

# MEETING REPORT

## Intelligent and excellent: 2012 GCTAB board members' conference & inaugural meeting of GCTI

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On April 22, 2011, the Greater China Thoracoscopic Advisory Board (GCTAB) was officially established as medical science develops and minimally invasive surgery rapidly advances in China (Table 1). This gather-up of academic intelligences is a substantial step towards a more perfect standard for minimally invasive surgery. More patients would enjoy the benefits from the elevation in quality and ratio of minimally invasive thoracic surgery. Authoritative experts both from home and abroad converge on the GCTAB, including Profs. Jianxing He, Lunxu Liu, Qun Wang, Tianyou Wang, Yingkang Shi, Xiuyi Zhi, Wen Gao and Jun Wang. Gathering these intelligences, the GCTAB will establish and perfect the standards in minimally invasive thoracic surgery. The GCTAB also explores training models of thoracoscopic surgery and holds training on the basis of professional endoscopic education platforms of Johnson & Johnson. Its devotion in promoting minimally invasive thoracic surgery in China will provide safer procedures for patients with less injury.

On May 25, 2012, the 2012 GCTAB board members' conference & inaugural meeting of Greater China Thoracoscopic Institute (GCTI) was successfully held in Shanghai, China (Figure 1). All the senior board members of GCTAB attended the meeting. They discussed the future of GCTAB, and witnessed the announcement of the establishment of GCTI. The GCTI mainly aims at combining domestic thoracic surgery experts and educational platforms on various levels together to establish a reasonable training module and to promote thoracoscopic surgery in China. In the meeting, fellows of GCTI discussed the challenges, explored training modules and contents of minimally invasive thoracic surgery in China. Prof. Jianxing He, MD, PhD, FACS, chairman of GCTAB, Executive Editor-in-Chief of

**Table 1. Organizational Structure of Greater China Thoracoscopic Advisory Board (GCTAB).**

### GCTAB

#### Chairman

Jianxing He

#### Vice Chairman

Lunxu Liu

#### Secretary General

Qun Wang

#### Senior Board Members

Deruo Liu; Gening Jiang; Xun Zhang; Linyou Zhang;  
Jianjun Wang; Changli Wang; Qingquan Luo;  
Haiquan Chen; Shidong Xu; Qunyou Tan

#### Consultants

*China Mainland:* Tianyou Wang; Yingkang Shi; Xiuyi Zhi;  
Wen Gao; Jun Wang

*Taiwan:* Huiping Liu; Chia-chuan Liu

*Hong Kong:* Anthony P.C. Yim

*Singapore:* T. Agasthian

*Japan:* Kohno Tadasu

*South Korea:* Kwhanmien Kim

Journal of Thoracic Disease (JTD), shared his opinions, "GCTI will standardize the thoracoscopic technology and sparkle it. Not only a historical product, minimally invasive thoracoscopic surgery is also a technology in modern times, so standardization and normalization is quite necessary. However, there are flaws in our health care system besides its superiorities, and the government input is limited. We sincerely hope this organization may help making medical science more standardized and energetic. Our ultimate goal is to achieve fewer complications and more benefits for patients. This requires GCTI fellows to be dedicated with integrity. There are always teachers silently behind each master, just like our own striving journey that we all need teachers' company."

Bringing along their ideals and beliefs, thoracic surgery experts both from home and abroad have gathered together in the GCTAB. Thoracoscopic surgery in China will step further

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**Figure 1.** (Left) The 2012 Greater China Thoracoscopic Advisory Board (GCTAB) board members' conference; (Right) inaugural meeting of Greater China Thoracoscopic Institute (GCTI).

in the near future following around ardent expectation and unceasingly exploration of the academic community.

### Purposes of GCTAB

Integrate the elites in thoracic surgery all over Greater China; promote thoracoscopic surgery in China for better quality and higher ratio of minimally invasive surgery in thoracic disease; strive for benefits and better lives for more patients.

### Goals of GCTAB

Establish and improve standards of minimally invasive thoracic surgery; establish training models of thoracoscopic surgery and provide domestic training; push forward communication of thoracoscopic surgery and correlated academic research and promote thoracoscopic surgery in China.

### Plans of GCTAB

Training: establishing and perfecting the classified training system; unified planning and positioning of training offices; Establishing and improving training modules; compiling

textbooks.

Communication: brand building and promotion of GCTAB (influence on the academic community and the whole society); propaganda of GCTAB; international communication of GCTAB.

Academic cooperation: surgery standard and expert consensus.

### Responsibilities of GCTAB Board Members

Board member meeting: attend board member meeting and offer advice and suggestions actively.

Thoracoscopic training: design courses for the training institute, serve as faculty and give instructions in virtue of professional education platforms of Johnson & Johnson Medical China.

Evaluation of new technologies: evaluate new technologies and give advice to guarantee safety of patients with less injury.

Minimally invasive surgery standards: establishing and perfecting standards to promote minimally invasive surgery in China.

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