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**Installation Ceremony for Chinese Hospital Board of Trustees 2019**

**SAN FRANCISCO, CA (January 28, 12:00pm)** The 119th Annual Chinese Hospital Association Board of Trustees Installation Ceremony was held in San Francisco's Chinatown today.

This important ceremony over a lunch banquet was well attended by civic and business leaders of the city along with Board predecessors, and senior management team from Chinese Hospital, Chinese Community Health Plan and Jade Health Care Medical Group. Together as a whole, they gave the warmest welcome to the new president, Mr. George Lew, and the new board.

Mr. Mel Lee, President of Board of Trustees 2018, reported the progress of the major developments during his tenure:

*“According to Cal-Mortgage, we developed a turnaround plan to enhance the 3-year strategic plan and restructured management team to be more effective and efficient... In addition, we implemented a system-wide electronic health record to enhance patient care outcome and operation efficiency.”*

Lee also expressed his sincere gratitude to all the donors for their generous support. *“Chinese Hospital raised nearly \$3 million through fundraising activities”* and the *“donation enabled the hospital to plan and implement not only new services, but also provide free health fairs and wellness/fitness classes to the community.”*

At the end of Lee's speech, he announced that *“Chinese Hospital was awarded a 5-star rating by the Center for Medicare and Medicaid in July 2018.”*

Mr. George Lew, President of Board of Trustees 2019, is not new to the board. He has been serving at Chinese Hospital Association since 2017. In his installation address, Lew mentioned that Chinese Hospital has been serving San Francisco for more than a century, and 2019 is a crucial year for Chinese Hospital. He will lead the board, medical staff and administration to continue to turn around the hospital.

Lew went on to say that key components of the plan include *“...continuing to improve patient care quality and customer experience, as well as maintaining 5-star rating from CMS. We also plan to create new services in order to ensure hospital financial viability and sustainability, and strengthen organizational operations and processes in order to reduce costs.”*



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Over the years, Chinese Hospital has played an important role on keeping our community healthy, and providing patients with exceptional care. Lew sincerely hopes that the community will continue to support Chinese Hospital. He firmly believes that *“the best way to support the hospital is to use its services.”*

At the ceremony, Mr. Harvey Louie was appointed as the vice president. The following community leaders were appointed as board members: Mr. Mel Lee, Mr. Thomas T. Ng, Mr. Jack Lee Fong, Mr. Kin F. Yee, DDS, Mr. Kent Lim, Mr. Paul M. Lee, Mr. Dan Quan, Mr. Robert Chiang, Mr. Kitman Chan, Mr. Robert Wong, Mr. Yick C. Tam, Dr. Gustin Ho, MD, Mr. Dick W. Wong, and Dr. Edward Y. C. Chan, MD.

Chinese Hospital Board of Trustees looks forward to the further support from our community and will continue to promote the Chinese Hospital’s mission on the coming year.

### **About Chinese Hospital Health System**

The Chinese Hospital Integrated Health System consists of Chinese Hospital and Clinics, Chinese Community Health Plan, and Jade Health Care Medical Group. Each entity performs an important role in achieving the common goal of providing the community with quality, affordable care that is culturally competent, and linguistically appropriate. The integrated Chinese Hospital Health System has the ability to care for its patients and members across the entire continuum of care. Visit: [www.ChineseHospital-SF.org](http://www.ChineseHospital-SF.org), [www.CCHPHealthPlan.com](http://www.CCHPHealthPlan.com), and [www.JadeHealthCareMedicalGroup.com](http://www.JadeHealthCareMedicalGroup.com).

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