

Chinese Chamber of Commerce for pharmaceuticals visits Münster

Consulting firm Diapharm opens office in Shanghai

Beijing, Shanghai, Münster, 24 September 2013 – Pharmaceutical service provider Diapharm (www.diapharm.com) is opening a branch office in China in 2014. Ralf Sibbing, managing director of Diapharm, announced the decision during the visit of Dr Xu Ming, the vice president of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce for Import & Export of Medicines & Health Products (CCCMHPIE), to Münster. Dr Xu, who is the representative of 2,400 Chinese pharmaceutical companies, met with the Mayor of Münster, Markus Lewe, among others on Thursday (19 September). Xu Ming made the trip to Münster to hold talks with pharmaceutical companies, which, apart from Diapharm, also included Wessling, the Altenberge-based laboratory services corporate specialist, and pharmaceutical auditor blue inspection body GmbH from Münster.

“As a service provider in the pharmaceutical industry, we want to be where there’s innovation,” Ralf Sibbing said in describing the objective of the new Diapharm branch office in Shanghai. He added, “More than three quarters of all active ingredients for European medicines are produced outside of Europe. The majority of those ingredients are being manufactured in China.” After decades of European manufacturers opening branch offices in Asia, many Chinese manufacturers are now looking to expand to the West: “We want to advise and assist these manufacturers as they make their way to Europe,” Sibbing said. Among other things, Diapharm helps manufacturers to get drugs approved and assist them with achieving quality assurance in accordance with European standards.

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Dr Xu Ming, vice president of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce for pharmaceuticals, met with Ralf Sibbing from Diapharm, Mayor Markus Lewe and Dr Stefan Kettelhoit from blue inspection body GmbH in the Friedenssaal of the city hall of Münster (from left).

Background information: Diapharm GmbH & Co. KG

Diapharm is an international full-service provider to the healthcare industry. Founded in 1988, Diapharm supports pharmaceutical companies in all questions concerning regulatory affairs, medical & clinical development, quality management and business development. Its activities focus on the sectors of medicinal products, food supplements and dietetic food, medical devices and cosmetics. With over 100 employees in Germany, Austria and the United Kingdom, Diapharm is at the service of multinational companies as well as of new start-up companies and small to mid-sized businesses.

Background information: CCCMHPIE

The China Chamber of Commerce for Import & Export of Medicines & Health products (CCCMHPIE) was founded in May 1989 with the mandate to promote the development of international trade in medicinal and health products. CCCMHPIE represents one of the six major Chambers of Commerce under the Ministry of Commerce of China. The fields that CCCMHPIE cover ranges from Traditional Chinese Medicines (TCM), pharmaceutical & biopharmaceutical products, chemicals, medical devices and equipments, dressings, nutraceuticals, functional cosmetics to health products. The 2,400 plus membership covering almost all the leading pharmaceutical and health products manufacturers as well as medium sized enterprises and traders in China.

Background information: blue inspection body GmbH

The blue inspection body GmbH examines the Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP) of pharmaceutical companies around the globe. Third-party audits by blue efficiently benefit manufacturing authorisation holders, API suppliers and API manufacturers. Blue inspection body GmbH is the first independent and accredited service provider for GMP audits in the European Union.
