



Harris County Hospital District

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Japan Senior Vice Minister of Health Visits Ben Taub Hospital



HOUSTON (July 11, 2006) – Masao Akamatsu, second from left, Japan’s senior vice minister of health, labor and welfare, visited the Harris County Hospital District’s Ben Taub General Hospital July 7 to learn more about the operations of a Level 1 trauma unit. Dr. Thomas Granchi, on the right, medical director of the emergency center at Ben Taub, took Akamatsu on an informative tour throughout the hospital and trauma center. Photo by Nicole Aguilar.

The Harris County Hospital District is the public health care system for the nation’s third most populous county. It provides more than 1.1 million health care visits each year to uninsured, underinsured and medically needy residents of Harris County. The Hospital District operates Ben Taub General Hospital, Lyndon B. Johnson General Hospital, Quentin Mease Community Hospital, 12 community health centers, a dental center, seven school-based clinics, 13 homeless shelter clinics and four mobile health units.

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