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**Dear Ed:**

(1) Many thanks for your msg (**ATTACHMENT I**) with a very interesting web site info (**ATTACHMENT II**);

**"Rural Chinese Doctors Use Video, Internet for Medical Training"**

**Dear E-Colleagues:**

(2) Along this line, you may also be interested in reading the following articles;

(a) **"In Japan's Rural Areas, Remote Obstetrics Fills the Gap"**

The New York Times, Norimitsu Onishi, April 8, 2007

<http://tinyurl.com/ysf8qc>

(b) **"Ethiopia's high speed hospitals"**

BBC News, Elizabeth Blunt, July 16, 2007

<http://tinyurl.com/35qjlq>

I am delighted to learn that the application of advanced ICTs to e-healthcare/telemedicine is now becoming a common practice.

**Dear Rifat:**

(3) How are you since we had a very pleasant mtg on March 30th?

Your project of creating an International Virtual Hospital Network is getting quite possible -- see;

**(02/20/07)-B Telemedicine project of Kosovo**  
<http://tinyurl.com/34ekzd>

We would be very happy if we could be of any help.

Best, Tak

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### **ATTACHMENT I**

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### **ATTACHMENT II**

**“Rural Chinese Doctors Use Video, Internet for Medical  
Training”**

iHealthBeat, July 10, 2007

<http://www.ihealthbeat.org/articles/2007/7/10/Rural-Chinese-Doctors-Use-Video-Internet-for-Medical-Training.aspx>

Or

<http://tinyurl.com/2h7png>

Physicians in China's remote villages are being trained by Beijing-based Haoyisheng.com, a company that uses video classes to address the essentials of diagnosis and basic care, the *Wall Street Journal* reports.

Haoyisheng, which translates to "good doctor," has outfitted 6,000 classrooms in eight provinces to help train the physicians, who care for the country's hundreds of millions of farmers and peasants. The curriculum, which can provide the students with a degree that fulfills the new government requirement, uses a series of prerecorded video lectures based on various situations that might occur in a rural clinic.

Haoyisheng remotely monitors classroom attendance from its office in Beijing, and the classes' answers and attendance are transmitted to the company via the Internet. The fee for three years of class is 3,400 yuan, or about \$448, the *Journal* reports.

A government study found that medical students who took the video courses outperformed their peers who studied in traditional classrooms in hospitals. When asked to make a diagnosis, the 334 students who took the video courses were able to answer correctly an average of 9.38 out of 10 questions, while the control group of 195 only answered an average of 8.43 questions correctly.

Challenges for the program include the lack of a live doctor to answer students' questions and the refusal by some of the physicians practicing without a license to participate in the course. Haoyisheng is hiring doctors to assess the students in person for a few days at the end of the course, but Gao Zhan, a cofounder of the company, said it is "very expensive" (Zamiska, *Wall Street Journal*, 7/10).

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