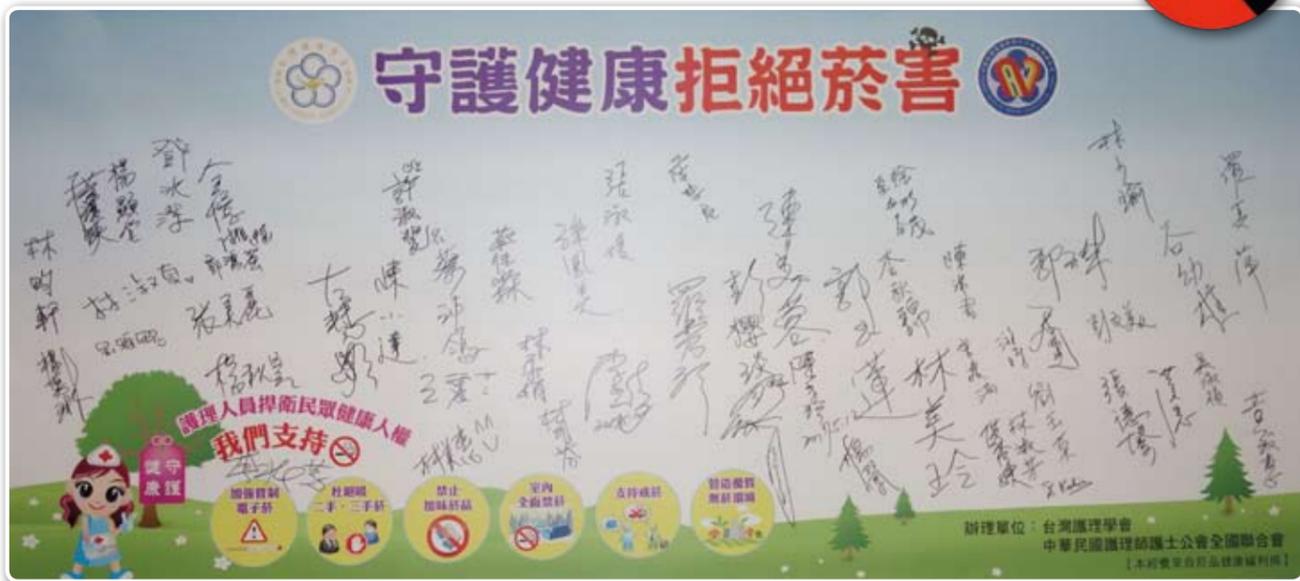


## TWNA Supports the Revision of Tobacco Hazards Prevention Act



Poster welcoming nurses to sign their support for revising the Tobacco Hazards Prevention Act

The most recent revision to Taiwan's Tobacco Hazards Prevention Act was published a decade ago. In order to effectively prevent new tobacco products such as smokeless tobacco as well as second- and third-hand smoke from harming public health, the Taiwan Nurses Association (TWNA) actively participated in press conferences hosted by the John Tung Foundation, advocating for new revisions to the Tobacco Hazards Prevention Act and for the end to the legal importation of electronic and flavored smoking products. Concurrently, the TWNA has been authorized by the MOHW's Health Promotion Administration to implement the "Guard our Health, Create a Tobacco-Hazard-Free Environment" program. TWNA urges all nurses throughout Taiwan to support non-smoking environments and freedom from all tobacco hazards.



Speakers and participants in a workshop advocating for the revision of the Tobacco Hazards Prevention Act

## TWNA will Host the AFFF, AANA and CSHMNC in November 2017

The ICN 18<sup>th</sup> Asia Workforce Forum (AFFF) and 14<sup>th</sup> Alliance of Asian Nurses' Association (AANA) Meeting will be held on November 14-16 in Taipei. Following the two meetings, the TWNA will host the 4<sup>th</sup> Cross-Strait and Hong Kong, Macau Nursing Conference (CSHMNC) on November 16-18, 2017. The theme of the CSHMNC will be "Nurses: A Voice to Lead - Achieving the SDGs". It is our great honor that

Dr. Sung Rae Shin, ICN 3rd Vice President has accepted our invitation to address the AFFF and give a keynote speech at the CSHMNC. More than 400 nurses from Taiwan, China, Hong Kong, and Macau have registered to attend, and 48 oral and 256 poster presentations will be made. The highlights of the CSHMNC will be shared in the next issue of this newsletter.

