ELITE Program in Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM)

**4th Annual International Advanced Training Course in TCM:** Good Clinical Practice and Healthcare - Research and Development

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Ministry of Science and Technology (MOST) of China, China Academy of Chinese Medical Sciences (CACMS) and Center for East-West Medicine (CEWM) of University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) are pleased to announce the 2023 ELITE Program in TCM, International Advanced Training Course in TCM (IATC-TCM) in Beijing and invite colleagues from all over the world to attend.

**Background**

ELITE Program in TCM belongs to the MOST international training program, which is now in its 19th year and the primary aim is to share the development and achievement in science and technology in China with all over the world.

* ELITE Program is developed from the training courses that organized by CACMS including the 1st, 2nd and 3rd IATC-TCM in 2017, 2018 and 2019 attracted participants from different counties of Asia, Africa, Europe and America.
* The on-site course is conducted in English and will be held in a very interactive manner.Participants will obtain a certificate from MOST if they complete the course and meet the requirements.
* Besides on-site course, the program has continuous plan about clinical practice, research and education when participants back to their countries.

**Goals and plan**

The goals of the program are to integrate the best of Chinese and Modern Medicine to improve health and wellness. Participants will extend the knowledge gained in the following way.

* + To update knowledge of TCM/integrative medicine (IM) by learning the most recent development and achievement of TCM/IM in clinical practice and research.
	+ To have firsthand experience by visiting the best TCM/IM hospital/clinic, research institute, pharmaceutical & technology companies in China.
	+ To link up with the TCM/IM doctors from China and all over the world.
	+ To develop their own clinical, research or educational program.

The on-site course will be led by distinguished and experienced international and Chinese TCM/IM clinicians and researchers. It includes the following sections:

* + **Lectures:** To introduce the latest developments of TCM in clinical practice and research, share the experience of treating different disease including chronic and infectious diseases.
	+ **Visiting:** To visit the best hospital/clinic, research institute, pharmaceutical & technology companies.
	+ **Symposium:** We’ll hold an international symposium and invited the officers, experts and scholars of TCM/IM to discuss how to develop and spread of TCM/IM in a better way during the course. All participants will present a country report (vide post) to share development of TCM/IM in their country and their related work.
	+ **Workshops:** Different workshops like TCM/IM diagnosis, Acupuncture, Tai-Chi, Daoyin (Qigong) will be held to help the participants experience TCM in depth and improve their owe health.
	+ **Group working:** Participants will be divided into different groups. Each group will be expected to discuss and develop Method of Procedure (MOP) and complete their own clinical or research protocol by using the MOP in the end of the course.

**Participants and Selection criteria**

This is a two-week full-time program for clinicians, TCM/IM doctors, health care practitioners and providers at all stages of their careers who practice TCM/IM.

* Participants must have a medical or related degree.
* Participants must demonstrate a high level of English in speaking, reading and writing
* Participants must submit the application form, related materials and MOST online application (vide post). Please notice that online interview will be done before scholarship granted.
* Participants must be healthy and have a permission to participate from their working unit.

**Participant Expectations**

Full attention and attendance in this program will be required.

* Participants are required to remain on-site for the full length and are expected to engage in preparation/discussion in the evenings.
* Participants will present their country report, protocol individually and present MOP in group.
* Participants will be required to plan and execute an TCM/IM project upon returning to their home institution and to present their project protocols at the end of the course.
* Involvement with this program necessitates a commitment to continued communication with CACMS including participation in research surveys and online exchange of project progress and professional development.
* Excellent participants will be invited to help us organize the next year program or be a lecturer.

**Scholarships**

MOST will offer limited scholarships covering the cost of accommodation and tuition. All the participants will pay their travel costs by themselves.

**Early registration is encouraged, as space is limited, and programs often fill quickly.**