

Guest Editorial

The First Taipei Medical University's Annual Professor Eng-Kung Yeh Lecture

Taipei Medical University (TMU) celebrated its 40th anniversary in 2000. With instructions from the President of TMU, David Chung-Hong Hu, the Department of Psychiatry at TMU held the First Professor Eng-Kung Yeh Lecture to honor Prof. Yeh's contributions to TMU and to the development of national mental health programs in Taiwan. He is a nationally and internationally well-recognized psychiatrist pioneer, and is one of the most outstanding psychiatrist figures in Taiwan. The proceedings consisted of abstracts of the three keynote lectures, as well as biographic notes and comments written by various psychiatrists from Taiwan and abroad; All of them were Prof. Yeh's colleagues, friends, and students. Details of the proceedings can be found at <http://www.pan.idv.tw/yeh>. Prof. Yeh, began to teach psychiatry at TMU in the mid-1960's and founded the TMU Department of Psychiatry. He was chairman of the TMU Department of Psychiatry from 1990 to 1995 after his retirement from National Taiwan University and Taipei City Psychiatric Center. He is currently active as a consultant psychiatrist at both TMU Hospital and TMU-Wan Fang Hospital.

As Chairman of the Organizing Committee for the Prof. Yeh Lecture Series, I have been privileged to work with various committee members (including Shang-Ying Tsai, MD; Chien-Tsu Chen, PhD; Wen-Sen Vincent Lee, PhD; Horng-Mo Lee, PhD, Han-Sun. Chiang, MD, PhD; Hung-Yi Chiou, PhD; and Ching-Hua Su, PhD.) and psychiatrists at both TMU and its affiliated hospitals. The one-day lecture successfully took place on December 2, 2000.

This Prof. Eng-Kung Yeh Lecture used the format of a symposium, with the theme of the "physician-patient relationship". The symposium consisted of three lectures, given by three distinguished international scholars: Joe Yamamoto, MD, Professor Emeritus of Psychiatry, University of California-Los Angeles, USA; Mashahisa Nishizono, MD, Professor Emeritus of Psychiatry, Fukuoka University and Director for Psycho social Psychiatry and Psychotherapy, Fukuoka, Japan; and Milton H. Miller, MD., Professor of Psychiatry, and Chairman of Psychiatry, Harbor/UCLA Medical Center, UCLA, USA. After all three keynoters spoke on the topic of the physician-patient relationship from different perspectives, there was a panel discussion chaired by Ming-Liang Lee, MD, PhD, Minister of Health, Participating panelists were Prof. Jung-Kwang Wen, MD of Chang-Gung University-Kaohsiung; Prof. Michael Cheng-Tek, Tai of Chung-Shun Medical College; and Prof. Ly-Yun Chang of Academia Sinica.

I am delightful that the editors of the *New Taipei Medical Journal of Medicine (NTJM)* have provided me the opportunity to write this guest editorial and that three speakers agreed to go write up their speeches in publishable form. Effective from the current issue of *NTJM*, the lecture will appear in its entirety with the original speeches to satisfy the reader with both academic and epicurean tastes.

Do read and enjoy reading it!

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