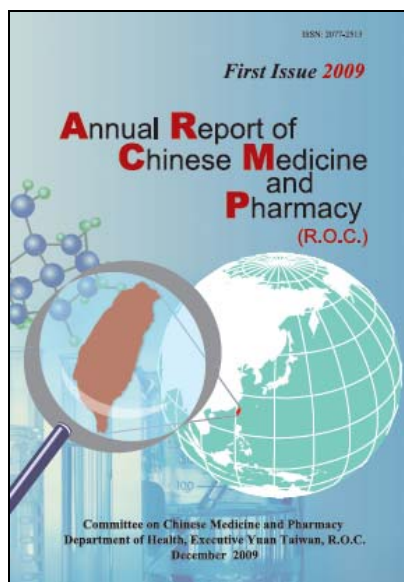


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Introduction

In recent years traditional medicines have been gaining attention internationally; thus traditional Chinese medicine and pharmacy, with a history of several thousand years, has also become highly valued by research centers worldwide. However, institutional knowledge of traditional Chinese medicine and pharmacy is established by experiences and heritage. In order to have a conversation with the western medicine field and facilitate exchange and cooperation between the western medicine and Chinese medicine and pharmacy, the embodiment of scientific theories and evidences shall be enhanced in terms of evidence-based medicine. To achieve these goals, the Committee on Chinese Medicine and Pharmacy (CCMP) has been doing researches and developments to make Chinese medicine and pharmacy modern, scientific, and international; as the core objective to promote services since its establishment on November 1, 1995. Moreover, to face the national demands and global strategies for traditional medicine, CCMP has been striving for scientific Chinese pharmacies, modern Chinese medicine, integrated Chinese and western medicine, and international

Chinese medicine and pharmacy by studying and proposing research foci. In recent years, in response to the genomic era, the National Research Program for Genomic Medicine, the Genomic Program for Chinese Medicine and Pharmacy (Challenges 2008) has been included as a research focus. Besides, the nanotechnology of the 21st century has altered and reformed medical technologies greatly. Therefore, CCMP has dedicated itself zealously to doing researches on the new rising technologies. By studying Chinese medical technology systematically, we hope we can improve the quality of Chinese medicine and provide scientific data to meet the epoch and promote national health.

CCMP has executed more than 1000 programs since 1996 and published the annual results of these studies in the year books of Chinese medicine and pharmacy, Department of Health, Executive Yuan 27 volumes. The preceding information is also available on the CCMP website for reference to national and international scholars and experts. These excellent studies are also offered to associations and organizations related to traditional Chinese medicine and pharmacy, which can use them as references for seminars and symposiums. Additionally there are more than 194 kinds of books and more than 504 papers published, including Chinese Pharmacopoeia of Chinese Medicine, An Internet Resource Guide to Traditional Chinese Medicine in Taiwan, the Illustration of Common Medical Plants in Taiwan, the Compendium of Medicinal Plants Used by the Indigenous People of Taiwan (in Chinese and English), the Collection of Abstracts of the Research on the Instrumentation for Traditional Chinese Medicine Diagnosis in Taiwan, and A Literary Review of Curative Effects of Traditional Chinese Medicine. Furthermore, in order to utilize and add values to the achievement and produce substantial economic profits, CCMP has received 6 patents (in both the U.S. and R.O.C.); one of which has been technically transferred. Hence, to share the results of CCMP programs to the world and people who are concerned about the development of Chinese medicine, and moreover to improve international perspectives, we published the first English version year book of the Chinese medicine and pharmacy in 2009, which collated the previous successful results of

the commissioned programs in diverse technical fields. The contents of this publication cover multidimensional research foci, including interactions of Chinese medicine and pharmacy, genomic studies and quality management of Chinese pharmacy, policy of Chinese medicine and clinical therapeutic assessment of Chinese medicine and pharmacy. The year book in English will continue to be issued so as to increase the visibility of the achievements of Chinese medicine and pharmacy in Taiwan and facilitate national health by cooperating and communicating with related international organizations.