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Portable Computer Part Of Lifesaving Surgical Mission

(NAPSA)—Since 2001, Dr. William Wang has been saving the lives of children in orphanages across China. As director of the Saving Asian Children Foundation, Dr. Wang travels to China four times a year and performs six to 10 open-heart surgeries every trip.

Dr. Wang, an open-heart surgeon at Scripps Memorial Hospital in San Diego, Calif., also teaches local Chinese doctors to perform open-heart surgeries, bringing hope to the lives of children he is not able to reach. In six years, he has taught approximately 130 to 200 local doctors to execute these difficult surgeries.

“It is so rewarding when these doctors understand a complicated surgical technique through visuals. The insightful questions, the nodding of audience members as they begin to understand, and even a disagreement from one of my listeners all demonstrate that I have done my job,” says Dr. Wang.

Computers play an important role in Dr. Wang’s work as both a surgeon and teacher. Most of his patients live in rural areas with no electricity and no basic medical



Dr. William Wang has performed hundreds of lifesaving surgeries for children in China, and by teaching other doctors, will likely save thousands more.

instruments for standard child medical care. Portable computers, such as the Sony VAIO UX, help his group keep track of patients, including their medical histories and procedures performed.

“During the last three years, we have set up electronic medical records to keep track of 100 patients, especially photos of the defect during the surgery—to show the child’s parents how the operation has been performed,”

explains Dr. Wang. “The collection of medical information for each patient in these rural areas, and the ability to review photos or images in the operating room, could not be accomplished with a big and heavy computer.”

Pocket-size PC

“With this pocket-size PC, you can have the same functionality as your office or home PC in a device that fits in the palm of your hand,” says Mike Abary, senior vice president of VAIO product marketing at Sony Electronics in the U.S. “We are thrilled that our product can play a part in Dr. Wang’s work and play a role in saving the lives of children across the globe.”

The device is also available in a flash-based version, known as the Premium Micro PC. For users like Dr. Wang and his medical team, this means faster processing speeds and—key to working in remote areas—longer battery life and greater reliability.

Both versions of the VAIO UX Micro PC are available online at www.sony.com/business and at select retailers nationwide.