<u>First AI-based TCM clinic opens in</u> <u>China</u>

China's first Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) clinic based on an artificial intelligence (AI) diagnosis system opened in Zhejiang Province on Saturday, November 25, 2017, zjol.com.cn reported.

Using AI technology containing a large number of clinical cases from experienced TCM practitioners, the 4,500-square-meter clinic in the historic town of Wuzhen is the first of its kind in China.

After a human doctor inputs a patient's condition, the system can deliver a diagnosis and write a fundamental prescription based on cases in its huge database. The human doctor can then modify the prescription to make it suitable for the patient.

"The platform allows doctors to receive back up from famous TCM masters from both ancient and modern times," said Nie Rong, chief designer of the program.

Apart from a diagnosis, the platform helps to facilitate the dispensing process. It can automatically prepare convenient traditional medicines within 10 minutes.

TCM physicians can also take advantage of the system to consult with other doctors.

China is making efforts to increase data sharing between hospitals to improve the country's healthcare system.

<u>Tiger escapes from cage and injures</u> <u>two</u>

A tiger broke away from his cage Saturday during a circus performance in north China's Shanxi province, injuring an adult and a child, qq.com reported.

The escape of the tiger shocked the people watching the performance. To their relief, the animal only injured two people with his claws and did not kill anybody. The tiger was later caught and put back securely in the cage.

The report said the tiger might have got angry during the performance in Linfen of Shanxi province.

<u>Foreigners learn secrets of China's</u> <u>success</u>

James Kur Muorwel said confidence in the future is the most important thing he will take back to his home country following his participation in a training program about China's system of governance.

Muorwel, the director of Asian and Australian Affairs at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation in South Sudan, was one of 192 civil servants from 35 countries who visited Beijing this month to study the latest developments in China's political and social systems at the Chinese Academy of Governance.

Previously stationed in Sweden and Norway, Muorwel had never visited China before.

"It's the first time I have been to China. The country's development is truly unbelievable. More important, China has not hesitated to share its experiences with the rest of the world," he said while displaying a painting of a panda he had just completed with a brush and ink.

Yang Keqin, deputy director of the government-funded academy, said since the training programs began in 2000, more than 8,500 administrators and diplomats from 159 countries have participated in the courses, which are designed to help people understand the "real China".

Established in 1994, the academy is important in training senior and middlelevel civil servants, along with high-level administrators and policy researchers. It also is a center for research, particularly studies related to theories of public administration and innovation in government administration.

In recent years, training programs for foreign administrators have become increasingly popular, especially among those from developing countries. Every year, the academy organizes about 50 classes for 3,000 foreign civil servants to meet the rising demand for information about the latest developments in China and the secrets of the country's success, according to Liu Hongyi, director of the academy's training center.

"Many trainees are asked to brief their own country's leaders about the things they learned at the academy," he said.

Kindergarten director, teacher fired; two detained

The head of RYB kindergarten Xintiandi branch in Beijing and a female teacher suspected of child abuse have been fired, the company announced in a statement on Saturday.

RYB said further investigation at the kindergarten will begin immediately in cooperation with police and authorities.

The kindergarten will also communicate with parents and invite mental health experts to provide help for children involved.

On Wednesday, several parents of Xintiandi kindergarten students, all about 3 years old, reported to police that their children had suspicious marks on their bodies that looked like needle pricks, and that they had repeatedly been given white pills.

Beijing police and authorities said on Saturday a 22-year-old female teacher, surnamed Liu, from Hebei province, had been detained and that a 31-year-old Beijing woman, also surnamed Liu, had been detained on suspicion of spreading rumors about molestation.

The Chaoyang district government had ordered RYB Education to immediately dismiss the head of the kindergarten and punish anyone found responsible.

Officials went to the kindergarten to investigate potential safety risks, and the school was asked to communicate with the parents to make certain the children were safe, according to the Chaoyang government.

The education commission of Beijing's Chaoyang district, which oversees the kindergarten, strongly condemned the situation and asked districts and kindergartens concerned to cooperate with judicial authorities for improvements.

"We consider this an extreme case in which children were harmed, generating serious social repercussions," a spokesman for Chaoyang district government said.

A thorough investigation was conducted in Chaoyang to verify kindergartens' qualifications, the district government said.

The Ministry of Education has begun an inspection of kindergarten management nationwide and has told local education authorities to take measures to improve teachers' morality and tighten supervision, according to a news release on Thursday.

Last year, RYB Education was China's largest early years education service provider by revenue, according to industry analysis consultancy Frost & Sullivan.

On Friday, shares in the company plummeted on the New York Stock Exchange by 38 percent by the close of trading, almost wiping out the company's 44 percent gains since it went public in September.

This has been the third reported child abuse case this month. On Nov 13, Shanghai police detained a person surnamed Zheng who was in charge of a day care center where staff were caught on camera abusing toddlers. Three other staff members were detained, according to Shanghai police.

At about the same time, Golden Cradle Education and Technology Group, which has more than 700 kindergartens and schools nationwide, became involved in a similar accusation as parents said teachers at one of its kindergartens in Beijing abused children. Police are investigating, but no details have been released.

<u>Ningbo accident not caused by piped</u> <u>gas explosion</u>

Investigators excluded the possibility of piped gas explosion in an accident that killed two people in east China's Zhejiang Province, local authorities said.

Two people died, 19 were injured including four with serious injuries, and two others went missing after an explosion at the site of a demolished factory around 8:50 a.m. on Sunday in Jiangbei district of Ningbo City.

Fire fighters discovered a pot hole at the site, which is believed to be the source point of the explosion. Local villagers said there was previously a toilet. It was confirmed to be a septic tank after investigation.

The site of the accident were without residents, but the nearby residential communities were affected, with some houses being damaged.

Two temporary relocation sites with quilts, food and medicines were arranged for the affected people.

The exact cause of the blast is still under investigation.