

Press Release

Asian „Nobel Prize“ for Rolf Schwind „Gusi Peace Prize“ 2008 recognizes outstanding achievement in medical technology

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For outstanding achievement in the field of industry and innovation, Rolf Schwind, CEO of SCHWIND eye-tech-solutions, received the Gusi Peace Prize 2008. At a festive ceremony on the 24th of November, 2008 in Manila, Philippines, the Philippine Executive Secretary, Eduardo Ermita, presented the award to the prize winner coming from Germany. "The Gusi Peace Prize is hailed as Asia's equivalent to the Swedish Nobel Prize", stated the Philippine President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo in her greeting message. This year the prize was awarded for the eighth time to distinguished individuals from all over the world. Each of the 15 prize winners were recognized for their exemplary, exceptional merits in categories such as medicine, physics, chemistry, economics, politics, art or journalism, which contribute to peace, advancement and the preservation of human rights. More than 1.490 candidates worldwide were nominated in 2008. "Rolf Schwind has geared the entire know-how of the company continually toward the goal of improving vision. With the SCHWIND AMARIS eye laser, he and his team realized a scientific innovation that contributes to people's welfare. This makes him a living paradigm for others to emulate, not only in Germany, but throughout Europe, Asia and the international community." This was the jury's grounds for the award. The SCHWIND AMARIS comes with all accomplishments of modern laser surgery. With it, groundbreaking innovations – i.e. two different energy

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levels for optimal control of the ablation, as well as five-dimensional eye tracking – became reality, which up to now are not available in any other system.

The Gusi Peace Prize Foundation is a non-profit organization located in Manila, Philippines. It was founded by the politician and philanthropist Gemeniano Javier Gusi, who tirelessly and successfully fought for human rights. Today, his son, Barry Gusi, is president of the organization.

SCHWIND eye-tech-solutions GmbH & Co.KG located in Kleinostheim, by Aschaffenburg, Germany, develops, produces and markets medical lasers for the correction of refractive errors of the eye, as well as the corresponding peripheral devices. The company employs a highly motivated team of 80 experts and is present in more than 60 countries worldwide – in Germany with its own sales and distribution organization, and abroad through distribution partners. More than 700 SCHWIND laser systems are already installed worldwide. Customers include refractive surgeons in eye practices, eye clinics, laser centers and university clinics.

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At a festive ceremony on the 24th of November, 2008 in Manila, Philippines, the Gusi Peace Prize was presented. From left: Dr. Evelyn Gusi, Barry S. Gusi, President of the Gusi Peace Prize Foundation, Eduardo Ermita, Philippine Executive Secretary, and award winner Rolf Schwind, CEO SCHWIND eye-tech-solutions. .