



Taipei Declaration on Global Development of Health in All Policies

[Forum News]

The Ministry of Health and Welfare announced the "Taipei Declaration on Global Development of Health in All Policies," during the 2013 Global Health Forum in Taiwan on Nov. 24, calling on all public policies to incorporate health into their decision processes, echoing the World's Health Organization's "Health in All Policies" approach on the prevention of non-communicable diseases.

Attending the declaration announcement were the main drafters of the declaration, Dr. Shu-Ti Chiou, Director-General of the Health Promotion Administration and Prof. Martin McKee, President of European Public Health Association; other participants included Dr. Tzou-yien Lin, Deputy Minister of Health and Welfare; Mr. James Chauvin, President of the World Federation of Public Health Association (WFPHA); Dr. Mengistu Asnake, Vice President and President-elect of the WFPHA; Dr. Bettina Borisch, Head of Geneva Secretariat of WFPHA; Dr. Michael Sparks, President of the International Union for Health Promotion and Education; Ms. Joyce R. Gaufrin, President of American Public Health Association, and Dr. Helmut Brand, President European Health Forum Gastein, whom all



expressed their support to advance commitment from political leaders, pursue actions and implement measures through scientific research, training, strategic tool development and experience sharing, to achieve health and welfare for everyone. In total, 146 participants of the Forum signed the declaration.

Interview with Dr. Shu-Ti Chiou, Director General, Health Promotion Administration, R.O.C. (Taiwan); President, International Network of Health Promoting Hospitals and Health Services

Mr. Olivier Wouters: Today you signed the "Taipei Declaration on Global Development of Health in All Policies" with Professor Martin



McKee, a faculty member at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. What was the inspiration behind this declaration and what do you hope to accomplish with it?

Dr. Shu-Ti Chiou: The Taipei Declaration is based on the Helsinki Statement on Health in All Policies. We aimed to first define health: what does it mean for our citizens, our patients, our communities, and our society as a whole?

A better understanding of health and the expectations of health care stakeholders can help us better promote health and enhance the functioning of our health system. If we have a better definition of health, then we hope we can bring greater awareness and recognition to the important role of Health in All Policies in health systems around the world. We also hope to encourage collaboration across countries and international health organizations to improve current practices based on the best available evidence. ■

Role and Capacity of Public Health in Health-in-All-Policies Approach: Taiwan's Perspective

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In this presentation, Dr. Shu-Ti Chiou talked about the Health-in-All-Policies (HiAP) approach to public policies across all sectors, which systematically takes into account the health implications of decisions, seeks synergies, and avoids harmful health impacts, in order to improve population health and health equity. The 8th Global Conference on Health Promotion held in Helsinki also re-iterated that government should commit to health and health equity as a political priority. Taiwan has actually taken a Health-in-All-Policies approach to embody the idea of Age-friendly City step by step, supported by strong commitment from political leaders. The HPA supervises each city/county to implement policies towards aging in Taiwan. Both central and local governments, in partnership with private sectors, incorporate health into the conceptualization, design, building, and operation of public good and services on each of eight areas of urban living: outdoor spaces and buildings; transportation; housing; social participation; respect and social inclusion; civic participation and employment; communication and information; and community support and health services.



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