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## Highlights of the TWNA Member Representatives Council Meeting



President Kwua-Yun Wang Gave the Opening Remarks

The 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the TWNA's 31<sup>st</sup> plenary Member Representatives Council was held in January 2017, with 524 Representatives and 150 award winners attending. During the meeting, TWNA presented 140 Member Special Achievement awards to nursing institutions, 11 awards to the winners of the Clinical Education Strategy & Model Competition: School Educator Category, 59 awards to the winners of the Clinical Education Strategy & Model Competition: Clinical Preceptor Category, 15 awards to the winners of the Master's Track Clinical Practicum Outcomes Competition, and 38 awards recognizing Outstanding Achievement in Community Nursing. The meeting was attended by ICN Board Member (2013-2017) Dr. Sheuan Lee, who delivered the keynote speech, which echoed the ICN 2017 theme "Nurses: A Voice to Lead - Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals". Her speech highlighted the importance of nurses making their voices heard, discussed how to leverage current international healthcare trends to effectively "lead" these voices to greater impact, and shared relevant experiences. Her highly informative and interesting speech earned widespread appreciation and approbation from the audience.

## International Nurses Day Celebration 2017

May 12<sup>th</sup> marks the birthday of Florence Nightingale, a groundbreaking nursing reformer and the founder of nursing education. To remember and celebrate her devotion to the cause of professional nursing, ICN recognizes each May 12<sup>th</sup> as International Nurses Day (IND). The IND theme for 2017 was Nurses: *A Voice to Lead—Achieving Sustainable Development Goals*. This theme emphasizes the importance of nurses and of their voice, calling on nursing organizations to become leading voices in national health systems worldwide. Florence Nightingale deeply understood the importance of having nurses involved in politics and policymaking. She further recognized the importance of having strong supporters of nursing in national administrative and budget agencies, who could shepherd successful nursing reform to fruition. In view of this, the TWNA initiated the Nightingale Leadership Institute (NLI) Program in 2011 and sponsored the participation of nursing leaders in Taiwan and elsewhere in ICN GNLI/GNPLI from 2009. Furthermore, NLI began working with ICN's Leadership for Change (LFC) in 2015. In collaboration with the Taiwan Nurses Association and the Ministry of Health and Welfare, the Taiwan Union of Nursing Association (TUNA) hosted the 2017 IND Celebration, during which 16 outstanding nurses received awards and 2,208 senior nurses received career awards recognizing their 25, 30, 35, 40 or 45 years of service.



ROC President Ing-Wen Tsai and Health Minister Shih-Chung Chen attended the IND Celebration and presented awards to 16 outstanding nurses for their professional contribution and dedication to service.

## TWNA Actively Participating in the ICN CNR and Congress 2017

Taiwan Nurses Association (TWNA) President Dr. Kwua-Yun Wang led a delegation of nearly 200 members to participate in the ICN Council of National Nursing Association Representatives Meeting & Congress 2017 from May 25<sup>th</sup> to June 1<sup>st</sup> in Barcelona, Spain. A total of 19 oral and 148 poster papers from Taiwan were accepted for presentation at the Congress. Their research outcomes were greatly impressive. Additionally, we are very proud that, following in the footsteps of Dr. Yu-Mei Chao, Dr. Teresa JC Yin and Dr. Sheuan Lee, Dr. Lian-Hua Huang was elected in May to the ICN 28<sup>th</sup> term Board of Directors (2017-2021), turning another new and bright chapter in Taiwan nursing.

to nurses who demonstrate outstanding achievements and make outstanding impacts in the fields of nursing and/or health as well as nurses who make consequential, positive innovations to public policy in the realms of healthcare and/or education. Dr. Yen established the International Advanced Program in Nursing (IAPN) at NCKU with the goal of cultivating international advanced nursing professionals who have the advanced knowledge and skills necessary to manage specific healthcare issues and improve clinical practices. The award not only highlights the high level of academic achievements being made in Taiwan but also further elevates Taiwan's international profile and visibility.

National Cheng Kung University (NCKU) School of Nursing Professor Dr. Miao-Fen Yen received the ICN's inaugural Kim Mo Im Policy Innovation and Impact Award at the 2017 ICN Congress. This award is granted

