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2013 Asia-Pacific Medical Students Symposium

"CHALLENGES OF GLOCALIZATION: FROM BASIC SCIENCE TO SOCIAL MEDICINE."



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# Welcome Message

We sincerely invite you to join us at the 4th Asia-Pacific Medical Students Symposium, the APMSS, which will take place from January 29th to February 3rd, 2013 at National Taiwan University, Taipei, Taiwan.

Aiming to establish a communication platform in the Asia-Pacific region for medical students with academic interests, the APMSS welcomes prominent scholars and passionate students to share the breakthroughs in their research fields, and to discuss issues in various aspects of the medical profession, such as biomedicine, public health, social medicine, and other related topics.

This year, the theme of the APMSS is *"CHALLENGES OF GLOCALIZATION: FROM BASIC SCIENCE TO SOCIAL MEDICINE."* Although globalization has become an inevitable trend in future medicine, it is still essential to reflect on elements that should be adopted, adapted, and sustained to facilitate the "localization" of a health care system and to assist developing ideas that can be integrated into the local cultures and policies. Through the symposium, the participants will gain insights into the future challenges to our profession and benefit from the experience of our partners from other countries on how to step up to the challenges.

Aside from the academic activities, the APMSS also provides social programs where the participants can connect with one another and enjoy the beauty of Taiwanese culture.

It is a great honor for us to host the 2013 APMSS. We look forward to seeing you in Taipei. Please mark your calendar!

Lue-En Lee

Chief Director of the 4th Asia-Pacific Medical Students Symposium

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## Origin

With the completion of social network and the coming of the “cloud” era, Globalization is an inevitable trend. Through integral communication platform, the spread of information in every field is far-reaching. Therefore, the barrier of different countries disappears, which sheds light on the importance of regional integration.

The outbreak of recently H1N1 epidemic and the previous SARS makes Medical and Public Health an international cooperation issue. Integrating the regional medical/ health care systems for utilization becomes the common goal around the world.

In the view of this, the medical students in Asia-Pacific region may work together in the future. Therefore, understanding the environmental differences of every country’s medical system will be the first step to take for this generation. Compared with European medical students, Asian medical students lack of cross-border activities for communication and experience sharing. Therefore, through the APMSS ( Asia-Pacific Medical Student Symposium ) we hope to invite students from leading medical schools in Asia-Pacific Region to make medical students around the

## Our Mission



Asia-Pacific Medical Student Symposium (APMSS) is a conference held by students' association of National Taiwan University, College of Medicine once every other year. This symposium provides an opportunity for medical students mainly from Asian and Pacific regions to discuss about important medical issues and to arouse participants' humanistic concerns. Our goal is to make connection of medical students from all over the world and to improve global medical environment.



world have further understanding of medical background in different countries and a chance to exchange their viewpoints. We think through this symposium, the future medical elites will build up their connection network, having an effective communication and interaction channel. Besides, we also believe that through the connection there will be increasing medical cooperation in Asia-Pacific, and finally enhance the beneficial integration in overall medical field.

National Taiwan University College of Medicine ( NTUCM ) has always played a pivotal role in Taiwan Medical Community and Medical Research. With common effort of professors and students, NTUCM acts as the originator of this international symposium. Starting from 2007, APMSS is held every other years, and this year would be the fourth APMSS. With this activity, we hope to make more medical students connect with world, broaden their horizons, and further benefit the society.

A close-up photograph of four people (three women and one man) looking towards the right with slight smiles. The text "Medical Research" is overlaid on the left side of the image.

Medical Research

A photograph of three people in white lab coats standing in a hallway. The text "Public Health Policy" is overlaid on the left side of the image.

Public Health Policy

A photograph of three people in white lab coats standing outdoors against a blue sky. The text "Medical Humanities" is overlaid on the left side of the image.

Medical Humanities

## Brief Introduction



Asia Pacific Medical Student Symposium ( APMSS ) is held by National Taiwan University, APMSS Organizing Committee, advised by professors in National Taiwan University College of Medicine. APMSS aims to establish a communication platform, inviting medical students from leading universities in Asia-Pacific Region to attend a 6-days symposium. We hope to build up connection among medical students from different countries and cultivate global perspective.

