



Hold on to Your Vow

Everyone has their strengths. If one can persist the altruistic initial aspiration and engage in benevolent conduct, it could set in motion the cycle of love and gratitude.

On the Doctor's Day this year, supervisors of Tzu Chi hospitals around Taiwan launched an "alternate" celebration. Led by Supt. Ruey-Ho Kao, many physicians and administrative colleagues of Hualien Tzu Chi Hospital participated in home visits with local volunteers and clean the environment. Two of the physicians who were once Tzu Chi Youth also seized the opportunity and relived the passion during the days. I was comforted to see that they have not lost the vows when they were students, uniting their mission with their occupation, serve as safeguards of those in sufferings.

Dalin Tzu Chi Hospital has, in the recent years, celebrated any medicine-related holidays with volunteer service and home visits. On the Doctor's Day, hospital employees engaged in home visits and cleaning as always, and Supt. Ning-Sheng Lai also invited students of National Chiayi Senior High School to join the cause. While in Taichung Tzu Chi Hospital, a medical team led by Supt. Chien Shou-Hsin visited 21 Tzu Chi chapters in central Taiwan to promote health knowledge and education, celebrating the holiday by walking into local communities and conserve the health of the residents.

As for Taipei Tzu Chi Hospital, Supt. You-Chen Chao led a medical team to dedicate their spare time for home visits and cleaning. To commend them for their exemplary dedication, New Taipei City awarded Taipei Tzu Chi Hospital, on the eve of the Doctor's Day, the Exemplary Dedication Award during the 1st annual Medical Care Excellence Awards.

Not only does the Tzu Chi medical team utilize their own vacation days to engage in home visits and solicitudes for the care recipients, they had even launched a fund raiser for the victims of Hurricane Sandy, where the superintendents personally held the donation box, echoed by the physicians, nurses, hospital colleagues, volunteers, and even the patients as well.

The superintendents of Tzu Chi medical mission devote with love and lead by example; the hospital employees unite as one, traverse into local communities and solace with empathy, expressing the full extend of their compassion. Witnessing their perseverance of the initial aspiration is a truly comforting sight.

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