**Future of US Healthcare and Medical Tourism in Taiwan**

Host Organization: Chinese American Professional Society (CAPS)

Co-host Organization: Taipei Economic & Culture Office in Los Angeles,

 Economic Division.

 Resource Office of Medical Service Industry, Taiwan

Global Health Promotion

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Date of Conference: October 24, 2015

Conference Location: Chinese Culture Center,9443 Telstar Ave., El Monte, California.

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**INTRODUCTION**

The Chinese American Professional Society (CAPS) proposes to organize a “Future of US Healthcare and Medical Tourism in Taiwan” conference on October 24, 2015 at Chinese Culture Center,9443 Telstar Ave., El Monte, California.

While the Affordable Care Act (Obamacare) has erased some of the more egregious practices of the American health insurance system, it has also ushered in an era of complex new health insurance products featuring legions of out-of-pocket coinsurance fees, high deductibles and narrow provider networks. These complex policies may be undermining the law’s goal of providing affordable healthcare to all. Meanwhile, much of the debate over affordability has centered on premiums, rather than co-pays and deductibles. Despite the drop in number of uninsured Americans under Obamacare, more have put off medical treatment because they can’t afford it. The increase in delayed treatment because it's seen as too expensive could reflect high deductibles or copays that are part of the newly insured's plans. The high cost of US healthcare is mostly due to the large profits generated by the hospital systems, pharmaceutical companies, and insurance companies. As healthcare costs in the US rise, an increasing number of Americans are going overseas for elective procedures. The healthcare quality in Taiwan has improved in the past years and many Chinese-Americans are going to Taiwan for physical examination and treatment at very reasonable cost. The Chinese American Professional Society (CAPS) is planning a Medical Tourism conference for the general public on October 24, 2015 to promote medical tourism in Taiwan. In the future, this service can expand to the middle class Americans who suffer the most with high cost sharing from Obamacare. We are planning to invite several keynote speakers from Taiwan for the event. We also plan to invite some healthcare organizations in Taiwan to participate and set up booth to promote their services. We expect more than 400 guests to this event.

**THE CHINESE AMERICAN PROFESSIONAL SOCIETY**

Recognizing the need to promote socio-economic, political, scientific, engineering, technological, and medical knowledge and its application, a non-profit organization named as the Chinese American Professional Society (CAPS) was founded in 1979.  The CAPS membership consists of Chinese American professionals in various fields including engineers, scientists, economists, physicians, lawyers, social workers, psychologists, sociologists, bankers, professors and other professionals.

The CAPS provides valuable opportunities for the Chinese American community to be enriched by a spirited exchange of opinions on important issues of the days as they impact Chinese Americans and people across the globe.  For years, the CAPS has been actively promoting conferences and panels to enhance academic cooperation and stimulate discussion among professionals.  The CAPS is also interested in establishing and supporting research, cultural, and educational activities to encourage peace and prosperity through professional and technical exchange programs and projects.

**MISSION AND OBJECTIVES OF PROPOSED CONFERENCE**

Chinese American Professional Society proposes to organize a “Future of US Healthcare and Medical Tourism in Taiwan” conference on October 24, 2015 to discuss the current status and challenges in the US healthcare after the implementation of Affordable Care Act (Obamacare) and promoting medical tourism in Taiwan. CAPS are looking forward to setting up a forum for subject experts/scholars from US, ROC-Taiwan, even China to share research and discussions on the important subject. CAPS is looking forward to working with Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Los Angeles, as well as government officials, medical institutions, and community leaders to offer an exciting program for healthcare agencies, professionals, educators, providers, students, and individuals patients.

The conference will address the following topics:

* Future of US healthcare.
* The problem of current US healthcare system.
* Medical tourism: current status and its future from the world-wide viewpoint.
* Medical Tourism in Taiwan.
* Cost and quality difference between US and rest of the world.

**THE CONFERENCE PROGRAM SCHEDULE**

The outline of program schedule is:

October 24, 2015

2PM – 5PM.

**THE CONFERENCE PROGRAM**

The conference will be chaired by Dr. Jenchen Yang and Sandy Ho.

Speaker: Jenchen Yang, MD, PhD, (楊筧春醫師) Clinical Professor, University of California, Irvine. “**Future of US Healthcare & Medical Tourism**”

Keynote speaker: Wen-Ta Chiu, MD, PhD, (邱文達醫師-國際醫療衛生促進協會理事長-仁愛醫療集團聯合總執行長-台北醫學大學講座教授-前衞福部部長) Chairman, Global Health Promotion Association; Co Chief Executive Officer, AHMC Healthcare; Chair Professor of Taipei Medical University; former Minister, Ministry of Health & Welfare, R.O.C.

Keynote speaker: Han-Sun Chiang, MD, PhD, (江漢聲醫師-輔仁大學校長) President, Fu-Jen Catholic University. “**Prospect of Developing International Medical Tourisms at Fu Jen Catholic University Hospital**”

Speaker: Jeng Wei, MD, Medical Science Doctor (Columbia University, New York), (魏崢醫師-振興醫院心臟醫學中心兼健康管理中心主任) Professor of Surgery (Cardiovascular Surgery), Director, Heart Center, Cheng-Hsin General Hospital. “**Advances in Cardiovascular Surgery in Taiwan**”

Speaker: Angela Tseng, (曾碧娟副總經理, 聯安預防醫學機構) Vice President, Lianan Wellness Center. “**從心架構1+364天全方位的預防醫學服務**”

Concluding Speaker: Hang Chang, MD, PhD, (張珩醫師-博士，臺灣醫療服務產業專案辦公室主持人，臺北醫學大學教授) Supervisor, Resource Office of Medical Service Industry, Taiwan (ROMSIT); Chair Professor, Taipei Medical University. “**臺灣智慧照護Smart Solutions in Taiwan**”

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