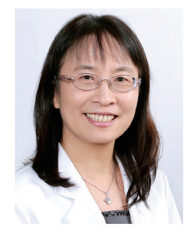


## Brief Introduction to the Society



### Taiwan Society of Pediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition (TSPGHAN)

Pediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition is an essential subspecialty in Pediatrics. It covers not only disciplines of nutrition but also functions, developments, and diseases related to digestive organs. This subspecialty



has flourished into a well organized professional society in developed countries. With similar intents to advance therapeutics in the aforementioned fields, to keep children in sound health, and to communicate with their counterparts in the world, TSPGHAN was officially established on Aug. 26, 1998 in Taipei. Prof. Mei-Hwei Chang was the founding President, and succeeded by seven electees for a term of 3 years apiece. Under their leadership, TSPGHAN has thrived substantially to a society of 372 members nowadays.

TSPGHAN's efforts in medical education and professional business in past few years have been well recognized by international peer professionals. We were privileged to host the 4th World Congress of Pediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology, and Nutrition (WCPGHAN) in Taipei International Convention Center in 2012, attracting more than 1500 foreign pediatric gastroenterologists from 88 different countries to attend and to set a platform for global communication in academic progresses. To cultivate and encourage young members who dedicate to Pediatric GI research, we held the first and third Taiwan-Japan-Korea Pediatric GI Joint Conference for young investigators in Taipei in 2014 and 2017 with great success. We also participated actively in the Asian Pan-Pacific Society of Pediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology, and Nutrition (APPSPGHAN) annual meetings, training courses, and in collaboration with NASPGHAN, and FISPGHAN. During the Covid-19 pandemic since 2020, many international meetings were affected. In Sep 2021, the TSPGHAN held the first all virtual APPSPGHAN Hepatology Masterclass, inviting international renowned speakers and panelist, with 400 participants. TSPGHAN are continuing to devote more and more in innovation and intensification of training program for Pediatric GI fellows, updated continuing education for specialists, and in facilitating the international collaboration for our members.

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