1. Theme: Challenges of Glocalization—from basic science to social medicine.  
( Glocalization is combination of the word “Globalization” and “Localization” )
2. Organizer: 2013 Asia Pacific Medical Student Symposium Organizing Committee
3. Co-Organizer : National Taiwan University College of Medicine & National Taiwan University Hospital ( NTUH )
4. Date: 2013/01/29~2013/02/03, six days
5. Location: NTUH International Convention Center
6. Attendants: 140~160 people.





# Organizing Committee

1. Organizer: Student Association of National Taiwan University College of Medicine
2. Advisor:

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Director of School of Medicine, College of Medicine, NTU  
Professor of College of Medicine, Department of Internal Medicine, NTU

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The Editorial Board, Journal of Biomedicine and Biotechnology

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Chairman, Professor of Department of Anesthesia, NTUH  
Chairman, Faculty Club of NTU Medical Campus

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***Ming-Jung Ho***

Associate Professor at National Taiwan University, College of Medicine

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***Jin-Shing Chen***

Associate Professor, National Taiwan University Hospital Yun-Lin Branch, Taiwan

# Schedule



Medical Research



	2013/01/29	2013/01/30	2013/01/31	2013/02/01	2013/02/02	2013/02/03	
08:20 ~ 10:00	Reception, Registration, City tour (optional)	Opening Ceremony	Keynote Tzyy- Chouu Wu	Keynote 신희섭 (Hee-Sup Shin)	Working Group Discussion 3	sPBL3	
10:30 ~ 12:10		Keynote Louis J. Ptáček	Keynote Li-Li Hsiao	sPBL1	sPBL2	Closing Ceremony	
12:10 ~ 13:30		Lunch					Depature
13:30 ~ 15:20		Working Group Discussion (I)	Fantastic Day Trip	Working Group Discussion (II) (10:00~12:00)	Personal & poster Presentation		
15:30 ~ 17:20		Panel Discussion (A,B,C,D,E) 1		Panel Discussion (A,B,C,D,E) 2			
17:30 ~ 19:30		Welcome Party		Taiwan Extravaganza	Dinner	Farewell Party	
19:30 ~ 21:00			Culture Night				



# Activities

## Academic Programs

Program	Content
<b>Keynote Lecture</b>	World-known scholars will be invited to give inspiring academic speeches. Come and stand on the shoulders of giants!
<b>Interactive Panel</b>	Outstanding speakers will share their research or working experiences participants and there will be free discussions between the speakers and participants. Let's have an informative talk with teachers and masters face to face.
<b>Working Group Discussion</b>	In the working group discussion, you will have a chance to discuss about the concepts that didn't be mentioned by textbooks or instructors during the class. To have an easy and productive brainstorm with students around the world, it's time for WGD!
<b>Personal Presentation</b>	<p>Give yourself a chance to present about your research experiences and to learn from excellent peers. Every presenter will set a subject and give a brief presentation on it. And after that we will have a poster project fair for every excellent presenters and listeners to do some further discussion.</p> <p>Participants who are willing to share their research results or experiences have to hand in the ABSTRACT and POSTER of report by 24:00 G+0 DEC.20 2012.</p>

### Keynote Lecture

Keynote Topic	Lecturer
<b>Human circadian rhythm genetics/biology research</b>	<p><i>Louis J. Ptáček, MD.</i></p> <p><u>Education</u>            -B.S., mathematics, University of Wisconsin–Madison            -M.D., University of Wisconsin–Madison Medical School</p> <p><u>Titles</u>            -HHMI Investigator 2003– Present            University of California, San Francisco            -John C. Coleman Distinguished Professorship in Neurodegenerative Diseases Director of the Division of Neurogenetics University of California, San Francisco, School of Medicine</p> <p><a href="http://www.neugenes.org/louis_ptacek.htm">http://www.neugenes.org/louis_ptacek.htm</a></p> 

