

## TAIWAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION



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Taiwan Medical Association (TMA), the only official organization representing the common interests and concerns of all physicians in Taiwan, has achieved a number of pre-determined goals in the past years and is planning more prospective actions to meet the challenges of population aging in Taiwan. Unlike many CMAAO countries, all physicians in Taiwan are required by law for the membership of TMA, which makes TMA one of the most influential organizations in Taiwan. In the past year, TMA actively participated in the international societies by attending WMA activities, regional exchange programs and to facilitate Taiwanese medical students entering international medical students' activities. Moreover, TMA plays a significant role in maintaining optimal growth of global budget in health care expenditure to ensure the quality of health care. In the past year, Taiwan has been through the controversies of health insurance reform into the Second Generation Health Insurance. TMA fully participated in the development of national policies and to support the strategies to optimize the scale of healthcare expenditure to meet the challenges of rapid demographic transition in Taiwan. TMA heavily participated in the movement of revision in Medical Practice Law to protect physicians from the inappropriate risk of legal suits. TMA successfully persuaded government to launch a program to provide certain compensation for parents lost their newborn children due to unexpected delivery risk. On the other hand, TMA also participated in the national

long-term care planning by attending meetings of policy development in governmental organizations and in the Congress. Moreover, TMA was responsible for design physician-specific educational programs of long-term care. Besides, TMA also designed a universal educational program for all healthcare professionals who are to provide long-term care services. In addition to educational programs related to long-term care services, TMA also successfully established a web-based interactive continuing medical education for all physicians in Taiwan with the key curriculum of promoting better quality of health care. To provide better welfare for all physicians in Taiwan, TMA worked with the local bank to issue a TMA member credit card that offers member exclusive benefits for TMA members. Most importantly, TMA chaired the CMAAO meeting in 2011 and the President of TMA, Prof. Ming-Been Lee will become the President of CMAAO as well after November of 2011. In the coming future, TMA will dedicate more in promoting international collaboration between national MAs. In 2012, two important domestic issues may occur. First, the reform of governmental organizations will launch in 2012 that Department of Health and part of social welfare affairs will be merged into Ministry of Health and Welfare. Second, the legislation of long-term care service delivery or insurance will generate significant impact to Taiwan and TMA will keep playing an active role in it.

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The 27th Congress and 47th Council Meeting

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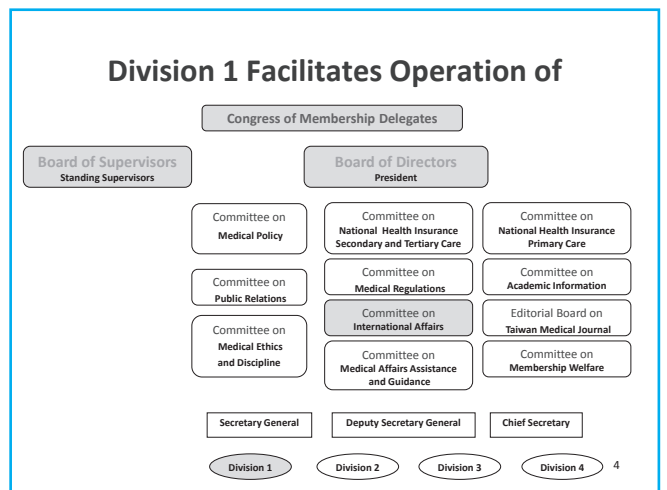
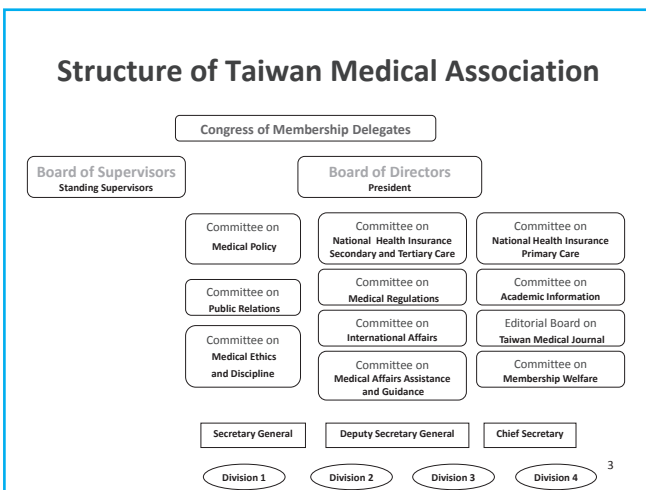
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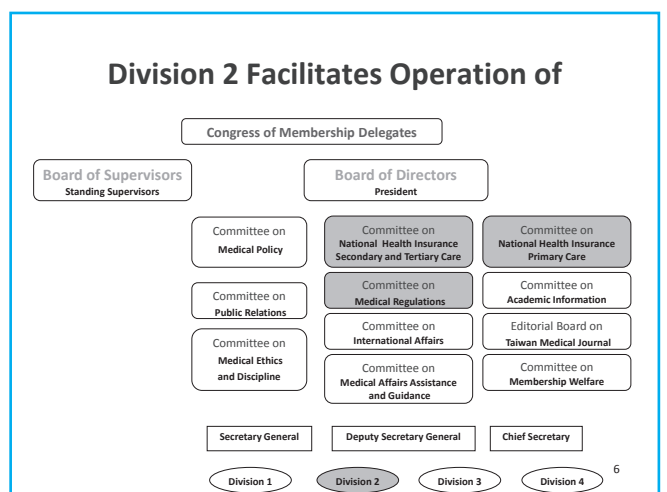


