Prof. Yong-Kwang Tu of NTUH elected president of the World Federation of Neurosurgical Societies

At the 14th Interim Meeting of the World Federation of Neurosurgical Societies (WFNS) held in Brazil on September 16th, 2011, Prof. Yong-Kwang Tu, neurosurgeon of the National Taiwan University Hospital (NTUH), was elected president of WFNS, with a vote of 110 to 80. He will be the first WFNS president from Asia, ending a 56-year trend of selecting presidents from either Europe or America. Established in 1955, WFNS, with its central office in Geneva, currently has over 40,000 members from the neurosurgical associations of more than 120 countries. The organization can be described as the “United Nations in the field of neurosurgery”.

Prof. Tu is the most-esteemed neurosurgeon in Taiwan. In the late 1980s, he introduced extremely complicated surgeries for “Cerebral Aneurysm” and “Skull Base Tumor” to Taiwan. His achievement caused significant improvements to neurosurgery in the country, and subsequently established Taiwan’s reputation in the medical world.

Prof. Tu has accumulated the most cases of “arteriovenous malformation (AVM) surgery”, “extracranial to intracranial (EC-IC) bypass surgery” and “carotid endarterectomy” in Asia. As the president-elect of WFNS, Prof. Tu will soon start the transition process with the current president. In 2013, Prof. Tu will officially take over as the president of WFNS, at which time he will begin his formal visits to more than 100 member countries.

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