<p><b>Neuroscience</b></p>	<p><b>신희섭</b>  <b>HEE-SUP SHIN, MD &amp; PhD</b>  <u>Education</u>          -College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Seoul National University 1970 Premedical          -College of Medicine, Seoul National University M. D. 1974 Medicine          -Graduate School of Medical Sciences, Cornell University Ph. D. 1983 Genetics &amp; Cell Biol.  <u>Professional Experience</u>          2001- Principal Research Scientist, KIST          2005- Director, Center for Neural Science, KIST</p>	
<p><b>Kidney Disease Screening</b></p>	<p><b>Dr. Li-Li Hsiao, M.D., Ph.D.</b>  <u>Education</u>          -Jefferson Medical College, 1995, MD          -Thomas Jefferson University, 1988, PhD  <u>Title</u>          -Director, Asian Renal Clinic,, Brigham and Women's Hospital          -Assistant Professor, Harvard Medical School</p> <p><a href="https://connects.catalyst.harvard.edu/profiles/profile/person/23394">https://connects.catalyst.harvard.edu/profiles/profile/person/23394</a></p>	
<p><b>HPV vaccine development</b></p>	<p><b>Dr. Tzyy-Chouu Wu ,M.D., Ph.D., M.P.H.</b>  <u>Education</u>          -M.D., National Taiwan University College of Medicine, Taipei, Taiwan          -Ph.D., Molecular Virology, The Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health          -M.P.H., Epidemiology, The Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health</p> <p><u>Titles</u>          -Professor of Molecular Microbiology and Immunology, The Johns Hopkins University, Bloomberg School of Public Health          -Research Director of Gynecologic Pathology          -Pathologist, The Johns Hopkins Hospital</p> <p><a href="http://www.experts.scival.com/jhu/expertPubs.asp?n=&amp;u_id=4084">http://www.experts.scival.com/jhu/expertPubs.asp?n=&amp;u_id=4084</a></p>	



## Interactive Panel

### *LASER and Its Medical Applications*

As a new technology of this past century, LASER has been used in various areas. There is no exception for medicine. Here we will discuss about LASER and its medical use.

- The clinical use of LASER
- The recent development of LASER technology
- The problems or dilemmas about LASER medical application
- How could the latest research in LASER technology help in the improvement of LASER medicine?

### *Medical Students and Public Health*

Medical students are future doctors. Doctors should not only care about the health of individual but the whole society. As a medical student, do you get involved in PH issue?

- The connection between medicine and public health
- The advantages and disadvantages of medical student in doing PH research
- What's the difference between MD and public health scholar?
- The collaboration of clinical medicine and public health research

### *The Application and Development of Stem Cell*

Stem cell is no doubt an amazing and promising bio-technology in 21st century. It is now used in clinical medicine in various ways. Stem cell, however, also induce some moral controversy.

- The latest use and progression in stem cell technology
- What kind of clinical use of this technology? How do scientists make these accomplishments? Is there any potential risk?
- The future development of stem cell.
- The interaction of different applications of stem cell.

### *Asperger's Syndrome: Basic and Clinical Issue*

- General introduction to Asperger's syndrome, and its comparison with typical autism
- Sharing: experience working with children with Asperger's syndrome
- Asperger's syndrome is sometimes referred to as 「scholar's syndrome」 or described as 「autistic geniuses.」 How accurate is this saying?
- People with Asperger's syndrome may have problem with emotional or interpersonal problems. What are some possible ways to help them fit into groups such as their classes in school.
- What are some commonly practiced interventions to benefit children with Asperger's syndrome? How well (do you think) they are working?



