

中文題目：透過 NGO 促進海外醫療合作

英文題目：NGO pushes ahead with overseas medical cooperation

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**Background:** In recent decades, medical care has been promoting vigorously and significantly in Taiwan. Many medical staff went abroad to the United States, Japan or European countries for learning new professional knowledge and technique. The excellent medical staff, having finished their studies in the advanced countries, came back Taiwan with abundant new concepts. Besides, medical staff in Taiwan were instructed ethically enthusiasm in their education. As a result, some medical staff indulged in dedicating their time and ability to helping the poor people overseas in the developing countries.

**Materials and Methods:** Our association of medical services had been organized more than 5 years in our hospital. Many enthusiastic volunteers joined the association at their leisure to provide free medical services for the poor and old people in the remote rural districts in Taiwan or foreign countries. The volunteers consisted of physicians, surgeons, pharmacists, nurses and administrators. Although public health system had been set up for several decades in India, the shortage of medical services was still noticed in the poor remote rural districts. In March 2011, our association of medical services from Taiwan visited Uttar Pradesh, India with the help of local NGO (non-governmental organization) in India. Youth Buddhist Society of India organized the program of free medical services with our association. Our medical staff and hospital furnished the medical services and medications. The NGO in India strongly supported our association to carry out the program. Several local medical doctors of NGO in India also helped the medical services.

**Result:** Uttar Pradesh, India has a population more than 199,000,000. There were four consecutive days of free medical services in the countryside of Uttar Pradesh, India. The volunteers were two physicians, one dentist, three pharmacists and four nurses from our hospital. Our association and Indian NGO provided free medical services for more than 1200 patients. Tuberculosis and malaria were still noticed in the region. Respiratory disease was common due to the chewing of tobacco. Most of the medications were bought locally in New Delhi, India considering the convenience and expense.

**Conclusion:** Even though medical task was quite hard and busy in Taiwan, many medical staff spent their precious time and ability in order to provide free medical services. Many charity organizations in Taiwan sent medical teams to foreign countries. Fortunately, the task of free medical services was fulfilled by the association of volunteers in the hospital. In fact, the concept of humanity could be carried out through the association of volunteers in the hospital. In addition, overseas medical cooperation was pushed ahead by the aid of local NGO in the foreign country.