

Vision of CCMP, Taiwan (VCD)

Introduction

The Committee on Chinese Medicine and Pharmacy, which acted initially as a consultant on Chinese medicine and pharmacy in the Department of Health, Ministry of the Interior, was still engaged in consultations when the Ministry of Health, Administrative Yuan was set up in 1971. With more and more importance attached to Chinese medicine and pharmacy, the Organizational Law of the Ministry of Health was revised on July 29, 1987, Article 17 of which stipulates that the Committee on Chinese Medicine and Pharmacy shall deal with all matters concerning Chinese medicine and pharmacy, On this basis a draft of the Organizational Articles of the Committee on Chinese Medicine and Pharmacy, Ministry of Health was submitted to the Legislative Yuan for discussion on November 21, 1987. With lobbying from the Chinese medicine community and the support of legislators concerned about herbalist doctors, the draft was ratified on December 15, 1994 and promulgated on December 30 of that year. The Committee on Chinese Medicine and Pharmacy was officially set up on November 1, 1995 as an independent department under the Ministry of Health and in the nine years since it was created everything has proceeded smoothly.

In May, 2002, The World Health Organization published for the first time its「WHO Traditional Medicine Strategy 2002-2005」to encourage all countries to administer traditional medicine and pharmaceutical using consistent standards. With the globalization of the world, the CCMP has exerted itself to promote Taiwan medicine, the combining of Chinese and Western Medicine and the internationalization of Chinese medicine. In recent years, the CCMP and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs have received many foreign visitors who have come to learn about Chinese medicine and pharmacy. The frequent visits of foreign guests show the great achievements of diplomacy and internationalization of

Chinese medicine and pharmacy.

Currently, the CCMP comprises four official divisions, namely, the Chinese Medicine Division, Chinese Pharmaceutical Division, Research and Development Division and Information and Publication Division, and a temporary Division of Technology Policy was added in 2002. With the coordination of the divisions, the CCMP operates a comprehensive administration of Chinese medicine and pharmacy with research undertaken, has established an investigation system for hospitals of Chinese medicine, and has drawn up a five-year plan (2004-2008) to ensure the safety of Chinese pharmacy, so as to improve the Chinese medicine and pharmacy industry and ensure the medical safety of the people, and allow Chinese medicine and pharmacy to play an important part in national health.

Chinese medicine and pharmacy, as the quintessence of Chinese national culture and one of the best traditional systems of medicine and pharmacy, has made great contributions to humanity for thousands of years. With the platform of WHO and WTO, the CCMP has a vision of the future and is making efforts to integrate resources at home and abroad to promote the value of Chinese medicine and pharmacy. The staff of the CCMP will strive to innovate and reform internally, enhance a sense of international competition externally, promote the modernization of Chinese medicine and the application of science to Chinese pharmacy, and intensify the administration of and research into, Chinese medicine and pharmacy. We hope that we can establish Taiwan as biotech island of Chinese Herbal medicines with the coordination of the concerned departments of the Executive Yuan and develop Chinese medicine and pharmacy into a profitable mainstream industry, we also hope that you will continue your support to us as always.