### ***Studying a PhD abroad on basic medical research***

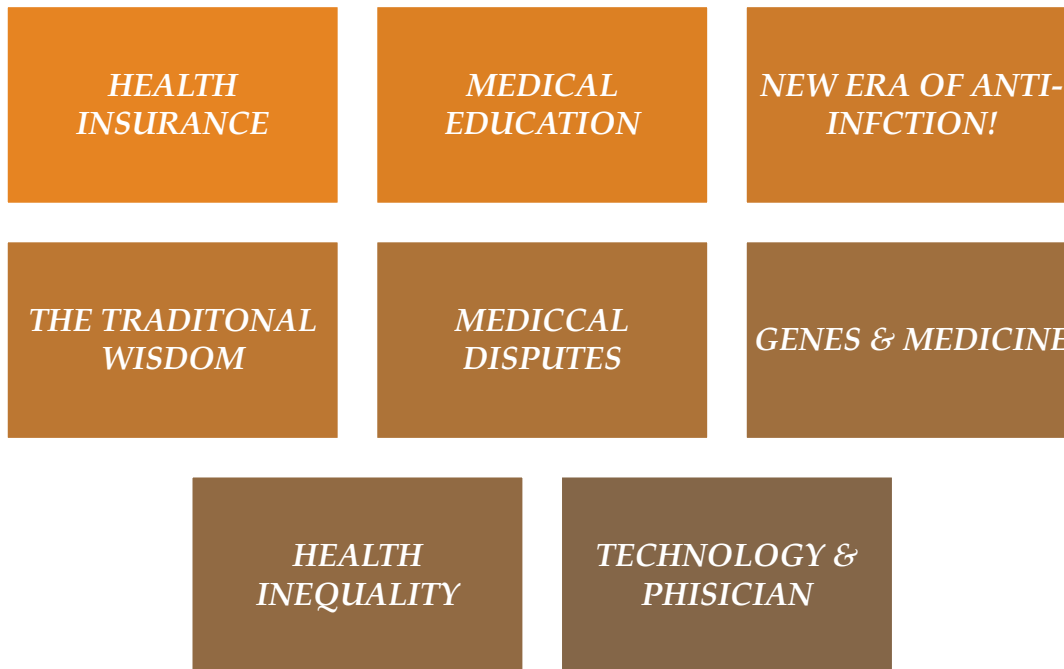
The theme of this panel is about sharing the experience on studying a PhD abroad on basic medical research. Since doing medical research is a career choice for medical students, we provide a platform for the attendants to interact with the panel speakers, who were also medical students not too long ago. As times have changed, it is especially important to be constantly updated on the newest ideas and information, and the speakers' current, ongoing experiences and insights studying abroad will greatly inspire us. We hope that through this panel session, the attendants can get a better understanding of studying abroad on basic medical research.

### ***Patient-Oriented Hospital Environment Designing Workshop***

When it comes to building a "user-friendly" hospital, there are sometimes difficulties to convey practical needs into architectural design. The most concerned issues of hospital users, the medical teams and patients, may be greatly different from those of the designers. In this clinical workshop, we try to experience and get involved in the process of designing an ideal hospital service environment. We would first share our ideas as patients, medical students and future doctors, and discuss about what problems should be solved and what improvements could be made based on present environments. Following we could learn hands-on space arranging experiences through 1:50 and 1:1 mockup models of the NTU Cancer Center Hospital. This panel is facilitated by NTU Cancer Center Hospital MIT (Mockup, Innovation and Technology) Lab. There are two consecutive sections of this workshop. You can still participate in section II without attending section I.



## Working Group Discussion



### HEALTH INSURANCE

#### *The Solutions and Directions for Current Health Insurance Systems*

Medicine is different from other scientific subjects because it has close connections with people, human rights and social welfare. The health insurance system here in Taiwan can be the most completed one in the world owing to its 100% prevalence. All the citizens in Taiwan can enjoy medical service of high quality with moderate prices.

However, the system is not free from loopholes. The easy access to medical care can bring about free rider phenomenon. People tend to take advantages of the insurance system by constantly going to hospitals and taking more drugs intentionally. This may increase the workloads of the medical personnel. If we do not close the loopholes by immediate measures, the basis of medical care can be gradually eroded.

We believe that a well-found health insurance system is the landscape for social stability because it keeps people healthy, which is an essential part of the natural rights. The working group discussion offered a chance for medical students to do its best to reconsider the basic value of health insurance systems and to bring up the strategies to reform the current systems.

