

Compilation of the CCMP Report on academic and Clinical Applications of Research (2002-2003)



Introduction

In the current electronic industry, semiconductor and LCD display are the two most important items, for they earn trillions of dollars for the nation, but with the lengthening of human life, health-related products have become more and more important. Therefore, bio-technology tends to become a stellar player in the future. In this regard, research on traditional Chinese medicine is the focus of development, making the responsibility of the Committee on Chinese Medicine and Pharmacy, Department of Health, Executive Yuan increasingly heavy.

Accelerated Chinese medical research for the development of high-value bio-technological products is a priority of the plan for making Taiwan into a bio-technological island of herbal medicine. Therefore, the Committee on Chinese Medicine and Pharmacy has amassed a big enough budget for Chinese medical researches and formulated statutes and strategies for Chinese medical development in the hope that this will set in motion the development of Chinese medicine and related bio-technological industries. To attain this goal, the committee often assembles industrialists, government officials, scholars, and researchers to hold symposiums and discussions. This has not only enabled the public to know more of the development of Chinese medicine in Taiwan and also provided practitioners of Chinese medicine the opportunities for continuous education and for absorption of new knowledge required for accelerating the development of biological technology. For this purpose, this committee budgeted a sum of NT\$21.9 million in 2002 as subsidy or donation for other organizations, research institutions of Chinese medicine, and domestic Chinese medicine bodies to conduct 48 projects. In

2003, the budget was increased to NT\$24 million, for 40 projects.

Of these 88 projects of the two years, 82 regarded the holding of academic and clinical symposiums on the use of Chinese medicine to treat osteoporosis, arthritis, and infertility, 2 concerned SARS-control education and training, 3 dealt with the development of the herbal medical industry and modernization training in Chinese medical clinical evaluation. These projects had four priorities: planning and management for Chinese medicine, planning and management for Chinese pharmaceuticals, development of Chinese medical research, and development of Chinese medical science and technology. The materials are compiled into a book, titled [Achievements Collection of the Academic and Clinical Application on Chinese Medicine.] Besides familiarizing the public with the state of Chinese medical development, we hope this book will serve as a bait to attract more enterprises into our nation's bio-technological industry for large-scale development.