**MERCY SHIPS TO BUILD WORLD’S LARGEST CIVILIAN HOSPITAL SHIP**

*Deal Doubles the Capacity to Deliver Free, World-Class Health Care*

**PHOTOS/CAPTIONS: Mercy Ships - CSIC Contract Signing - Beijing China - December 2013**



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From L – R: Front row: President Hu Xiang (Tianjing Xingang Shipyard), Don Stephens, President / Founder (Mercy Ships); President Xu Ziqiu (CSOC)

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Mercy Ships, the hospital ship charity, has announced that contracts have been signed for construction to begin in Asia on what will be the world’s largest civilian hospital ship. www.mercyships.org