### MEDICAL EDUCATION

#### *Basic and Clinical medical integrated course*

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However, what kinds of education systems could achieve this goal effectively? Medical students from many different countries in the Asian-Pacific area could exchange with each other in this activity; and compare the different medical education systems in others' countries. Besides, basic and clinical medical integrated course is currently being more and more focused. In this opportunity, students could talk about the different goals, approaches, pros and cons of conventional coursed and integrated course. Finally, with the change in how the social values shaped the patients' and society's expectation from physicians, we will discuss and propose possible solutions to improve the common problems in current medical education in this activity.



## **NEW ERA OF ANTI-INFCTION!**

### ***Antibiotics · Resistant microbes and Infection management***

The discovery and use of antibiotics is a great milestone throughout the medical history. With the development and broad use of antibiotics, many once fatal infection diseases could be control effectively. The care of trauma was also improved. There is no denying that antibiotics, as one of the most effective weapon against bacteria, have remarkably improved the success rate of many medical procedures and eliminated many fatal infections. The antibiotic, however, may destroy itself with inappropriate use by human. Besides medical area, antibiotics are now used in various kinds of way in our daily life. This could be dangerous as the super resistant microbes can be created by natural selection, which may lead to a great crisis.

## **THE TRADITONAL WISDOM**

### ***Challenges and Development of Traditional Medicine***

Nowadays, modern medicine is highly developed. However, before modern medicine is widely spread, every region has its own traditional medicine, also known as alternative medicine. Many native plants or animals can be used as medicine. Take traditional Chinese medicine as an example , the World Health Organization and the National Institutes of Health of the United States(NIH) have stated that acupuncture can be effective in the treatment of neurological conditions and pains. However, there are still many traditional therapies in dispute. How can one distinguish superstition from effective treatments through scientific methods? How can we apply them to current medicine? What is the advantage of traditional medicine? What obstacles does it face? What are possible developments of traditional medicine?

## **MEDICCAL DISPUTES**

### ***Deal with Medical Disputes***

Recently, there have been lots of lawsuits regarding to medical disputes in Taiwan. For some doctors as well as nurses, a little poor outcome may easily evolve into an unwanted encounter in the courtroom. For some medical students, many unjust cases may be huge obstacles on their way to departments with high risk such as Surgery, Obstetrics and Gynecology. Are legal attacks always necessary to handle disputes? How does each system in different countries deal with disputes? If there is a suit, which way do patients or their relatives usually follow? Is it a civil one or a criminal one? How do the judges straighten out those disputes? What's the duty of doctors and hospitals? Is there any classical case can be a reference material? We hope through this forum, you can get some precious information. Most of all, you should try to criticize and give some suggestions for both your own countries and others.

## **GENES & MEDICINE**

### ***Genetic Medicine and the Ethical Issues***

Gene is the code of lives. Many diseases are related to the defect in gene. More and more genes had been proved to be associated with corresponding diseases since Human genome project began. And relating studies and treating methods are blossoming. Many scientists and doctors regard genomic medicine as a great progress in medicine and a final treatment to save patients from pain.

However, is the future of genomic medicine so bright? In the movie 「Gattaca,」 the prevalence of genomic engineering result in the discrimination and limitation of the right of nature human, whereas the nature man defeat genomic human with his effort. Are the influences of gene so important that we have no choice but modifying genes to cure people? Furthermore, will new problems about ethics and law and injustice arise as genetic medicine develops?

Since genetic medicine is a powerful and a unprecedented technique, we expect students can understand thoroughly the pros and cons, expectations and risks of genetic medicine. The ultimate goal of this discussion is to make genetic medicine become knowledge that benefits human beings.



