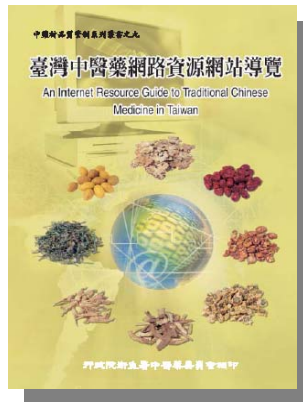


The Current Trend of Information and Publication of CCMP



Introduction

Half of the world's populace counts on traditional medicine for treatment. Western nations are gradually open in their attitude toward traditional medicine. For this reason, WHO, FDA in the US, and the EU have, one after another, announced Acts and measures about traditional medicine. Statistics show that 130 nations are using traditional medicine, and 124 of them have established traditional medicine organizations. Harvard Business Review predicts that traditional medicine will become one of the four important industries of the world in the coming 20 years and the study of traditional medicine tends to become the rage of the future. To follow the world trend, this committee established in 1949 as an advisory outfit was elevated to the level of an affiliated organization of the Department of Health on November 1, 1995, to take charge of the nation's Chinese medicine, including administration, research and development, and digitalization of information and publications. To enlarge publicity, this committee has set up a Chinese medicine web to post policies, laws and regulations, and research results. This committee also publishes an electronic bulletin to disseminate major information on related activities for reference of related circles.

Immediately after inauguration, this committee plunged into the development of technology for the development of traditional Chinese medicine to enhance the competitiveness of our nation's Chinese medicine in the world. We know the power of the net in real-time dissemination of information, so we entrusted Prof. Chang Shu-Jen at

Chinese Medical University to conduct the “study of management for Chinese medicine information—a guide to net resources of Chinese medicine” in the hope to combine professional knowledge of Chinese medicine with net technology. The project will continue to collect the websites of various nations in Asia, Europe and America related to Chinese medicine. After analysis and induction, the gathered information is included into the databank of Chinese medical knowledge and the knowledge management system for reference and use by related researchers and for establishment of a shortcut between Taiwan with the world. Besides, this committee will continue to publish a series of books. In 2004, we established a small map on the management of Chinese medical knowledge to guide users to the right website for quick and effective access to needed information so that we can attain the goal of resource sharing.

This book introduces government agencies, foundations, educational and academic institutions, corporations and personal web stations, research projects, databanks and medicine-related websites. We have vetted the contents for many times, and we are still afraid that faults and foibles are unavoidable. If found, please let us know so that we can make corrections in the next addition.