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Singapore National Eye Centre Joins the American Association of Eye & Ear Centers of Excellence

Arlington, VA (March 10, 2011) – The American Association of Eye & Ear Centers of Excellence (AAEECE) is pleased to announce that the Singapore National Eye Centre, has joined the Association effective February 23, 2011. The Singapore National Eye Centre representative to the Association will be Ms. Charity Wai, Chief Operating Officer, Singapore National Eye Centre.

“On behalf of the entire membership, we want to welcome the Singapore National Eye Centre as the newest members of AAEECE. Singapore National Eye Centre is recognized world-wide for a record of excellence in ophthalmology. We are proud to welcome them to AAEECE.” John Fernandez, President of Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary, Boston Massachusetts, and AAEECE Chairman of the Board said.

The Singapore National Eye Centre has a mission to to lead the overall development of ophthalmology by:

- Providing the highest quality cost-effective ophthalmic care
- Nurturing and renewing the necessary human resources
- Pursuing high-impact competitive research

The Singapore National Eye Centre has 58 ophthalmologists and 20 optometrists and a total staff strength of 460. Its research arm, the Singapore Eye Research Institute has 15 non-clinician scientists, 5 clinician scientists, 6 clinician investigators, 15 research fellows, 40 research technicians and officers, as well as approximately 80 trial support and administrative staff. Ophthalmology research at the Singapore National Eye Centre and Singapore Eye Research Institute is mainly supported by peer-reviewed competitive grants. The Singapore National Eye Centre has been accredited by the Joint Commission International (JCI).

The American Association of Eye and Ear Centers of Excellence is comprised of the premier centers for specialized eye and ear procedures in the world. Association members are major referral centers, offer some of the most innovative teaching programs in the world, and routinely treat the most severely ill eye and ear patients. The mission of these specialty institutions requires them to maintain leading edge technologies, enabling them to provide highly specialized services not available in general acute care hospitals.