## **HEALTH INEQUALITY**

### ***Health Inequality and Righteous Allocation of Health Resources***

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## **TECHNOLOGY & PHISICIAN**

### ***The Change of Doctor-Patient Relationship under New Technology***

A complete physical examination and history taking are essential during the process of diagnosis. According to Dr. Verghese, it is like a ritual for both patients and physicians. As modern medicine develops rapidly nowadays, we are, however, losing some kind of art simultaneously. Even some patients felt anxious without a doctor's touch. Clinical medicine evolved from the bedside to hospitals, and finally the laboratories were introduced. By giving a brief introduction to development of medicine, we will discuss the underlying cause based on the social values of that generation; its possible effect on patient-physician relationship will be discussed. Since we have more accurate high-tech instruments or assays, why we still need PE? Are we still losing other important things in medicine? What we have to do as more and more technology possibly replace the function of physicians?



## Personal Presentation

There are two types of presentation which could be chosen

1) Original research: The following are the four research topics from which you may choose as your own subject of presentation:

- A) Basic medicine
- B) Clinical medicine
- C) Public health
- D) Behavior sciences and humanities

2) Literature review and analysis: Participants are encouraged to share their ideas about and working experiences in medical community, including the following topics:

- A) Clinical experience: Share special experience of medical practice
- B) Medical system and policy: Share reflections and comments upon local or international medical systems and policies
- C) Current events: Elucidate and study specific events in the medical field
- D) Medical education: Comment on the issue of recent medical education system(s) and solutions to their problems.

Excellent works will be chosen by instructors to be presented during the symposium. The participants with accepted abstract will have a \$50 discount on conference fee, and the best abstracts and presentation(s) will be awarded the 「travel award」; that is his/her conference fee will be all refunded.

### Format

Title:

Name:

School:

Keywords:

Abstract:

If you have any questions about the abstract or the presentation, please contact [apmss@apmss-taiwan.org](mailto:apmss@apmss-taiwan.org)





## Social Programs

### - Opening Party -

On your very first day of arriving at a totally different country, what would you expect? You might be eager to explore the city by yourself; you might feel a little bit nervous, for knowing nothing about the people and nation. But one thing's for sure. The opening party will provide you with detailed information and fulfill your curiosity. Even if you come to APMSS alone, there's nothing to be worried. Through having traditional Chinese cuisine and playing a series of fun game, we're sure you'll soon make new friends that can accompany you in the following journey. A great beginning of APMSS-you will not want to miss it!

### - Fantastic day trip -

Taiwan, once called "Formosa", is famous for lots of scenic spots spread out the whole island. Little journeys around Taipei City are easy to arrange for the benefit of transportation, but what if I want to visit somewhere else? Of course we're not going to let you down! A fantastic day trip is arranged to Yilan, a beautiful county known for its scenery and art preservation. There, you can experienced many forms of traditional Chinese art by doing it yourself at National Center for Traditional Arts. After enjoy the afternoon, you're not going to miss the well-known night market in Luodong! Special Taiwanese snacks include green onion cake, Chicken rows, just to name a few. So what are you waiting for? Come join us and enjoy this unique journey!

### - Farewell Party -

After days of academic work and fun activities, we finally come to the last day. Throughout all these experiences, Taiwan may now seems a little bit more like your home. Enjoy some easy chatting with your new friends in company of fine music while having dinner. After that, join everybody in the dance floor and take the most advantage of the last night! We'll need to say goodbye eventually, but the friendship that links us all will never fade away.



# Registration

- 1 · Registration is only available via the official website. If you have difficulties doing the online registration, Please contact us.
- 2 · The deadline of registration is **15 November 2012**.

## The conference fees are as follows:

General	USD 350
School recommendation or Group registration (4 people)	- USD 20
With accepted academic paper abstract	- USD 30
Attending day trip	+ USD 20

**\*Please send your abstract and file to [apmss@apmss-taiwan.org](mailto:apmss@apmss-taiwan.org) before 12/20 24:00 G+0**  
**The refund will be given in the end of the conference**

- 3 · Please ensure that your passport is valid for at least 6 months prior to your arrival in Taiwan. Registration will require your Passport Number and the Expiration date. Please keep your passport with you before you continue.

For more information, please check the following websites:

[Bureau of Consular Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs](#)  
[Overseas embassies of the Republic of China](#)

- 4 · For further enquiries or clarification, please contact us at [apmss@apmss-taiwan.org](mailto:apmss@apmss-taiwan.org).

