

Kaohsiung Municipal Cijin Hospital



Kaohsiung City Government had planned the task of bidding for several months from April 18, 2013. In December 13, 2013, the government officially announced KMU as ROT's most excellent applicant. On October 1 2014, after over nine months of planning and trial operations, the opening and operating ceremony of Kaohsiung Municipal Cijin Hospital and "James Laidlaw Maxwell's House" was hosted by the city mayor, Chu Chen, Secretary of Ministry of Health and Welfare, Chi-Kung Ho, KMU's Chairman of the Board, James D. Chen, KMU's president, Ching-Kuan Liu and the first superintendent, Chao-Hung Kuo.

In 1866, Dr. James Laidlaw Maxwell set up Taiwan's first modern medical hospital—"Takow Hospital." He was the first western doctor conducting medical treatment in Taiwan. It has been 150 years since Dr. Maxwell set up "Takow Hospital," and Kaohsiung City Government considers Cijin "the beginning of modern hospitals in Taiwan; also the origin of modern medical education in Taiwan", so expects the KMU medical system to follow Dr. Maxwell's mission to undertake the responsibility of taking care of health of Cijin's citizens.

Besides offering outpatient clinic, emergency department and hospitalization services, the hospital has brand-new equipment in rehabilitation, hemodialysis, dental clinic and operating rooms, which can offer Cijin's inhabitants a comprehensive healthcare service. Besides, the hospital has introduced the first CT scanner in Cijin, facilitating diseases diagnosis.

KMU medical system was authorized to operate Kaohsiung Municipal Cijin Hospital since September 2014, which sets a milestone of offering excellent medical services to Kaohsiung citizens, and it is expected as a whole new model of Municipal hospital.

KMCH is the only medical institute in Cijin district, which has the responsibility to offer medical service to 30,000 inhabitants. KMCH deeply understands the medical demands and expectations of Cijin's inhabitants, so it offers "Strengthen local medical service, develop characteristic care model" as the goal and taking "Guard health of Cijin generations, become a golden standard community hospital of holistic care" as the future mission. KMCH upholds the concept of 1) "patient-center and patient's safety as the main axis"; 2) focus on community healthcare promotion, and integrating current resources; and 3) exploration of medical features, intensifying differences between markets and elevating medical quality. In addition, the hospital "strengthens community service" and "optimizes the function of medical care," which is its operating strategy. KMCH will integrate the medical care in Chung-Ho Memorial Hospital, Municipal Siaoang Hospital, and Municipal Ta-Tung Hospital vertically, and strengthen contact with the local Preventive Medicine Foundation to provide high-quality medical care.

KMCH is founded upon the core idea of a holistic healthcare medical system, emphasizing the idea of an individual as center, family as unit, and community as range to provide comprehensive, coordinated and continuing medical healthcare. KMCH will strive to become a "Health Promoting Hospital," combining the most novel information and communication technology to offer the community diverse healthcare promotion services, integrating community resources, encouraging community people to participate and undertake the responsibility to promote community health, setting up a health promotion taking-care-cloud in Cijin district, upholding and improving community health, preventing diseases actively, and creating a healthy island with comprehensive healthcare.

KMCH will be devoted to doing research on cohort of Cijin citizens. Cijin district is similar to Framingham in the U.S., which includes three advantages: 1. Geographical separation from Kaohsiung City, which makes itself into an independent district;

2. Steady population, low immigration and emigration rate; and 3. No other large scale hospitals, except for KMCH, which makes easily accessible the medical records on light or severe diseases. KMCH expects to establish a generational tracking research based on the hospital as foundation, even the community as foundation, and family as unit. The accumulation of the research results will benefit the Cijin community and will have great contribution to healthcare in Taiwan and even the world.

Therefore, KMCH will provide medical services by taking Cijin neighbors as "good neighbors" to bring convenience to Cijin citizens when they go to the hospital, and meanwhile, they can receive high-quality healthcare. With the help of excellent medical skills and good quality of the medical group from the medical center, Cijin hospital will be devoted to providing medical services in general medicine, family medicine, preventive medicine, acute health care and community health. In the future, it will develop the subacute or chronic healthcare institutes so as to establish a holistic healthcare net.



▶ New Cijin Hospital Cijin District Medical Demand Symposium



▶ Mayor, Chu Chen hosting opening ceremony of "James Laidlaw Maxwell's House"