

Professor Ming-Fong Chen NTUH's New Superintendent

National Taiwan University Hospital (NTUH) held a handover ceremony for its new superintendent on May 20, 2008. The outgoing superintendent, Professor Fang-Yue Lin, officially handed over his responsibilities to NTUH's 12th superintendent, Professor Ming-Fong Chen, the former Chief of the Department of Internal Medicine.

Professor Ming-Fong Chen graduated from National Taiwan University Medical School in 1975 and then passed the national medical license exam in the same year. He also received his Ph.D. degree in medicine at National Taiwan University in 1990. In 2002, he earned another degree, Master of Business Administration in Finance, from National Taiwan University Management School.



Prof. Chen and his wife at the handover ceremony

His specialization is in the diagnoses and treatment of cardiovascular medicine, coronary heart disease, myocardial infarction, hyperlipidemia and high blood pressure syndrome and was the Chief of the Cardiovascular Intensive Care Unit for many years. In 2003, he was responsible for the establishment and operation of NTUH's Health Management Center, which won the unanimous praise from both public and private hospitals for its high quality of services.



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Professor Chen has served in Saudi Arabia's Hofuf General Hospital from 1992 to 1993. Then he went for advanced cardiovascular study at the Georgetown University Medical Center in Washington DC. He won an award for outstanding medical papers from Ming-Chai Medical Literary and Teaching Foundation , as well as academic research awards from the National Science Council and Taiwan Medical Association.

Aside from his regular medical work, professor Chen served as the Medical Secretary and the Spokesman of NTUH from 1999 to 2002. From 2002 to 2007, he was NTUH's Administrative Vice Superintendent. And since August 2007, he took on the responsibilities of being the Chief of the Department of Internal Medicine at NTUH.

He has extensive experience in both the medical profession and the administrative realm; therefore, he has an interdisciplinary perspective and is professional as well as creative and able to implement his ideals.

Professor Chen is currently the president of the Taiwan Society of Internal Medicine. In his first speech as the new superintendent, he emphasized that teaching is the doctor's responsibility, medical research is to help reach the doctor's medical ideals and medical service is the way to practice the doctor's mission. Being a medical doctor should be based on respect, empathy and concern for the people in medical need and it is with this spirit that a doctor should provide medical services.

NTUH's future medical research will be done along with National Taiwan University's Top Program that has been developed towards "advanced technology development", "native medical distinctions exploration" and "comprehensive health care refinement". Superintendent Prof. Chen called on all the colleagues at NTUH to "roll up your sleeves; roll up your trousers, let's work together to increase the value of the brand -- National Taiwan University Hospital".



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