# General Information

## Taiwan

Taiwan, officially the Republic of China (R.O.C.), is also commonly known as 'Formosa', which means 'a beautiful island' in Portuguese. In spite of being a small island, Taiwan has a special geologic structure that has created an amazing variety of magnificent scenery. In addition, the cultural aspects can also not to be missed. The blending of Hakka, Taiwanese, mainland Chinese and aboriginal cultures has produced a rich plethora of cultural and social color.

### *Taiwan's Medical System*

Among the top 200 hospitals around the globe, Taiwan has 14 ones, ranking number three in the world only behind the USA and Germany. Moreover, there have been 12 medical institutions recognized by the most credible international hospital accreditation JCI (Joint Commission International). It's obvious that Taiwan's medical system and skills has reached the world class.

The current health care system in Taiwan is National Health Insurance (NHI). The NHI was established in 1995 and its insured rate now exceeds 99 percent. With more than 83 percent of the citizens satisfied with the program, the health minister added that Taiwan's success in health insurance has become an international point of reference. The system promises equal access to health care for all citizens.

## National Taiwan University College of Medicine

Ranked in number seven since 2011 among colleges of medicine and life science in Asian area by the British QS World University Ranking, National Taiwan University College of Medicine (NTUCM) has played an important role in the medical education of Taiwan. The research in NTUCM excels in the domains of biochemistry, clinical medicine, pharmacology and toxicology, with an outstanding publication of scientific papers in most international journals.

### Brief History

In 1945, when Taiwan was restored to the Republic of China at the end of the World War II, the Government took over the former Taihoku (Taipei) Imperial University and reorganized it according to our University Law into the National Taiwan University; After the retrocession of Taiwan in 1945, the former Japanese teaching system was replaced with the system set by our government.

During the War II, the buildings of the College of Medicine and its teaching hospital ( National Taiwan University Hospital ) were severely damaged by air raids. Most of the



facilities were found to be out of order. In 1951, the United States Aid Missions to China began donating funds for the rehabilitation and reconstruction of the damaged buildings, for the purchase of scientific equipment and teaching facilities, for sending faculty members and nurses to the U.S. for further studies, and for inviting American consultants to the College to improve its teaching and research.

With substantial improvement of the laboratory and library facilities, and with the recommendations of the American consultants, the curriculum for medical students was reorganized, and the teaching methods were changed. The number of hours for lectures was reduced, while the time allotted to laboratory exercises and bed-side teaching was increased.

Now, NTUCM is over 105 years old and has played an important role in the medical education of Taiwan. NTUCM will continue its efforts in promoting holistic education including medical humanities. By doing so we can cultivate a better generation of medical personnel to serve our people with a better quality.

## National Taiwan University Hospital

National Taiwan University Hospital (NTUH) remains not only the best-known and most highly-renowned medical center in Taiwan but also a world-renowned medical center for liver diseases.

As a university hospital and leading medical center in Taiwan, the NTUH has devoted enormous resources to medical research with the support and cooperation of many Taiwan's official institutions such as the ROC Department of Health, National Health Research Institute, and the National Science Council, etc.

On October 19, 1991, the completion of a large new building complex on the so-called East Site marked another milestone in the history of the NTUH. Today, the (new) East and (old) West Sites together have more than 4,000 employees, serving 2,000 inpatients and 8,000 outpatients daily from every place in Taiwan. Nowadays, NTUH is always the best choice for medicare in Taiwan people's mind.

### *Education and Training*

As the most important medical center affiliated with National Taiwan University College of Medicine (NTUCM), plans for the establishment of a mutual support system have already been made. NTUH provides education and training to a great variety of medical, paramedical, and non-medical personnel, including clerks, interns, post-graduate trainees, with the backgrounds in almost all of the medical domain. For undergraduate students, NTUH provides education and training for domestic students, as well as for international students from around the world in accordance with NTUH's



international cooperation plans. Each year approximately 600 medical students and 1,400 paramedical/non-medical students finish their training at NTUH.

