

# NURSING IN TAIWAN



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### President's Message: Happy Lunar New Year!



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Taiwan Nurses Association

On behalf of the Taiwan Nurses Association (TWNA), I have much pleasure in sharing with you plenty of great news of our Association and myself from 2022. First, it is our honor to have received the 7th Global Medical Model Award, a significant testimony of our continuing efforts to make globally impactful contributions to healthcare. Second, we were pleased to sign Memorandum of Understandings (MOUs) with 5 NNAs in the ICN between March and September 2022. This was a significant milestone for TWNA's global achievements. Third, we successfully organized two big international hybrid events—the 7th International Nursing Research Conference of WANS and the 7th International Research Conference of WSDN in October. The two conferences attracted more than 2,000 participants from 22 countries. Fourth, I was excited and humbled by my election as a Board Member of the American Academy of Nursing (AAN) in October, and being inducted as Fellow Ad Eundem of the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland (RCSI) in December. These honors make me the first Taiwanese member of the AAN Board and RCSI fellowship, and open new doors to international cooperation. I look forward to using my experience to further strengthen Taiwan's international profile and reflect the voice of our diverse society into the global healthcare system. Last but not least, at the end of December, I took up a new position as Legislator-at-Large. This is, of

course, another great opportunity and mission for me to speak up for the health of all in Taiwan.

Looking back over the past year, 2022 has been a busy and fruitful year for both the TWNA and me. I hope you are doing great in spite of the impacts of COVID worldwide. On behalf of TWNA, I wish you a healthy and prosperous New Year 2023 and happy Lunar New Year!

### TWNA Joined ICN and BBC Storyworks on the Caring with Courage Series

To convey to the world the contribution and value of Taiwan's nurses, the TWNA joined the ICN and BBC Storyworks film series "Caring with Courage: The Extraordinary Lives of Nurses". A film premiere press conference on Pioneering Steps of Nurses in Taiwan was held on May 13, 2022.



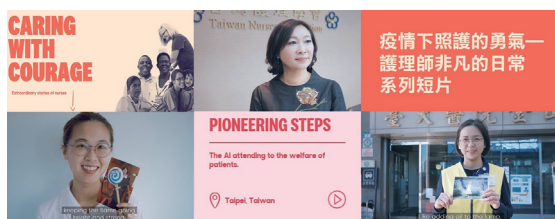
The BBC Storyworks Commercial Productions named the TWNA film "Pioneering Steps" because it shows the excellent care provided by frontline nurses from clinical to community settings, from physical to psychological care, from rural areas to comprehensive settings. "Pioneering" is about innovation, new ideas and practices, and, through this film, we present to the world how technology is being effectively applied to care for and restore health to patients.

Thanks to Dr. Shwu-Feng Tsay, Director-General of the Department of Nursing and Health Care, Ministry of Health and Welfare (MOHW) and other distinguished guests, including our media friends, for joining us to witness the extraordinary and courageous work of Taiwan nurses. The Caring with Courage Series of films can also be viewed through the ICN website. As of November 2022, all films of the series have reached over 6 million impressions and over 3 million engagements.

<https://www.bbc.com/storyworks/specials/caring-with-courage/>

<https://www.icn.ch/what-we-do/projects/caring-courage>

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## TWNA Received the 7<sup>th</sup> Global Medical Model Award

TWNA was conferred the 7th Global Medical Model Award on September 21, 2022 by the Taiwan Global Healthcare Association under guidance from the Ministry of Health and Welfare (MOHW). The award is a testimony to our many years of commitment to international engagement and cooperation, especially in terms of organizing international conferences and leadership training programs, providing international humanitarian aid, and forging global alliances.



## TWNA Signed Memorandum of Understandings (MOUs) with ICN NNAs

Expanding on our commitment to the international healthcare community, we were pleased in 2022 to join hands with our global counterparts by signing new MOUs with 5 NNAs, including the Saint Lucia Nurses Association (SLNA), Mongolian Nurses Association (MNA), Federación Argentina de Enfermería (FAE), Philippine Nurses Association (PNA), and Federación Mexicana de Colegios de Enfermería (FEMC). These MOUs open new doors to cooperation and resource sharing for mutual benefit and bring TWNA into closer working and supportive relationships with sister NNAs in areas such as international visibility, nurses' capacity-building, and research and academic development.



