

Taiwan Celebrated the World PT Day 2025 with TPTA's 50th Anniversary

Year 2025 marks the 50th anniversary of Taiwan Physical Therapy Association (TPTA). On September 6-7, TPTA celebrated its half-century milestone and the World Physiotherapy Day with leaders and PTs from around the world.

The TPTA's 50th Anniversary Congress, themed ***"A Legacy of Growth, A Future of Possibilities- Extend beyond 50 Years"***, was a two-day event consisting of two special forums, scientific conference, annual membership meeting and continuing education courses. More than 300 PTs from 14 countries participated the congress. The Legacy Forum featured special guests including president Michel Landry and vice president Suh-Fang Jeng of World Physiotherapy and leaders of PT Associations with more than one hundred years' history. President Kyle

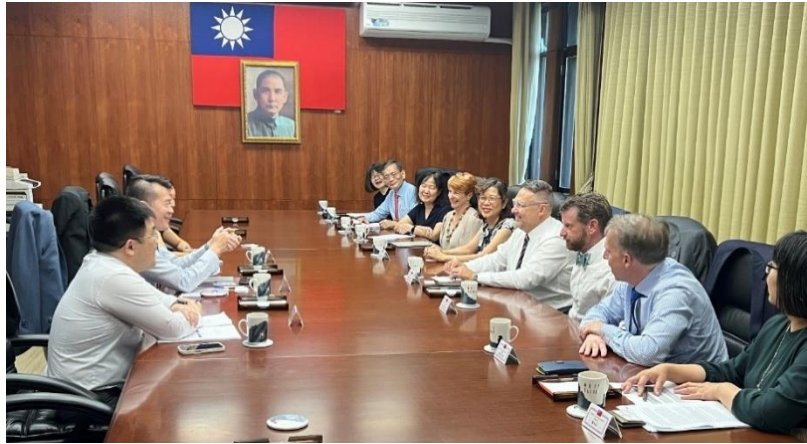
Covington of American Physical Therapy Association, president Rik Dawson of Australian Physiotherapy Association, chair Sylvia Wojciechowski of Chartered Society of Physiotherapy shared their experiences and visions about how to shape the professional development to meet the demands of the current and future world. The Super-Age Forum focused on challenges that PT may face in global ageing, utilization of modern technologies to enhance ageing in place, and advocacy for healthy-ageing policy making. Leaders and experts from Japan, South Korea, United Kindom, Australia and Taiwan shared their experiences and discussed the possibilities in the current healthcare system.



The highlight of the celebration was the presence of Taiwan's President Lai Ching-te, a former PT, at the congress party to celebrate this significant milestone of TPTA with over 300 Taiwanese PTs and global PT leaders. President Lai recognized the TPTA's 50-year contribution to the health of Taiwan's people and pledged to establish a comprehensive regulatory framework to provide PTs with ample scope to care for the public. He also invited all PTs to assist the government in promoting "Healthy Taiwan," jointly address the challenges of a super-age society, and contribute expertise in the field of sports, working together to make Taiwanese people healthier, the nation stronger, and Taiwan embraced by the world. To echo the theme of World PT Day 2025, Healthy Aging, guests joined a PT in an exercise session during the party.



In addition to celebration and academic activities, TPTA president Wendy Tzyy-Juan Wang and board members, alongside World Physiotherapy president Michel Landry, vice president Suh-Fang Jeng and global PT leaders held meetings with Taiwan's Minister of Health and Minister of Foreign Affairs. Together, they advocated for PT's roles in health care and provided suggestions for Taiwan's policies on medical care, long-term care services, health promotion and medical diplomacy. The implementation and benefits of PT direct access as well as international collaboration projects were discussed in depth during the meetings. Taiwan government officials reaffirmed their support on PT direct access in Taiwan and TPTA's partnership with World Physiotherapy and international PT associations to enhance global health.



More highlights of the event can be found in:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TKvTpcQlaoQ>

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