In post-graduate medical training, NTUH's educational and training programs aim at equipping medical residents with excellent professional knowledge and clinical skills as well as medical ethics. To help medical residents better understand the patients and their pain and suffering, doctors are also required to take courses such as introduction to clinical medicine, physicians and the humanities, physicians and the society, and so on.

For paramedical and non-medical personnel including administrators, pharmacists, nurses, therapists, medical technologists, dietitians, volunteers, social workers and so on, NTUH not only offers courses on a regular basis, as part of the continuing education, but also provides trainings on actual practice.

## Notification

### Conference Locations

Please note that the Welcome Party and Closing Banquet are held in Cosmos Hotel, otherwise all conferences (except academic visits) are in National Taiwan University Hospital Convention Center or National Taiwan University College of Medicine. We have marked clear signs and routes on the map. Please be punctual at all times during the conference.

#### *Addresses*

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# Coming to Taiwan

## - Visa -

Foreign nationals may obtain tourist visas if they hold foreign passports or travel documents valid for more than six months in the Republic of China for purposes of sightseeing, business, family visits, study or training, medical treatment, or other legitimate activities. 30-day visa-free privileges are afforded to citizens of 31 countries and 30-day landing visas are afforded to citizens of 3 countries.



For any further information, please visit the following website:

[Bureau of Consular Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs](#)  
[Overseas embassies of the Republic of China](#)

## - Currency -



The Republic of China's unit of currency is the New Taiwan Dollar (NT\$), which has five denominations in paper money and five in coins.

Foreign currencies can be exchanged at government-designated banks and hotels. Receipts are given when currency is exchanged, and must be presented in order to exchange unused NT dollars before departure.

Major credit cards such as American Express, Master Card, Visa, and Diners Club are accepted and traveler's checks may be cashed at foreign-exchange banks.

## - Airport -

There are two international airports in Taiwan: CKS Airport in Taoyuan (about 40 km from Taipei City), and Hsiao-Kang Airport in Kaohsiung. Direct flights between Taiwan and other countries provide convenient services. Except for some flights to and from between Taiwan and Hong Kong as well as South East Asia land in Hsiao-Kang Airport, most international flights all land in CKS Airport.



# FAQ & Contact

## - Registration and Activity -

Q: When and where will the 4th APMSS be?

**A: The 4th APMSS will be hold in Taipei, from January 29th to the February 3rd, 2013**

Q: I want to attend APMSS, how do I register it?

**A: Press the "registration" button on the left column. Follow the instructions and fill out the application form. Registration is ONLY available via the official website. If you have difficulties doing the online registration, Please contact us at [apmss@apmss-taiwan.org](mailto:apmss@apmss-taiwan.org).**

Q: How do I know whether I have been successfully registered or not

**A: The result will be sent to your mailbox within 2 day after submitting your registration form. A profile of conference details will be in the attachment of the letter, along with your conference fees and payment link. You will also be informed to process the payment within 5 days.**

Q: If I want to present in personal presentations, what should I prepare?

**A: For attendants who are interested in personal presentation, please fill in the topic of your paper while doing the registration. And please submit an abstract about 300 words and the poster after registration. The authors of selected abstracts and posters will be qualified to give a personal presentation during the symposium, and will get a conference fee discount of USD 30.**

## - Payment -

Q: How do I pay the conference fees?

**A1: For international attendants, online credit card payments and International remittance International Postal Money Order are available. All are done in USD to avoid currency fluctuation issues.**

**A2: For Taiwanese attendants, Domestic Remittances services are available in Post Office and Banks.**

**A3: For delegates from Mainland China, please check for more details for inward remittance from China here.**

Q: How do I pay via credit card?

**A: We offer an online payment system supported by PayPal. After successful registration for conference activities, you will receive link to this online payment system in your notification letter. Click the link and you may begin.**



Q: Will I get refunds if I later decide to withdraw registered options?

**A: Your mature decision is required to fulfill Host Team's entire registration design. Hence fees are NON-refundable. Please think twice before you submit payments.**

### Contact Us

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