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## **Chinese Medicine News**

### **Ma Jianzhong Attend the 1<sup>st</sup> China-Japan-Korea Congress on Traditional Medicine**

Ma Jianzhong, Deputy Commissioner of State Administration of Traditional Chinese Medicine, China, leads a delegation to the 1<sup>st</sup> China-Japan-Korea Congress on Traditional Medicine in Japan from October 25<sup>th</sup> to 29. Jointly organized by World Federation of Chinese Medicine Societies, Japanese Clinical Traditional Chinese Medicine Society and Korean Kyung Hee University, this congress aims at enhancing academic exchanges on traditional medicine among China, Japan and Korea, and promoting the academic development of traditional medicine.

### **Wu Gang Visit France and Austria**

Invited by the World Federation of Acupuncture-Moxibustion Societies (WFAS), Wu Gang, Deputy Commissioner of State Administration of Traditional Chinese Medicine, China, leads a TCM delegation to the 7<sup>th</sup> World Congress and General Assembly of WFAS in Strasbourg, France, from November 1<sup>st</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup>, 2009. He also visits the Ministry of Health, Austria and Eurasia-Pacific Uninet from October 6<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup>.

### **Good Opportunity for the Development of TCM in Britain**

The General Election Next Year is a Good Opportunity for the Development of

TCM in Britain, Reported the British Media. Wellbeing Wisdom Workshop (hereinafter referred to as 3W), an intelligence group founded recently to provide free service to Chinese in Britain for political, legal and commercial development, speculates that the general election next year will be a good opportunity for the development of TCM in Britain. The speculation is made after three months of research on TCM legalization when over 100,000 words of references were read, nearly ten articles were published and over 100 experts from other fields are consulted.

3W and *Chinese UK Times* will hold forums on the general election next year for people from all walks of life to discuss any topics that interest them. They welcome the participation of Chinese British in the forums and support their participation in the general election next year.

### **TCM Practitioner Recruited as Consultant**

On Nov 9<sup>th</sup>, Liu Hequn, a Chinese TCM practitioner was recruited as a member of Pan-European Federation of Consultants in Chinese Medicine. In the following 4 years, he will introduce theory of acupuncture developed on his own by lectures and other academic activities.

Founded in Rome in 2002, Pan-European Federation of Consultants in Chinese Medicine aims at nurturing a high-level academic organization which spreads TCM culture and promoted its recognition by academia worldwide and its adoption into the medical systems worldwide. Currently it has over 20 members, the majority of whom are Chinese TCM experts.

## **American Medical Services Lags behind**

An international survey targeted primary medical service doctors reveals on Nov 4th, that generally speaking, it is more difficult for Americans to get good medical service compared with those in 10 other developed countries, due to factors such as insurance and medical expenses. Although Americans spend more than twice on health care, they lag behind other developed countries on many important aspects of medical service.

Cathy Schoen from the Federal Fund says on a press brief, "About 58% American doctors think their patients could not afford drugs or other medical services, which is the most prominent problem found in the survey." The report of this survey is published on Health Affairs.

## **Korea Standardization Institute of Oriental Medicine**

### **Founded**

Korea Standardization Institute of Oriental Medicine is founded in the conference room of Korean Oriental Medical Society on Oct. 30<sup>th</sup>, 2009. The president of the medical college of Kyung Hee University is nominated to be the first president for Korea Standardization Institute of Oriental Medicine.

## **Korea Actively Pushes forward International**

### **Standardization of Oriental Medicine**

The International Conference on Oriental Medicine Standards & the Inaugural Meeting of Standardization Administration is held on Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2009. With the

rapid development of Traditional Medicine, standardization is prerequisite for industrialization and globalization of Oriental Medicine in Korea.

## **A Satisfactory Close of 2009 International Conference and Exposition in Guangzhou**

On November 11th, 2009 International Conference and Exposition on Traditional Medicine was closed in Baiyun International Convention Center in Guangzhou. The government officials and distinguished guests attended the ceremony, including Liu Yanhua, vice-Minister of Ministry of Science and Technology, Li Daning Vice-Director-General of SATCM, Lei Yulan, Vice President of Guangdong People's provincial Government and She Jing, Chairperson of WFCMS etc. Li Daning addressed a speech in the closing ceremony. Yao Xinsheng and Xiao Peigen from Chinese Academy of Engineering presented reports during the ceremony.

## **Traditional Medicine Expo 2009**

### **Will Be Held in Singapore**

For a further improvement of regional cooperation and the process of industrialization and modernization of traditional medicine in Asia-Pacific region, Singapore Traditional Chinese Medicine Organizations Committee (STOC) has decided to host the first Traditional Medicine Exposition, which is held from 4 to 6 December, 2009 in Hall 404, Suntec City, Singapore.

## **China-Korea Zhang Zhong-jing Academic Congress Held in Korea**

China-Korea Zhang Zhong-jing Academic Congress was hosted together by College of Oriental Medicine, Kyung Hee University and Beijing University of Chinese Medicine in Korea from 22 to 27, October 2009.

