Humanitarian actions of Taichung Veterans General Hospital are beyond borders

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Improving the health of all human beings is one of the major missions of Taichung Veterans General Hospital (TCVGH) at central Taiwan. To fulfill this mission, and to consolidate the relationship between Republic of Nauru and Taiwan, we sent international medical missions team to the Republic of Nauru and offer free medical services since 2008. Nauru island is located in South Pacific Ocean with population almost 10,000 and experience an under-developed medical system. According to the World Health Organization, non-communicable diseases have become the leading causes of morbidity and mortality in Nauru.

In order to combat non-communicable diseases and provide high quality medical service to Nauruans, TCVGH, in conjunction with Taipei VGH, Kaohsiung VGH and Tri-Service General Hospital, have assigned mobile medical teams periodically and long-term stationary doctors, including diabetologists, nephrologists, and cardiologists to Nauru. In addition to medical services, our teams also offered public educations courses to promote health concept, provided medical personnel training programs to strengthen professional performance, and donated medicines, medical supplies and equipment to enhance diagnosis and service quality. Furthermore, several waves of health surveys were conducted to uncover unidentified health issues.

TCVGH and the Ministry of Health of Nauru signed second 5-years medical and referral memorandum in 2016. In fact, the published 2016-2020 National Health Strategic Plan of Nauru listed TCVGH as a development partner and referral hospital. So far, 22 successful referrals to TCVGH have been carried out. To embrace WHO’s goals of sustainable development in health care beyond borders, TCVGH will continue to contribute to the healthcare of people of Nauru and fullfill responsibilities as a global citizens.

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