

The problem of migration of physicians and para-medical auxiliary to the advanced countries from Taiwan

In Taiwan, the problem of migration of physicians and para-medical auxiliary to the advanced countries has been existing for more than ten years. Originally, the students who graduated from the Medical Faculty of Taiwan University went to the United States and became interns and residents here. After getting U.S. P.R., they were employed by the public and the private hospitals, or practise medicine themselves after being certificates.

Afterwards, because more and more medico-graduates went to U.S. to earn their living the Medical Hospital of Taiwan University needed more physicians than it could be supplied. Concerned in this problem, the Ministry of Interior regularized that the medico-graduates, before their going abroad, should go into two year service in their own country, but this regulation has been made invalid by the procedure of going abroad study applied by the graduates to the Ministry of Education. Using Student Visa in name, they can not only go abroad but reside semi-permanently in U.S. Meanwhile they tried by any

means, to become employees of public or private hospitals.

Taiwan is a free country and its government would not want to refrain its people from going abroad or taking jobs. Therefore, our country still let most of the graduates of medical college, even those of nursery school, go abroad constantly. With regard to this freedom, neither does Taiwan Medical Association want to limit its members.

What our government wants to do now is to execute the rule of two years service strictly and control the emigrants in name of Student Visa. On the other hand, our government is also trying to raise the salaries of young physicians who devote to their own country. And in order to solve the problems of physician-wantage of local sanitary stations, it is planning to take the measures of one-year service in sanitary stations. Anyway, it is not easy to solve these problems.

Present Status of M.D. Graduates from National Taiwan University

YEAR	No. of Graduates No.	Working in Taiwan						Sub-Total No.	Sub-Total %	Leave Taiwan No.	Leave Taiwan %	Dead No.	Relived or unknown No.
		N.T.U.C.M. No.	On Practice No.	Working in official Hospital No.	Public Health No.	Public Health No.	Public Health No.						
1947	59	2	37	4	2	45	76.3	2	3.4	0	12		
1948	58	9	35	5	2	51	87.9	3	5.2	3	1		
1949	61	6	32	7	2	47	77.1	9	14.8	3	2		
1950	76	7	45	7	0	59	77.6	13	17.1	1	3		
1951	157	9	89	17	2	117	74.5	18	11.5	1	21		
1952	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
1953	100	4	74	5	2	85	85.0	12	12.0	1	2		
1954	71	8	28	7	1	44	62.0	8	11.3	0	19		
1955	181	1	3	0	1	5	27.8	2	11.1	0	11		
1956	68	6	24	7	0	37	54.5	29	42.7	2	0		
1957	63	6	28	3	0	37	58.7	24	38.1	2	0		
1958	72	5	19	9	0	33	45.8	29	40.3	0	10		
1959	68	2	27	3	0	32	47.1	32	47.1	3	1		
1960	69	2	21	4	0	27	39.1	42	60.9	0	0		
1961	89	6	9	5	0	20	22.5	53	59.6	0	16		
1962	79	6	17	11	0	34	43.0	43	54.4	2	0		
1963	86	1	18	1	0	20	23.3	48	55.8	0	18		
1964	95	4	5	4	1	14	14.7	79	83.3	0	1		
1965	91	11	9	10	0	30	33.0	61	67.0	0	0		
1966	94	1	3	6	0	10	10.6	60	63.8	0	24		
1967	91	8	5	6	0	19	20.9	71	78.0	1	0		
1968	86	16	2	4	0	22	25.6	64	74.4	0	0		
1969	97	24	2	5	1	32	33.0	61	62.9	0	4		
1970	99	28	0	5	1	34	34.3	65	65.7	0	0		
1971	83	48	1	4	0	33	63.9	29	34.9	0	0		
Total	1930	220	633	139	15	907	47.0	857	44.5	19	145		
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