



Sincere Medical Humanistic Culture

We always say the world of human beings is suffering, especially so in our medical mission where we see people fighting poverty, disease, homelessness and broken families, they are true suffering after all.

Doctor's mission is to save lives - a good intention. However, once inside the real world, that enthusiasm gradually disappears. How do we sustain the original anxiety? It requires a good environment. Tzu Chi hospitals are built not only for good medical knowhow, but also for the humanistic culture to protect doctors' initial resolve and to sustain the enthusiasm.

Let me express my gratitude for all the people in the Tzu Chi Medical Mission. They work together in harmony, encourage one another as if people are protected within a shield. They treat patients based on their health need, even when they have no financial means. If there is an opportunity to save lives, we will do our best.

I often heard of many doctors joined forces in order to save a life. One operation can last for ten to twenty hours, and sometimes over twenty. I admire Dr. Hsieh Shih-Rong at the Taichung Tzu Chi Hospital who meticulously drew a heart to illustrate his operation. Each heart looks beautiful to me. Heart operation is often like a thriller. There was one incident when he was called at 2 am in the morning to join other doctors inside the operating room. It is touching to see our doctors working diligently to save lives.



I always felt it was fortunate to create the Tzu Chi Medical Mission, otherwise what do we do with those suffer? When we started the first hospital, we had nothing. Each grain of sand, each brick requires great effort. We are grateful for all the people who supported us so we can have seven hospitals in around Taiwan, leading a medical mission with sincerity and humanistic culture.

Looking back, each contribution is valued with great impact. “Sutra is the way, and the way is our path.” When we walk the walk, we talk the talk, and we backed them up with humanistic history. I hope everyone will continue diligently on the path to kindness and to record a living history.

