

Taiwan Nurses Association(TWMA) Signs Memorandum of Understanding with Jordanian Nursing Council (JNC)

Taiwan Nurses Association (TWNA) and the Jordanian Nursing Council (JNC) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on April 24. The two organizations will collaborate in enhancing nursing education, clinical practice, and academic research, working together to achieve “SDG 3: Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages” .

The MOU signing ceremony was held in the presence of **Dr. Shwu-Feng Tsay**, Director General of the Department of Nursing and Health Care of the Ministry of Health and Welfare, **Mr. Andy Kang-I Chen**, Director General of Department of NGO International Affairs of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, **Dr. Lian-Hua Huang**, 3rd Vice President of the International Council of Nurses (ICN), and **Dr. Nabeel Al-Tel**, Director of the Jordanian Commercial Office in Taipei, Taiwan.



Dr. Mei-Nan Liao, President of TWNA, emphasized that through the MOU signing, TWNA hopes to have more collaborations with JNC and share resources for mutual growth in areas such as international visibility, nurses' capacity-building, as well as research and academic development. She mentioned that the two organizations can learn from each other with many activities or projects



such as inviting nurses in Jordan to submit manuscripts to TWNA' s high-quality *Journal of Nursing Research (JNR)* and having their nurse leaders participating in TWNA' ICN Leadership for Change Program in Taiwan, which will enhance our nurses' leadership and communication skills so that they are able to demonstrate their significant value and contribution particularly to the economic power of healthcare, and ultimately help promote the health of the people in both countries. A strong nursing workforce supports a healthy nation and a healthy economy, echoing this year's International Nurses Day theme, " Our Nurses, Our Future. the economic power of care."



Professor Hani Nawafleh, Secretary General of the Jordanian Nursing Council, expressed that Her Royal Highness Princess Muna Al - Hussein, President of the Jordanian Nursing Council, has long been a supporter of the World Health Organization (WHO) and the International Council of Nurses (ICN). The MOU signing with TWNA will allow for

exchanging of experiences and expertise and strengthening the partnership for the benefits of the communities and improving the health and nursing services of both countries, such as in the field of technology in Artificial Intelligence, simulations training, nursing examinations, emergency care, critical care, and specializations. He congratulated both parties for developing their roadmap to guide the implementation of the action plan and looked forward that the partnership will stand solid, long lasting and become a platform for good nursing future.

Dr. Shwu-Feng Tsay, Director General of Department of Nursing and Health Care, Ministry of Health and Welfare, stated that, in response to the pressing need of nursing workforce, Taiwan has achieved a significant policy milestone with the approval of the "White Paper on Nursing Workforce Preparation" in September 2023, proposing 12 strategies to improve the nursing situation in Taiwan, including nursing education, examination and employment. The MOU signed between TWNA and JNC will provide more opportunities for bilateral exchanges in nursing education, training, knowledge sharing.



Mr. Andy Kang-I Chen, Director General of Department of NGO International Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs remarked that he was delighted to see TWNA and JNC signing this historic MOU. As one of the national nurses' associations (NNAs) of the ICN, TWNA actively participates in various international activities, promotes exchanges with other countries, and shares nursing resources and technology with other NNAs, fully realizing the vision of "Leaving No One Behind" pledged by the United Nations' 2030 Sustainable Development Goals.

Dr. Lian-Hua Huang, 3rd Vice President of the ICN, congratulated the signing of the memorandum by both organizations, stating that this signing could serve as an example for nursing associations in ICN NNAs to support and empower each other, which is also highly valued by ICN. She hopes that through such meaningful cooperation, the voice of nursing will continue to be heard and valued.





In his remarks, **Dr. Nabeel Al-Tel**, Director of the Jordanian Commercial Office in Taipei, Taiwan, emphasized that nurses are the backbone of the healthcare system, tirelessly caring for patients. The signing of the MOU between TWNA and JNC is highly symbolic, as it will facilitate mutual cooperations in nursing professionalism, enhance the leadership capabilities of Jordanian nurses, and promote bilateral exchanges in nursing expertise.

The signing of the MOU with the Jordanian Nursing Council marks another successful professional collaborative initiative of the Taiwan Nurses Association. This is a historic moment that adds a new page to the exchanges between Taiwan and Jordan. It is believed that through closer cooperation between the two organizations, mutual support, shared prosperity, and win-win situations can be achieved in terms of the WHO Global Nursing and Midwifery Strategy (SDNM), Universal Health Coverage (UHC), and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).