

Achievements Collection of the Plan (2007-2008) of Establishing Medication Safety Environment of Chinese Medicine in Taiwan(一、二)



Introduction

In the face of the rapid development of Chinese herbal industries around the world, the environmental enhancement for in-depth professional training, formulation of scientific evaluation standards and related platform technologies and intensification of international competitiveness in order to further development and technological innovation of the Chinese medicine industry have become urgent issues that require immediate attention and action.

In order to integrate available resources, carry out its commissioned responsibilities, meet the expectation of the people and respond to the decision of the Legislative Yuan, WHO resolution on conventional medicine and the purpose of Taiwan's biotech development, CCMP in 2004 began to implement the Plan of Establishing a Safe Medication Environment for Chinese Medicine with the duration determined to be 6 years, to which the Executive Yuan gave its consent via official correspondence Yuan-Tai-Wei-Tzu #0950000894 dated May 26, 2006, and a budget of NT\$523,173,000 was allocated. Upon the central

financial concern, the actual budget allocated for 2004 was NT\$49,505,000 for 13 projects, that for 2005 was NT\$31,162,000 for 20 projects (including 4 cross-fiscal-year projects), that for 2006 was NT\$31,906,000 for 24 projects (including 4 cross-fiscal-year projects), that for 2007 was NT\$16,923,000 for 22 projects (including 18 cross-fiscal-year projects), that for 2008 was NT\$25,861,000 for 32 projects (including 8 cross-fiscal-year projects) and that for 2009 was NT\$24,887,000 for 24 projects executed for the time being. The projects encompass the advanced professional literacy and pharmaceutical quality in Chinese medicine / pharmacy industries with 6 categories: the enforced quality control mechanisms of Chinese herbal preparations (materials), the establishment of Asia-Pacific standard Chinese medicine supply mechanisms, the amendment of Chinese medicine statute compliance and the intensive advocating education, the intensification of the professional training for Chinese herbal industrial technologies, the enhanced Chinese medicine resources management and the establishment of the information and distribution networks and the strengthened safety of Chinese medicine processes and the construction of an R&D platform.

Overall, in 2004-2008, the achievements included the publication of the China Chinese Medicine Pharmacopoeia, the promotion of the total enforcement of GMP Chinese herbal pharmaceutical manufacturers, the institution of Chinese herbal bulk law-source management, the advanced quality control mechanisms for Chinese herbal preparations, the reduced proportion of misuse and mixed use of Chinese herbs, the implementation of personnel training for law compliance and medication safety, the execution of the adverse drug reaction report mechanisms for traditional Chinese medicine, the construction of the Chinese herbal medication safety information website, the research and establishment of quality control specifications, and the deliberation of the temporally inadequate laws and proposal of bills. A variety of academic and political assessment reports are proposed and reviewed as the key background base to establish a safe medication environment and to propose policies for Chinese medicine and pharmaceuticals.

To share the collective achievements with all citizens, enhance and build an environment adequate to the laws governing Chinese medicine and pharmaceuticals, facilitate the industrial development and move forward to international markets, CCMP commissioned China Medical University to hold the Symposium for Promoting Regulations Governing Traditional Chinese Herbal Industries and Presenting Achievements of the Plan of Establishing a Safe Medication Environment for Chinese Medicine 2004-2008 on March 8 2008 where 14 directors having participated in the commissioned projects presented reports orally with 53 research achievements displayed through posters and the abstract collection in Chinese and English issued. In addition, there were special lecturers on 4 issues of Chinese Medicine New Drugs, Chinese Medicine Examination and Registration, Chinese Medicine Investigation Practice and Chinese Medicine Slice Preparation by inviting Chinese medicine experts at the national and international levels. The participants summed up 525 persons in the same business with vivid participation and discussion. According to the survey after the symposium, more than 85% of the participants recognized the policy of the Plan of Establishing a Safe Medication Environment for Chinese Medicine promoted by the central government.

Currently, the Plan (under the management of the Executive Yuan) carried out for 5 years is to expire by the end of this year (2009). Upon the past review and the future visions and to extend the goals and engage the achievements of the previous 6-year Plan with further planning, CCMP has been inviting scholars and experts to deliberate and plan an enforced framework for the second term of the Plan of Establishing a Safe Medication Environment for Chinese Medicine 2010-2014 so as to examine the present management strategies, enforced policies and research achievements of Chinese medicine / pharmaceuticals, inquire about the relevant national and international issues and available resources and assess the future environment. For the time being, the approval concerned is reported to the Executive Yuan by CCMP in compliance with the administrative procedures.

To urge the Executive Yuan to approve the promotion of medication safety and the objectives of future communications, CCMP has published the achievements to help promote business and policies and further construct a safe medication environment. The fruits in 2004, 2005 and 2006 were issued in the Achievements Collection of Academic & Clinical Application Symposium of Committee on Chinese Medicine and Pharmaceuticals, Department of Health, Executive Yuan issued in 2005, 2006 and 2007; therefore, 28 reports in 2007-2008 were selected in full to be shared with all citizens and the domain of Chinese medicine / pharmaceuticals.

Through the implementation of this project and incorporation of the effort of the industries, government agencies, academia and research institutes, we plan to outline the future of Chinese medicine in Taiwan, construct an environment in which people are freed from the fear of medication, give full play to the international competition edge of Taiwan's Chinese medicine industry, and accelerate the country's biotech development.