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Innovating New Education Programs and Fighting for Health Equality

A QS Showcase-AMEA profile of Professor Ching-Kuan Liu, President of Kaohsiung Medical University (KMU)

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Professor Ching-Kuan Liu, an alumnus of KMU, is a renowned neurologist expertizing in Alzheimer’s disease, behavioral neurology and apoplexy. Because of his professional and executive experiences, Professor Liu serves as the chairman of Scientific Programme Committee of Alzheimer's Disease International (ADI) and the delegate of Taiwan in World Federation of Neurology (WFN). Besides, he is a member of the executive committee of Asian Society against Dementia (ASAD), appointed to the Chair of Continuing Medical Education.

In 2012, Professor Liu proposed “I Love KMU”—acronym for Innovation: Establishing university research teams and strengthening intercollegiate strategic alliances; Legislation: Optimizing the value of performance appraisal; Knowledge: Applying theory into practices; Mission: Sense of vocation; Universality: Partnership with sister schools, and involvement in international collaboration. The slogan “ILKMU” implies spiritual values in faculties and students, which stands for Integrity, Liberalism, Kindness, Modernization and Unity.

KMU has been internationally recognized as a leading medical institute with the advancement in environment and occupational medicine. With teaching resource sharing from foreign sister schools, the introduction of foreign teachers and international admissions and other diversified channels, KMU is achieving the goal of international medical industry personnel training institution. Professor Liu thinks that, located in Kaohsiung city, KMU plays a key role to get access to Southeast Asia. As global warming matters, tropical medicine has gradually become more and more important. With KMU’s tropical medicine and hygiene research and education programs, the problem in Taiwan can be solved and even medical assistance can be provided to areas in Asia and Africa. In addition, with the rise of mainland China and newly industrialized countries in Southeast Asia, the convenient multi-modal international transportation has facilitated the global medical tourism industry and the international flow of human capital. “Cross-border healthcare” has undoubtedly become a new trend in the medical industry.

Since its foundation 60 years ago, KMU has attached great importance to the practice of medical services, ranging from medical services for new immigrants and remote area healthcare service to overseas medical aids. The governance and spirit of President Liu integrate the medical professionals and humanities cultivation, leading KMU to the top university in Asia and the first-class graduate institute worldwide. It is sincerely a great pleasure to welcome international students to join KMU’s various education programs and fight for equality together.
Kaohsiung Medical University
Creating New Education Programs and Promoting Health Equality

Kaohsiung Medical University (KMU) sits in the heart of Kaohsiung, a world-class industrial port city with the population of 2.8 million residents, which makes it the second largest city in Taiwan. KMU, established in 1954, is the first private medical college in Taiwan. It consists of seven colleges and is the only school that provides the post baccalaureate program in medicine in Taiwan. KMU is also currently running Dual-Degree programs with the Faculty of Pharmacy, Upsalla University, Sweden, the University of Szeged, Hungary and a dual PhD program with University of California, Irvine. By September 2013, there were 5,790 university students and 1,211 post-graduate students including 365 international students.

Among all the medical universities in Taiwan, KMU is the only university that was honored as a model for teaching excellence in 2013 by the Taiwan Ministry of Education (MOE) and all departments have been accredited by Higher Education Evaluation & Accreditation Council of Taiwan (HEEACT). Currently, KMU has five research centers: (1) Center for Infectious Disease and Cancer Research, (2) Research Center for Natural Product and New Drug, (3) Research Center for Biomarker and Biotech Drug Innovation, (4) Gerontology and Geriatric Medical Searching Center, (5) Orthopaedic Research Center. KMU has distinguished performance in the following six fields: Clinical medicine; pharmacology and toxicology; agricultural sciences; social sciences; chemistry; and botany and zoology, which are ranked among top 1% of universities in the world. Furthermore, KMU has allocated abundant resources to the cooperation between industry and university; as a result, MoE has acknowledged it as one of the top private universities with excellent achievements in both academia-industry cooperation and intellectual property each year between 2009 and 2011.

KMU has 3 affiliated teaching hospitals with 2,634 beds in total. Our medical professional teams provide the public with comprehensive care. Chung-Ho Memorial Hospital, the medical center and the oldest first-class teaching hospital established in 1979, along with the other two regional hospitals, has been providing medical trainees with integrated trainings over the last few decades. In order to increase resources, Kaohsiung Medical University has established a long-term collaboration with National Sun Yat-sen University through “The Aim for the Top University Alliance” project. This cooperation integrates the diverse resources of two prominent universities, not only enhancing KMU’s teaching and research but also turning the two universities into a combined think tank for Kaohsiung city.

Since the founding of KMU, 26 National Awards for Outstanding Contributions to Medical Services laureates were KMU alumni. The academic staffs of its global health program have trained many medical experts and clinical professionals in developing countries around the world, including Solomon Islands, St. Lucia, Haiti, Guatemala and Gambia. With our relentless efforts over the past 60 years, KMU family continues the faith in educating health professionals, providing comprehensive medical care to the public and eliminating health disparities.
Promoting health equality and opening new horizons

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