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TEXT:

((TEXT)) DALIAN, NOVEMBER 11 (XINHUA) -- THE "DALIAN XINHAI ANTI-CANCER PALACE", THE FIRST OF ITS KIND IN NORTHEAST CHINA, HAS BEEN SET UP IN SCENIC XINHAI PARK IN DALIAN, A SEASIDE CITY IN LIAONING PROVINCE.

NEARLY 100 CANCER PATIENTS FROM SIX NEIGHBORING COUNTIES AND PREFECTURES GATHERED HERE TO CELEBRATE THE FOUNDING OF THE CLUB.

IT IS THE THIRD CLUB SET UP IN CHINA TO HELP VICTIMS OF CANCER COMBAT THE DISEASE; THE OTHER TWO ARE IN SHANGHAI AND BEIJING.

THE CLUB HAS DEPARTMENTS OF QIGONG (A SYSTEM OF DEEP BREATHING EXERCISES) COUNSELLING, MEDICAL CONSULTANCY AND PUBLIC RELATIONS. IT WILL ORGANIZE SYMPOSIUMS, EXHIBITIONS AND THERAPEUTIC TRIPS FOR CANCER PATIENTS, ACCORDING TO WANG GANG, HONORARY PRESIDENT OF THE CLUB.

THE CLUB WILL ALSO ISSUE A PUBLICATION CARRYING NEWS ON THE LATEST PROGRESS IN ANTI-CANCER RESEARCH.

ITS FIRST PRESIDENT IS SUN LIPING, A 46-YEAR-OLD ENGINEER. SHE DEVELOPED BREAST CANCER SIX YEARS AGO AND RECOVERED BY PRACTICING "QIGONG" EACH DAY. NOW SUN TEACHES THE THERAPY TO OTHER SUFFERERS.

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