

150th Anniversary of Kiang Wu Hospital Charitable Association

Foundation: Kiang Wu Hospital Charitable Association (referred to as Kiang Wu Charitable Association) is one of the large-scale non-governmental charities in Macao. Founded in 1871, with a long history spanning over three centuries, Kiang Wu Charitable Association is now celebrating its 150th anniversary.

Objectives: aims at boosting charity, providing medical services, developing education, and benefiting the residents.

Nature: an administrative public welfare legal entity registered in the Macao SAR Government.

Service Scope: the Charitable Association's subordinate organizations, including Kiang Wu Hospital, Kiang Wu Nursing College, Keang Peng School, and social service organizations such as Kiang Wu Funeral Parlor and Mourning Garden, mainly provides charity, medical, education and social services.

1. Charity Since its establishment, the Charitable Association has been committed to carrying out a variety of charitable causes, including: free medical service, donation of medicines, disaster relief, free funerals, public health promotion, and medical census, as well as providing assistance to patients with special difficulties by establishing special funds.

2. Medical Services Kiang Wu Hospital, the main body of the Charitable Association, used traditional Chinese medicine to treat patients, provided funeral service and disaster relief during its inception. In 1893, the Emperor Guangxu of the Qing Dynasty granted the Hospital a plaque with "Built under the Emperor's Order" to commend their contribution. In 1892, Mr. Sun Yat-sen came to the Hospital as a volunteer western medicine doctor, setting a precedent for the use of western medicine in the Hospital. Later, the Charitable Association lent a large amount of money to Mr. Sun Yat-sen, supporting him to promote his democratic revolutionary ideas via medical services. During the War of Resistance against Japan, Kiang Wu Hospital set up rescue teams to support the front-line, by treating the wounded, aiding refugees, and actively raising funds to support the Chinese warriors. After Hong Kong was occupied, the Hospital helped to evacuate a large number of democratic elites, cultural celebrities and patriots. After the founding of New China in 1949, Kiang Wu Hospital continued to be modernized; after the return of Macao to the motherland, the Hospital purchased a large number of advanced medical equipment and the specialist medical technology has developed rapidly. Adhering to the "patient-centered" policy, the Hospital has established close cooperation with universities and medical institutions in the Mainland, Taiwan, Hong Kong and Macao in medical treatment, scientific research, and education. At present, it is one of the major providers of medical services in Macao.

3. Education Kiang Wu Nursing College and Keang Peng School under the Charitable Association have been making all-out efforts to continuously improve their quality of education. Kiang Wu Nursing College offers courses for Bachelor's degrees and Master's degrees to cultivate high-quality nursing talents for the community; Keang Peng School has achieved fruitful results in "promoting quality education and building a first-class school" and has stepped into the top ranks among the schools in Macao.

4. Social Services After the completion of the reconstruction in 2009 and 2020 respectively, the Mourning Garden and Kiang Wu Funeral Parlor, the social service organizations under the Charitable Association, have greatly improved their service quality and internal environment, providing the society with high-quality ashes preservation services and funeral services.

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