



Dharma Master's Blessings

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# An Empathetic Doctor

I have vowed to build a hospital in Hualien, for I have witnessed many people trapped in a vicious cycle of poverty and illness. The hospital, in its preparation, was met with challenges every step of the way, and it now stands because of everyone's unwavering dedication. Every tile on the floor, every wall that was built, illustrates a chronicle of love.

Six Tzu Chi hospitals now stand nationwide, each with their own tales of love and compassion waiting to be told. We have high hopes that each of our doctors to be empathetic toward their patients. Everyone who vowed to become a doctor shares a common but noble goal - to save lives. As long as they establish themselves with professionalism and virtues, respect follows naturally. In the rank of senior doctors in the Tzu Chi hospitals, we have many of these ideal doctors who attend to their patients with genuine care.

Vice Superintendent Chih-Hung Wang, who has a strong grassroots personality, attends to his senior patients like a child would to a father. He would button their shirts, tuck in their sleeves, and tie



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their belts. During the SARS outbreak many years ago, an elderly man came to outpatient clinic wearing three layers of raincoats. Vice Supt. Wang was concerned that the elderly might feel uncomfortable. The elderly replied, “This is my prevention measures. This is plastic, which is harder for virus to penetrate. I have prepared a suit for you to wear. A doctor must stay healthy to save lives.” Such genuine care between doctors and patients is most inspiring.

And then there is Director Hann-Chorng Kuo of Urology. There are times when his patients would involuntarily urinate in Dir. Kuo’s clinic. Whenever that happens, a patient once told me, Dir. Kuo would ask the patient not to worry, then personally take a rag to wipe the floor. He is a fine doctor who excels in his practice and cherishes his patients. Through word of mouth, many people came from overseas to seek this reputable doctor in Hualien.

A reputable doctor is not necessary a fine doctor, for reputation demanded is not reputation deserved. If a fine doctor is known to others for his/her quality practice, it is only natural for him/her to become reputable. In the medical mission of Tzu Chi Foundation, we wish to create a grand family of fine doctors for generations to come. Everyone in the family should empathetic towards their patients by treating their being, their illnesses, and their hearts.