

The 2020 Taiwan International Nursing Conference Endorsed by ICN Carried Out Successfully in Taipei, Taiwan

18 September 2020—The 2020 Taiwan International Nursing Conference endorsed by the International Council of Nurses (ICN) was held in Taipei, Taiwan, from September 9 to September 11. In consideration of the worldwide COVID-19 pandemic and possible travel restrictions, the three-day Conference combined in-person and virtual format, attracting 2,250 participants from 23 countries, and selecting 1,798 abstracts for presentation at symposium, concurrent, poster and e-poster sessions.

With the theme of “The Vital Roles of Nurses in Global Health”, the Conference was set to reflect the facts that nurses take the vital and leading roles in addressing global health challenges in the healthcare systems and are the fundamental and backbone to achieve the vision of Health for All.

In the Opening Ceremony, President of Taiwan Nurses Association (TWNA), Ching-Min Chen welcomed all participants and praised for the cooperation among all parties that dedicated in organizing the Conference. ICN President Annette Kennedy spoke that the current COVID-19 pandemic showed the invaluable contributions that nurses made to the health system and no health system can operate without nurses. Minister without Portfolio, Examination Yuan of ROC (Taiwan), also the ex-President of TWNA, Hsiu-Hung Wang shared how Taiwan’s nurses play a key role in the positive results in containing the COVID-19. ICN CEO Howard Catton spoke on how nurses deserve protection from verbal and physical assault from their employers and governments.

ICN Board members also actively took part at the Conference. Lian-Hua Huang shared the achievement of Taiwan Nursing Now and how the nursing organizations help develop the next generation of young nurses. Karen Bjørø spoke on how nursing innovations have contributed to improve nursing care quality and optimize Long-Term Care in the Norwegian health care system.

NCSBN CEO David Benton spoke on the role of nurse regulation. James Buchan, expert in the health workforce, talked about nurse workforce sustainability from an international perspective. ICN's LFC Global Director Kristine Qureshi, and leaders from Indonesia, Myanmar, Taiwan and Vietnam reflected on outcomes of the LFC program learned in Taiwan. NNAs delegates from Hong Kong, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Singapore, Thailand and Taiwan, were also invited to share their experience and insights in topics such as building a workforce for the future, global challenges of COVID-19 pandemic, and nursing leadership in management and health policy.



It was the first time that TWNA organized a conference of such large scale since 2005. With the guidance of ICN and the hard work of the Conference Scientific Committee and Organizing Committee, the in-person/virtual Conference was carried out successfully and highly rated by the speakers and the participants, especially for its smooth operation with more than 1,000 views of overseas participants in live streaming meeting within 3 days. TWNA will continue to network with the ICN and its local, regional and international counterparts. Working together, we can make a brighter future for health and nursing around the world.

Note to Editors:

The International Council of Nurses (ICN) is a federation of more than 130 national nurses associations (NNAs), representing more than 20 million nurses worldwide. Operated by nurses and leading nurses internationally, ICN works to ensure quality nursing care for all, sound health policies globally, the advancement of nursing knowledge, and the presence worldwide of a respected nursing profession and a competent and satisfied nursing workforce.

The Taiwan Nurses Association (TWNA) was founded in 1914 with more than 70,000 members. It aims to promote the development of nursing profession, improve nursing research, upgrade standards of nursing education, promote the health of all citizen, and enhance the international status of the nursing profession.