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Canadian professors to train Shenzhen grass-roots doctors

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DOCTORS at Shenzhen's grass-roots community clinics will receive online and face-to-face training from professors of a Canadian university in a one-year program aimed at improving Shenzhen's family medicine services.

To alleviate the pressure faced by public hospitals, Shenzhen has been upgrading its healthcare services at 613 community clinics in the city and promoting family medicine citywide since 2006, anticipating that at least half of the city residents will have a family doctor by next year.

Canada's McGill University, dubbed as Canada's Harvard and the country's top university in medical education, has agreed to aid Shenzhen in achieving its goal through a 12-month online training program followed by one-week face-to-face teaching in Shenzhen.

"After completing the two phases of learning, the trainees will be able to deal with various problems in practice and help train others in family medicine," said Howard Bergman, director of the university's family medicine department.

Shenzhen has been investing heavily in promoting family medicine and training qualified family doctors. The city trains roughly 500 new family doctors every year in order to expand the number of family doctors in service, according to Sun Zhenya, deputy head of Shenzhen's community healthcare association.

"We hope through cooperation with McGill University we'll build a high-quality team of family doctors for the city," said Sun.

The number of residents using community clinics has been growing in recent years. Last year, 34 million residents saw a doctor at community clinics, which took in one-third of the city's outpatient services. The average spending of an outpatient was 61 yuan (US\$9.11).

Shenzhen's first team of family doctors started working in 2009 in Futian District's Xiasha community clinic and now 580 community clinics have family doctors. Nearly 1.75 million Shenzhen residents have found a family doctor for themselves.

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City's air quality ranks 4th in China

THE air quality of Shenzhen in the first half of the year ranked 4th among 35 major cities in China, according to monitoring results published by the Ministry of Environmental Protection on Monday. Shenzhen advanced three places compared with the same period last year.



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SZ increasing maternity beds to meet demand

TO dispose mothers' worries about the short supply of obstetric beds, the city is increasing investment to meet the growing demand thanks to the municipal policy, the city's health department said.

Car windows smashed

SIXTEEN of private cars parked along Changfeng Avenue bearing Dengzhang in Longgang District were smashed in the early hours of Saturday morning.

School offers direct path for graduating students to work at airline companies

THE school will be successful in major in aeronautical science and aerospace engineering at Eastern Illinois University in the U.S. Candidates from the university will have no problem at all in China, as it is in line for them to apply for their next level of education.

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THEY are volunteer teachers from the city's top schools who have been sent to various parts of the city to help improve the quality of education in less developed areas.

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