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Chinese Medicine in the World

Japan to Formulate Guidelines on Chinese Medicinal Prescriptions

(www.Takungpao.com May 7th 2010) Japanese Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare announced that it would start to formulate guidelines on Chinese medicinal prescriptions this year in order to provide a prescription basis by establishing a reference relationship model among patients' physical conditions, symptoms and therapeutic effect and by standardizing Chinese medicinal treatment with scientific evidences.

Acupuncture Act Vetoed in Brazilian Senate

(www.oushinet.com Apr 16th 2010) A Brazilian Acupuncture Act, 380/2003 Act, was put to vote again in Brazilian senate in April 14th, which stipulates that only doctors could perform acupuncture in Brazil. This act concerns legalization of acupuncture and the survival of Chinese medicine in Brazil. With the effort of Chinese Medicine and Acupuncture Association of Brazil and with the help of Brazilian president and people from all walks of life, this act was vetoed eventually.

Singapore: Development of TCM Industry Attracts Attentions

(www.ce.cn Apr 20th 2010) In recent years, traditional medicine especially Chinese medicine attracts great attentions and is well received in Singapore. A traditional medicine center was established accordingly in Temasek Polytechnic in Singapore which provides consultation, training and research

service for local people and which assists traditional medicine practitioners to expand shares in an ever-expanding market.

Right now, there are 2000 registered Chinese medicine practitioners in Singapore. In the past five years, imported Chinese materia medica amounted to 35 million dollars, up 63%. The global market value of Chinese medicine is estimated to reach 107 billion dollar in the year 2011 by local medical experts. However, limited test method for its safety and efficacy poses a big challenge for the globalization of Chinese medicine.

Acupuncture used to Cure Postwar Trauma by American Soldiers

(US China Press May 10th 2010) Robert Gates, the Minister of Defense in the United States, said on May 8th that acupuncture, Aromatherapy and other unconventional medicine is being used to cure postwar trauma by American soldiers. According to him, these unconventional medicines could be adopted into military insurance system in the future.

Huo Luo Xiao Ling Dan Proved to inhibit Arthritis

In recent years, researchers from University of Maryland, Harvard Medical School, and University of Illinois at Chicago has been testing the therapeutic effect of modified Chinese herbal formula Huo Luo Xiao Ling Dan in curing arthritis, by using animal model with adjuvant arthritis which has the same property with rheumatoid arthritis.

The tests prove that Chinese herbal formula Huo Luo Xiao Ling Dan is

positive in curing arthritis and related inflammation.

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Academic Cooperation and Exchanges

Medical Students from DPRK Trained in China Rehabilitation

Research Center

Divided into 2 groups, 30 medical students from Pyongyang Medical University have started a scientific, systemic and formal training on rehabilitation techniques for 30 days in China Rehabilitation Research Center Since May 5th, 2010.

Majored in clinical medicine (four years at university) or nursing (3 years at college), most of the students from DPRK are fresh university graduates; except a few with 2 or 3 years working experience.

First series of Presentations on TCM displayed in Confucius

Institute in Canada

Edmonton Confucius Institute displayed the first series of presentations on traditional Chinese medicine (TCM) to the public in Canada by inviting

Chinese professors from Grant MacEwan College to do the 90 minutes presentation on general introduction of TCM, Chinese Materia Medica, Acupuncture and diagnosis and treatment of common diseases. To facilitate their further understanding of this traditional Chinese culture, Edmonton Confucius Institute decided to list TCM presentations as one of the essential components for China-Canada lectures. The TCM presentations are popular among Canada public.

TCM Course Offered in Confucius Institute in Ethiopia

Recently, Addis Ababa Confucius Institute started to introduce traditional Chinese culture to students in Ethiopia by offering TCM course.

Dr. Li Fang from China Embassy in Ethiopia gave a systemic introduction in history and development of TCM and health preservation; and then demonstrated some TCM techniques such as Guasha treatments and cupping etc.

One of the students said: “I hope to study TCM in China in the future, and open a TCM clinic in Ethiopia after finishing my study to help by the miracle of TCM people around me who suffer from diseases”.

TCM Culture and Health Preservation Exhibition in Paris

TCM Culture and Health Preservation Exhibition opened on April 26th, 2010 in China Culture Center in Paris and it would last for one week. The exhibition is co-hosted by China Culture Center in Paris and China Academy of Chinese

Medical Sciences. This exhibition displays special features of TCM culture and health preservation by introducing TCM history, diagnosis& treatment, health preservation and its continuity by giving lectures. People in France can appreciate TCM culture and experience the special health preservation.

International Forum on Health Industry opens in Newsland

(Xinhua Net Apr.19 2010) In order to promote development of healthcare between Newzealand, China and other Asia countries, the International Forum on Health Industry was held in Auckland Sky City Convention Centre on Apr. 17th. More than 200 delegates including Politicians, scholars, experts and professionals from Newzealand, China, Thailand, and Indonesia took part in the conference.

HKBU promote development of Sport Medicine of TCM

(Dagong Net May 7th 2010) In order to meet the increasing demand of TCM sport medicine, Hong Kong Baptist University (HKBU) and the Hong Kong Sports Institute (the institute) signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) on application of TCM on elite athlete training, injury rehabilitation and physical recovery.

Taiwan-Funded Chinese Medical Clinic opened in Beijing

(China News Net Apr 16th 2010) Taiwan Jingxin Chinese medical clinic was opened in CBD of Beijing on Apr. 15th. This is the first time a well-known

Chinese Medicinal hospital in Taiwan enters into Beijing High-level Chinese medical market.

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International Forum on Development of TCM and Registration in Europe of Chinese Herbs Held

On June 3rd, organized by WFCMS and Hague municipal government, the International Forum on Development of TCM and Registration in Europe of Chinese Herbs was held in Dutch Pavilion of Shanghai World Expo. Yu Wenming, Vice-commissioner of State Administration of Traditional Chinese Medicine in China, and Li Zhenji, Vice-President and Secretary-General of WFCMS took part in the forum. International standardization of TCM is the main topic of the forum.

John Hills Meet Lin Ziqiang

On Apr 29th, John Hills, Minister of Health Ministry of South Australian meet Lin Ziqiang, vice-president of WFCMS, Jenny Chow, vice-president of South Australian branch of Australian Institute of Chinese Medicine and Acupuncture Association, and Doctor Chen Liangzhong on legislation in Australia. Lin asked for the help of Health Ministry to admit education background in China.