

# TAIWAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION\*1

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- •By the end of 2014, the number of member physicians, physician-patient ratio and distribution of practicing physicians at all levels of institutions are shown below:
- Jobs and responsibilities of Taiwan Medical Association are divided into five categories:

### I. Government sponsored projects

- Recognition of credits of continuing medical education in medical ethics, medical regulations and healthcare quality
- 2. 2015 primary care physician services review; Renewal of physician's license in Taipei
- A research on the impact of sleep on health, the case of sleep apnea; Establishment of system resilience model for emergency and critical care using the resilience engineering theory
- 4. A research project on improving quality of integrated post-acute care payment system
- Campaigning for hosting international conferences in Taiwan, including the World Medical Association General Assembly 2016 in Taipei
- 6. Promoting and facilitating international exchange and cooperation on health
- 7. Continuing education for long-term care professionals

# II. Legislative advocacy and policy formulation

- 1. Advocacy for patients' rights while ensuring equitable financing of the national health insurance
- Colon cancer screening volume doubled with 10% detection rate—achievements jointly made by TMA, Health Promotion Administration, experts and attractive rewards.
- 3. Participating in the planning of long-term care system & long-term care insurance.

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## III. Promoting member and public welfare

- 1. Demanding an increase in physician fee (inpatient and outpatient)
- 2. Proposing the Ministry of Health and Welfare to publish a multilingual patient guide.
- 3. Coordinating emergency care after the water park explosion incident.

### **IV. Honors**

- 1. Being awarded the highest honor as an excellent professional organization after a nationwide accreditation process
- Being publicly acknowledged by the Center for Disease Control for supporting the pneumococcal conjugate vaccine policy.

### V. International relations

- 1. Japanese medical delegation arrived in Taiwan to provide medical assistance
- Signing "The Agreement between the Japan Medical Association and Taiwan Medical Association concerning Dispatching Physicians and Assistance Systems for Medical Relief Assistance in Disaster Situations"
- 3. Western Pacific Regional Meeting of the Medical Women's International Association took place in Taipei
- 4. Donating US\$10,000 for the earthquake-affected Nepal and providing medical assistance
- 5. Delegation of Beijing Medical Association visited TMA
- 6. Health Minister of The Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) visited TMA.

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