2005 for his part in the discovery of the bacterium *Helicobacter pylori* and its role in gastritis and peptic ulcer disease. According to the World Health Organization, HP infection is a leading cause for chronic gastritis, gastric ulcer and stomach cancer.

"HP infection is a common problem in China due to our dietary habits," said Dr Liu Zhongmin, president of Shanghai East Hospital.

In Marshall's clinic, all patients will receive a comprehensive test to identity their particular type of HP, and be tested for reaction to different medicines to work out a personalized treatment plan.

"We have established a team here to do study on Chinese patients' drug resistance and to develop new genetic diagnostic products in line with different drug-resistance strains to improve treatment results and reduce

medical bills," Marshall said.

As honorary president of Shanghai East Hospital and director of Marshall Diagnostic and Treatment Center for Digestive Diseases at the hospital, he offers a regular outpatient service. His next clinic is scheduled in mid-July.

A consultation with Marshall costs 1,200 yuan (US\$174), hospital officials said.

Chinese farmer successfully carries out microlight flight test



Li Bing, a farmer in Daqing, Heilongjiang Province, creates a microlight aircraft successfully. [File Photo]

Li Bing, a farmer in Daqing, Heilongjiang Province, attracted huge attention on the internet on Sunday.

The 35-year-old successfully carried out the trial flight of a microlight aircraft designed and created by himself.

The broadcast of the flight live on internet video blog attracted thousands of viewers.

Li's passion is planes and most of his postings on the blog are about making aircraft.

In the past nine months, he spent about 50,000 yuan on the microlight aircraft.

"In the beginning, neither my family nor my friends supported me," said Li. "They told me I should pay more attention on farm work and the technical things were none of my business."

However, Li persisted.

He searched for information online and travelled across the country to learn more.

Finally, he created a microlight aircraft successfully.

The wings are made by aircraft-grade aluminum and canvas and the body is made by iron tubes and an engine of the motorboat. A fuel tank is set behind the seat.

On Saturday, he carried out the first trail flight but failed because of the strong wind.

"When I tried the second time, people ran after me as they were worried whether I would come back safely."

However, the trial run was successful and the landing was perfect.

[Chris Back Retirement](#)

I acknowledge and thank Senator Chris Back for his eight years of dedicated service representing the people of Western Australia.

Senator Back was an indefatigable advocate for the West, particularly ensuring the agricultural, agribusiness and resources sectors had a strong voice in the senate. I thank him for his tireless committee work and representation of rural and regional Australia.

Members and senators are volunteers to parliament while their families are conscripts. Senator Back's decision to put his family first should be commended.

I wish Senator Back and his family the very best for the future.

Press release on HR/VP Federica Mogherini's meeting with the FAR

The High Representative Mogherini met today, at their request, FARC representatives participating in the annual global retreat of the Oslo Forum in Norway. The HRVP reiterated the EU's firm political and financial commitment and support for the implementation of the Colombian Peace Agreement, which is not only critical to restore peace in Colombia after decades of conflict but is also an example for the entire world showing that reconciliation can be achieved through dialogue.

With courage, vision and political will, the parties have agreed to fully implement the provision of the agreement and they are expected now to deliver. On their side, the FARC are expected to promptly complete the laying down of arms.

The European Union will bring forward its commitments to contribute to build trust among the parties and concrete dividends of peace to the Colombian people. HRVP Mogherini confirmed to the FARC representatives that personally and through her Special Envoy for the peace process in Colombia, Mr. Eamon Gilmore, she will keep reaching out to all relevant interlocutors in Colombia and with Colombia's international partners.

Joint Press Release: EU-Ukraine Human Rights Dialogue

The European Union and Ukraine held their annual Human Rights Dialogue on 13 June 2017 in Kyiv, the third time since the signing of the EU-Ukraine Association Agreement. In the Association Agreement, the European Union and Ukraine express their mutual commitment to common values, in particular full respect for democratic principles, rule of law, good governance, human rights and fundamental freedoms.

The meeting was held in an open and constructive atmosphere, allowing a thorough exchange of views on the current human rights situation in Ukraine and on progress since the last dialogue, held in July 2016.

The EU and Ukraine expressed grave concern over the further deterioration of

the human rights situation on the Crimean peninsula, including the situation of Crimean Tatars, following its illegal annexation by the Russian Federation. The EU and Ukraine condemned the human rights violations and abuses in the areas of the Donetsk and Luhansk regions, which are not under the full effective control of the Government of Ukraine. They also called for the immediate release of illegally detained Ukrainian citizens in Russia and the Crimean peninsula.

The EU and Ukraine raised ways to mitigate the humanitarian impact on civilians of the illegal annexation of the Crimean peninsula, and the conflict in the east of Ukraine. They also discussed the ways to protect the human rights of internally displaced persons (IDPs). The work of the Ministry for Temporary Occupied Territories and IDPs and the Action Plan for certain areas of Donetsk and Luhansk, adopted by the Government of Ukraine, were welcomed.

The EU and Ukraine discussed the prevention of ill-treatment and torture and the contribution that the ongoing reforms in the area of law enforcement continue to have in strengthening human rights in Ukraine. The EU also called for further progress to be made in the investigations into the crimes committed during the EuroMaidan protests, and the violent events in Odesa on 2 May 2014, emphasising the need to address the shortcomings identified by the International Advisory Panel of the Council of Europe and to bring to justice those responsible.

The EU highlighted the importance of harmonising electoral legislation and the appointment of members of the Central Election Commission whose mandate has expired.

Both sides highlighted the importance of free and independent media and discussed ways to advance the safety of journalists and media outlets, including the steps taken to address publication of journalists' private data on Ukrainian websites. The decision to block a number of Russia-based online services was also addressed.

Also on the agenda of the Dialogue was non-discrimination policy, including the rights of LGBTI persons and those belonging to ethnic, linguistic, religious and national minorities, and the rights of the child. Gender equality and women's rights, especially domestic violence, were raised and the EU encouraged Ukraine to ratify the Istanbul Convention.

The EU and Ukraine cooperate well in international fora in the field of human rights. The European Union recalled that Ukraine has committed to the ratification of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court.

The EU delegation was led by Mr Dirk Schuebel, Head of Division for bilateral relations with the Eastern Partnership countries in the European External Action Service. The Ukrainian delegation was led by Mr Sergui Petukhov, Deputy Minister of Justice of Ukraine. In line with usual practice, the EU held consultations with representatives of Ukrainian civil society and international organisations prior to the dialogue. In March 2017, human rights organisations from Ukraine and the EU held a civil society seminar on

human rights. The recommendations of that seminar were also discussed in the dialogue.

The dialogue was planned to coincide with the Justice, Freedom and Security subcommittee to be held on 14 June.

The next Human Rights Dialogue meeting between Ukraine and the EU is scheduled to take place in the summer of 2018.