Taiwan Medical Association
Country Report

Tai-Yuan CHIU, M.D., M.H.S. President
Pi-Sheng WANG, M.D., Secretary General
Distribution of practitioners by type of healthcare facilities, 2015

No. of practicing physicians: 44,192
Total population: 23,492,074
Physician population ratio: 1:532
Outlines

Government-commissioned projects

Legislative advocacy

Working for members

Working for people

International affairs
Government-commissioned projects

- Improving quality of integrated post-acute care (PAC) payment system
- Primary care services review
- Campaigning for hosting international conferences and exhibitions in Taiwan
- International exchange and collaboration on health
- Continuing education for long-term care professionals
Legislative Advocacy

- Contributing to the passage of Childbirth Accident Emergency Relief Regulations to protect pregnant women and obstetricians

- The Patient Autonomy Act was passed into law in Dec, 2015, making a significant improvement for patient’s right and it’s the first patient self-determination legislation in Asia.
Working for members

- Halting adoption of double payment restriction by DRG in addition to global budget
- Adjustment of medical cost ratio and outpatient consultation fee
- Continuing medical education for members
- Introducing medical professional liability insurance
- General group life insurance benefit plan
Working for the people

• Recommend the government to place the priority on healthcare system reorganization for the problems of physician maldistribution.
• Establishing “Health and Medical Information News Reporting Award of Taiwan”.
• Enhance professionalism towards safe and quality healthcare.
• Join the editing of textbooks for elementary school to distribute correct health related knowledge
International Affairs

• The 203rd WMA Council Meeting in Argentina
• WMA GA in Moscow, Russia
• World Health Assembly 2016
• Aiding earthquake victims in Kumamoto, Japan
• Visiting Long Term Care Institute in Japan
• TMA arranged officials meeting between Japanese Cabinet Secretariat and Taiwan CDC
• TMA signing MOU with Chinese Medical Doctor Association
• Publishing Chinese version of the WMA Medical Ethics Manual 3rd Edition
World Health Assembly 2016
23-28 May, 2016
WMA GA in Moscow, Russia
14-17 October, 2015
Aiding earthquake victims in Kumamoto, Japan
20 May, 2016
Collaboration across the strait