



Editorial

Health Promoting Hospitals and Health Services Development and Achievements in Taiwan

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In 2006, Taiwan became the first Asian member of The International Network of Health Promoting Hospitals & Health Services (HPH Network). Through the efforts of government, NGO groups and pilot institutions, the Health Promotion Administration (HPA) of Taiwan began to encourage medical facilities around the nation to join in the international network. The primary goal is to transform medical facilities from the traditional treatment-based service model to a health-improving and total-care-promoting one. The vision is to encourage medical institutions to improve the health gain of patients, family members, community, and staffs. In the past 13 years, 142 medical institutions (including 139 hospitals, 2 health centers, and 1 long-term care institution) have been certified by the HPH Network, making Taiwan the biggest regional network entity under the International HPH Network.

The HPA and the Editorial Office of Clinical Health Promotion collaborate to publish this special issue titled “HPH Development and Achievements in Taiwan”, to consolidate the diversified results of the flourishing development in each of the health-promoting issues after the HPH certification was introduced. There are a total of 14 topics, including prevention and control of cigarette smoking, age-friendly environment, healthy workplace, climate-smart, health literacy.

Through this specific issue, we wish to exchange knowledge and experience with medical institutions and policy makers from other parts of the world.