## TWNA Co-hosted 7<sup>th</sup> International Nursing Research Conference of WANS

TWNA co-hosted the 7th International Nursing Research Conference of World Academy of Nursing Science (WANS) with the Asian American Pacific Islander



Nurses Association (AAPINA) on October 18-19, 2022. The theme of the conference was “Nurses Together for Global Challenges – Leading Nursing Science and Knowledge Generation Post Global Pandemic”.

This first major international conference in Taiwan since the opening of the borders focused on the critical role of nurses in addressing current and future healthcare challenges. Dr. Tassana Boontong, Chairperson of WANS, Dr. Jing Wang, President of AAPINA, Dr. Pamela Cipriano, President of ICN and many others were among the distinguished speakers.



The active participation of more than 1,500 in-person and online attendees from over 22 countries was greatly appreciated, and crucial to making this event such a great success.

## TWNA Hosted 7<sup>th</sup> International Research Conference of WSDN

TWNA hosted the 7th International Research Conference of World Society of Disaster Nursing (WSDN) on October 20-21, 2022. It was our great honor to have WSDN Founding Chairperson Dr. Aiko Yamamoto, current WSDN Chairperson Dr. Ogchoel Lee, Vice Minister of Ministry of Health and Welfare (MOHW) Dr. Chung-Liang Shih, and many other distinguished guests in attendance to make the event a great success.

With the theme of “Nurses Together for Global Challenge – Innovation, Integration & Illustration: Building Back Better in Disaster Nursing”, the conference focused on the vital and leading role that nurses play within healthcare systems to address global health challenges, especially in terms of ensuring effective responses to natural and human-made disasters.

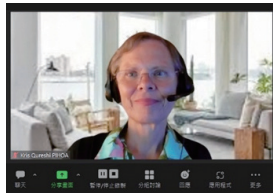




The event attracted around 550 participants from 17 countries. Many high-profile nurse leaders joined the event both in person or online to share their insights on global topics.

## TWNA Hosted 4<sup>th</sup> ICN LFC Program in Taipei

TWNA hosted Workshop I of the 4<sup>th</sup> ICN Leadership For Change (LFC) Program in Taipei, Taiwan on July 11-16, 2022. Dr. Ching-Min Chen, President of TWNA, Dr. Lian-Hua Huang, 3rd Vice President of ICN, Dr. Kristine Qureshi, ICN LFC Global Director, Ms. Constance H. Wang, Director-General of Department of NGO international Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, ROC (Taiwan), and Ms. Ya-Lin Lee, Senior Technical Specialist, Department of Nursing and Health Care, Ministry of Health and Welfare (MOHW), ROC (Taiwan) showed their support by attending the opening ceremony. A total of twenty-four nurse leaders (17 from Taiwan and 7 from sister NNAs in Mexico, Mongolia, Philippines, and Saint Lucia) joined the training program. Dr. Kristine Qureshi served as our guest speaker working with 11 LFC certified trainers from TWNA to coach the participants. The LFC Workshop II has been scheduled to commence in February 2023.



TWNA began working with ICN on the LFC Program in 2015. So far, there are a total of 64 graduates from 3 cohorts, including 49 local and 15 international nurse leaders. TWNA is one of the ICN NNAs permitted to hold ICN's LFC training programs with the certified trainers.



## President Ching-Min Chen Spoke at the Joint Webinar on Protecting Healthcare from Violence Co-organized by ICN, ICRC, IHF, and WMA

The Joint Webinar *Protecting Healthcare from Violence – A Global Dialogue for Peer Exchange of Good Practice* was held on December 1, 2022. President Chen was invited by the International Council of Nurses (ICN) along with 3 other speakers from the Interna-

tional Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), the International Hospital Federation (IHF), and the World Medical Association (WMA) to share experiences and exchange ideas with online participants from around the world. President Chen said, “I believe that, to reach the goal of Zero Tolerance for Workplace Violence, a collective effort among government, institutions, and NGOs is necessary. In Taiwan, we have seen close collaboration among these three key players to address violence against the healthcare system.” In emphasizing the importance of public education delivered via the press and social media, President Chen commented, “In the past we have focused on patients’ rights. Now, we should focus more on respecting the human rights of all, including healthcare workers. Through press and social media exposure, we can create an effective communication channel to raise public acknowledgement and appreciation of the hard work done by healthcare workers and to illustrate how workplace violence negatively impacts healthcare quality.”



