

*National Health Insurance System & Health Insurance Review Assessment Special Course
of Yonsei University from South Korea
Holding a Workshop in Taiwan for the very first time*

The health policy and management seminar program from the Division of Health Administration, Yonsei University is composed of specialists from the National Health Insurance System and also the Health Insurance Review & Assessment Services. The distinguished group usually learns the situation, dilemmas, and policies related to health insurance from their trips to Japan. Apart from the past, in 2024, the group led by Kwang Soo Lee, Ph.D. had a learning workshop in Taiwan for the very first time! The event was honorably held by the Department of Healthcare Administration and Medical Informatics (HAMI), Kaohsiung Medical University.

In the case of the similarities between Korean and Taiwanese Health Insurance, both of these countries are facing some familiar problems. We're hoping that experience and solution exchange during the whole event can make the health insurance structure and policies better and sounder.

Arriving at the Taoyuan International Airport located in northern Taiwan, the group made a hurried journey to the National Health Insurance Administration (NHIA), Ministry of Health and Welfare to meet up with the director general, Chung-Liang Shih M.D., Ph.D., and three of the HAMI faculties to discuss some issues about the health insurance in Taiwan (picture 1 to picture 5).



▲ Picture 1 to Picture 4: Forum with NHIA and HAMI faculties



▲ *Picture 5: Group photo with NHIA and the HAMI faculties*

The second day of the workshop was opened by the president of KMU, Chun-Yuh Yang, Ph.D.(picture 6), followed by a series of speeches delivered by experts from multiple fields. From the topic of “Medicloud and Medication Integration and Safety” by Ming Ju Tsai, M.D., Ph.D; “Hospital at Home” by Ping Jen Chen, M.D., Ph.D, to “Remote Rural Care” by Chia-Yen Dai, M.D., Ph.D., the vice president of KMU hospital.



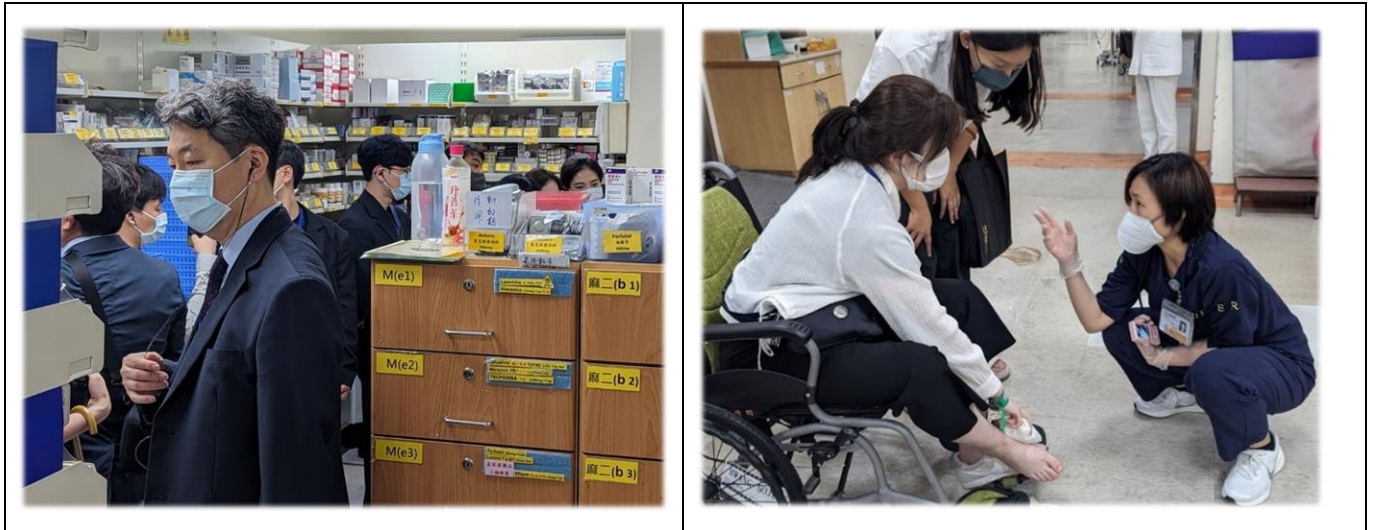
▲ *Picture 7: Dr. Lee shared his experience and perspective with the audience*



▲ *Picture 6: Opening by the president of KMU*

At noon, Dr. Lee held a forum to introduce the current situation and dilemmas related to Korean Health Insurance to the teachers and students in KMU(picture 7). Many of the audience cared and mentioned the doctors on strike that happened a couple of weeks ago, some foreign students also shared their perspectives on health insurance in different countries, which enriched the forum and made it more interactive.

In the afternoon of the same day, after a marvelous speech given by Chien Min Huang, the Chief of the Department of Development and Planning at KMU, the group was led on a visiting tour to the KMU hospital by Shen Liang Shih M.D. From the International Medical Service Center located on the 22nd floor to the Pharmacy on the ground floor, the tour gave a thorough and integrative knowledge of the local medical center's operation(Picture 8). Meanwhile, one of the members accidentally used the ER due to her ankle injury also made her the only one who had the chance to take a glance at the ER operation process.



▲ *Picture 8: Visiting the Pharmacy department; Picture 9: The injury member visiting the ER department*



▲ *Picture 10 to 12: The Yonsei group visiting the KMU hospital.*

In the evening, the HAMI Department hosted the whole group with cuisine, every of the attendees enjoyed the food and all sang along and chatted without the border of nationalities, which gave us an unforgiven night with precious memories(Picture 13&14).



▲ *Picture 13&14: All the attendees having fun at the dinner party*

On the last day of the workshop, Director Tsai Yi Jung gave us a speech about the LTC(Long Term Care) Policy and LTC Delivery System(Picture 15).



▲ *Picture 15: Topic of Taiwanese long term care issues*

The HAMI Faculty sent off the group at the closing ceremony with some group photos, the group then headed to their last two destinations- Kao Ho Hospital (Picture 16) and The LTC center from Ta-Tung Hospital, one of the hospitals under the KMU healthcare system. The group joined the activities features cooperation of both Yonsei visitors and the elderly. All of the attendees ended the event this year with laughter (Picture 17 to Picture 19).



▲ *Picture 16: Topic of Taiwanese long term care issues*



▲ *Picture 17 to Picture 19: Enjoying activities with the elderly in Ta-Tung Hospital*