## **Cooperation on Commercial and Pharmaceutical Industry between two Shores**

Development forum on Li Shi-zhen Culture and Industrial Cooperation between Two Shores (China mainland and Taiwan), the new communication platform between two shores was held on October, 26th. About 300 attendees from pharmaceutical companies of Taiwan and overseas, experts and scholars joined the forum.

## **WHO: Integration of TCM in Health Care System in Various Countries**

The 7th World Congress of Acupuncture was held in Strasbourg, France. In order to make acupuncture, one of the important components of TCM accepted by more countries, it has been chosen as the main theme of the congress. According to views of Dr Zhang Xiao-rui, Coordinator of Traditional Medicine Department, WHO, TCM has been integrated into health care system by many countries currently, which will be a trend for the development

of TCM, even encountering some difficulties.

There are several requirements for the integration of TCM into the health care system: firstly, the government should approve TCM; secondly, it is important to evaluate and study on TCM with an appropriate method, and formulate the related regulations and strategies based on the matter of fact. TCM should be accepted and understood instead of review from angle of western medicine. In addition, it needs a long time to integrate TCM in any countries and so the transition period is necessary. Chinese government should provide a reference for other countries by standardization of TCM and establishment of TCM quality system.

## **Information Net for Side-effect of Natural Products, Food, and Drug**

On November 3rd, according to Korean Food and Drug Administration, the Supervision Net for Side-effect of International Natural Products, Food, and Drug will be constructed later.

Recently, glyburide has been detected in health care products including natural products by Hong Kong and Singapore, which has lead to several cases of death. It will be possible to share the information about side-effect between member states.

## **Import of Chinese Materia Medica with an Increase of 60% in Singapore**

Chinese Materia Medica with the support of profound TCM theory has

become more and more popular in Singapore, especially among the youths. The data indicates that, raw of Chinese Materia Medica, Chinese patent medicine and health care products import from China has increased with 60% since the last five years. The total value of import is more than 47 million last year.

### **Big Potential of Health Care Product in Viet Nam**

According to report of Information News on July 29th, the demand for health care products has increased with improvement of life quality in Viet Nam. Since 1990s, health care products have entered into Viet Nam. At the beginning, all the products are imported from America, and later the countries involved China, Korea and Belgium etc. The categories of health care products in Viet Nam are very limited with lower production amount. Currently, there are more than 100 factories to produce about 1500 kinds of health care products. It is a rapid development period for health care product from 2005 to 2008. According to statistics of Viet Nam Food and Drug Administration, there are more than 700 companies, which have done the application for sales of about 1000 kinds of products, among which, 50 % are Viet Nam products.

## **Working News of WFCMS**

### **A Satisfactory Close of 5th Plenary Session of 2nd Council Board and 4th Plenary Session of 2nd Supervision Board**

5th Plenary Session of 2nd Council Board and 4th Plenary Session of 2nd Supervision Board has been closed on December 6th. It was hosted by Li Zhen-ji, Vice-Chairperson and Secretary-General of WFCMS. Chairperson She Jing delivered a speech during the session. Vice-Secretary-General, Huang Jian-yin presented a report on 2009 working summary and 2010 working plan of Secretariat of WFCMS and New membership of WFCMS in 2009. Other reports related with theme of this session were done by Vice-Chairpersons and Executive Council board Members.

## **News Provided by Members**

### **Chinese Medicine in Malaysia**

#### **Organization**

Mapo Chinese Medicine Institute of South Malaysia is the earliest organization of Chinese Medicine, which was established in 1924. Federation of Chinese Physicians and Medicine Dealers Associations of Malaysia, the local association, was set up on Oct. 1st, 1955, which currently includes 43 society members.

#### **Education**

In 1955, Chinese Physicians & Medicine Dealers Associations of Malaysia

planned to set up Chinese Medicine Colleges, with the Malaysia University of Chinese Medicine established in Kuala Lumpur on Oct. 1st, 1955 as the first one in Malaysia. The association has presently established 11 colleges in total.

### **The policy of traditional medicine**

The traditional medicine is let alone in Malaysia, and there is no examination and administration to traditional medicine practitioners' professional qualifications. In 2000, self-administration was given to five traditional medical associations. Currently, the minimum qualification is five-year undergraduate degree according to the Ministry of Health. Practitioners without five-year undergraduate degree will be evaluated except those who are over 60 years old.

(Provided by Federation of Chinese Physicians and Medicine Dealers Associations of Malaysia)

### **Attachment:**

#### **Brief introduction of FCPMDAM**

Federation of Chinese Physicians and Medicine Dealers Associations of Malaysia (FCPMDAM) is a society with members ranging from 4800 to 6000. The president now is Dato Oon Paik Choo. The main professional activities include academic meeting, personnel training, running a school, scientific research, and other social activities, such as drawing up the national guide-line of traditional medicine, registration of Chinese physicians, Chinese Medical Pharmacist, and traditional healers etc, holding Chinese Medicine lectures, Chinese medicine training and education, and continued

education of Chinese physicians, national education of TCM standardization and facilitation of traditional medicine into the national education system.