## President Ching-Min Chen Elected as Board Member of the American Academy of Nursing (AAN)

The AAN announced its election results for Board Members on October 22, 2022. We are delighted to share that President Ching-Min Chen was one of those elected to serve as an AAN Board Member in the upcoming term.

As the first Asian in the Board of Directors, President Chen aims to leverage her experience and expertise to improve healthcare policy. Additionally, she hopes to strengthen the nursing and healthcare delivery system by reflecting diversity grounded in other cultural and ethnic perspectives.



“Having a wider, global perspective on the Board of Directors will further enhance the organization’s impact on health and health equity,” said President Chen.

## President Ching-Min Chen Inducted as Fellow Ad Eundem of the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland (FFNMRC SI)

Congratulations to President Ching-Min Chen on her inducting as a Fellow of the Faculty of Nursing &

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Midwifery of the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland (FFNMRC SI). This honor recognizes her outstanding service to nursing. The mission of RCSI is to enhance human health through endeavor, innovation, and collaboration in education, research, and service.



President Chen attended the conferring ceremony, which took place on December 5, 2022, along with other nurse leaders from around the world. Renowned RCSI Fellows include French microbiologist Louis Pasteur (1822-1895), Pamela Cipriano, President of the International Council of Nursing (ICN), and Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Secretary General of the World Health Organization (WHO). President Chen is RCSI's first Fellow from Asia.

## TWNA Jointly Organized “POWER IN NURSING” International Nursing Creative Award and Cannes Future Young Lions Competitions

The “POWER IN NURSING” event was jointly organized by several nursing organizations and held during November and December 2022 in Taiwan. TWNA was one of the largest sponsors of this event, aiming to enhance the quality of healthcare by gaining insights from the perspectives of nurses, better understanding patient needs, and applying creative ideas and innovative health care practices.



President Chen commented in her welcome speech that it was the first time for the organizers to create a stage in conjunction with the Interna-

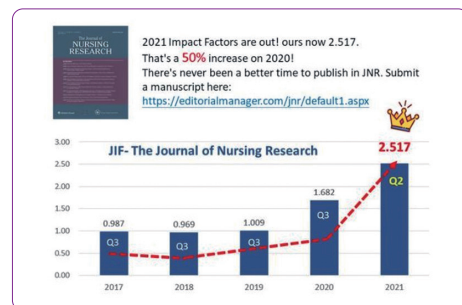


tional Cannes Future Young Lions Creative Awards to showcase the “Power in Nursing”. President Chen also shared that, “With creative ideas to promote and market nursing, more people will see the possibilities of nursing development.”

## JNR’s Impact Factor Reaches all Time High of 2.517 in 2021

The Journal of Nursing Research (JNR) published by TWNA has achieved remarkable performance with an Impact Factor (IF) of 2.517 in 2021.

JNR has been published since 2002 and is indexed by national and international information institutions. JNR was the first nursing journal published in an ethnically Chinese country to be indexed by Science Citation Index Expanded (SCIE) and Social Sciences Citation Index (SSCI).



TWNA President Dr. Ching-Min Chen was inaugurated into office at the Legislative Yuan on December 28, 2022 as the 10th National Legislator-at-Large. She held a press conference on December 30 with representatives from over 40 professional groups in healthcare system to help elevate the voice of healthcare workers on the national stage. President Chen committed to further advancing national health policies and reforms and to seeking to strengthen and improve working conditions for nurses.

This is the second term for TWNA President Chen as Legislator-at-Large. She began her first term as the 9th Legislator-at-Large in 2018. During her first term she established a solid reputation and earned a quality legislator rating from civic groups.