1. Connecting Taiwanese medical students to the world
2. Participating in the World Health Professions Alliance Regional Workshop

1. Visitors from Korean Medical Association
2. Visitors from Korean NHIC
3. Supporting Japanese people suffering from disasters

1. Visitors from World Medical Association
2. Actively participating WMA meetings

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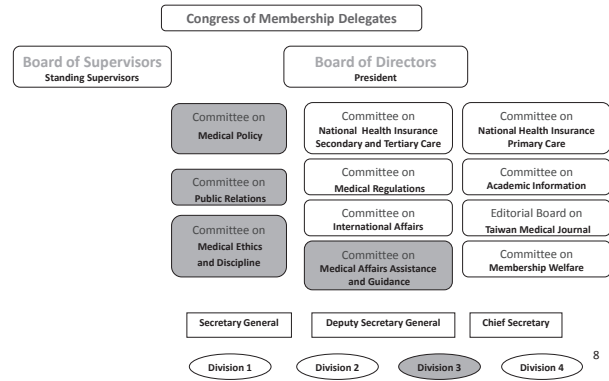


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- Promoting holistic care for the disadvantaged
- Integrated approach for person-centered care
- Ensuring sufficient growth rate in global budget
- Commissioned peer review of primary care payment
- Active participation of second generation National Health Insurance Reform




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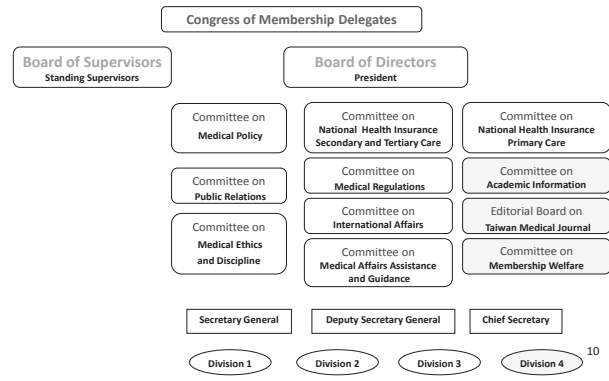
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-  1. Promoting Medical Care Act Revisions to clarify medical liability  
2. Delivery-related hazard relief pilot project
-  1. Promoting actions to keep violence away from healthcare professionals
-  1. Active participation in long-term care service manpower training program across professions


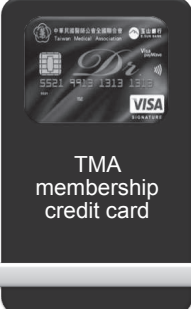

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-  Creating a Caring Society with Professionalism
-  TMA membership credit card
-  Seminars in Healthcare Quality and Safety

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## Healthcare Challenges to Taiwan

- Impact of Population aging
  - Financial pressure of NHI pushes changes in practice
  - Integrated health care and welfare policy
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