

live transmission to the 11th Annual Angioplasty Summit 2006 – TCT Asia Pacific

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The Heart Institute (THI) has been heavily involved in several interventional cardiology meetings in the last 24 months, including the organisation of the Singapore Interventional Cardiovascular Therapeutics Conference in 2004 and the Asian Interventional Cardiovascular Therapeutics Course in 2005. The latest in this slew of events was the 2006 Transcatheter Therapeutics Asia Pacific course organised by world-renowned interventional cardiologists Dr Park Seung-Jung from the Asan Medical Centre in Seoul, Korea and Dr Gary Mintz from the Columbia University Medical Center in New York, USA. This was a 3-day interventional meeting held on the 26–28th of April 2006 at the Sheraton Walkerhill Hotel in Seoul, Korea. The Heart Institute @ National University Hospital (NUH) received an invitation late last year to participate as a transmitting centre for 'live' case demonstrations of complex coronary interventions. Only seven centres around the world received invitations to provide 'live' case transmissions via satellite for this event, and the operators included top interventionists such as Dr Gregg Stone (Columbia University Medical Center, New York, USA) and Dr Marie-Claude Morice (Institut Hospitalier Jacques Cartier, Massy, France). We were most honoured to have five cardiologists from THI listed as members of this stellar cast of interventionists, our very own Associate Professor Lim Yean Teng, Dr Tan Huay Cheem, Dr Ronald Lee and Dr Adrian Low from the National University Hospital, and Dr Jimmy Lim from Tan Tock Seng Hospital. Overall, this is a highly educational and enjoyable event for all. I eagerly look forward to our next live transmission to the July Tokyo Percutaneous Coronary Intervention Conference (TOPIC) and 2nd Asian Interventional Cardiovascular Therapeutics (AICT) to be held in New Delhi, India, in October.

