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Yin Hsin-Ling is the recipient of the 2023 Global Outstanding Overseas Compatriot Student Alumni Social Welfare Award. Born in Hong Kong, she came to Taiwan to study during her undergraduate years and attended the Taipei College of Medicine (now known as Taipei Medical University) School of Medicine. After graduating in 1986, she chose to enter the pathology department at the Memorial Hospital of Kaohsiung Medical University in Taiwan because she was interested in pathology. From then on, she stayed in Taiwan and contributed her efforts to Taiwan's healthcare system.

Yin Shin-Ling, who has a compassionate and skilled heart, originally majored in pathology. However, after being commissioned by the district prosecutor's office to conduct cause of death investigations, she deeply felt that her knowledge was insufficient. In 1994, she decided to go to the United States for further studies. Upon returning to Taiwan, she noticed the shortage of forensic doctors and chose to transfer to the Pingtung District Prosecutor's Office to work as a frontline forensic doctor. She became the first female forensic doctor in Taiwan and served in this position for 11 years. She has her own ideas and beliefs, and is brave in pursuing the truth. She seeks to speak through evidence.

Yin Shin-Ling, also known as "Yin Conan", is devoted to uncovering the truth behind non-natural deaths. Among the dozens of young children she examined, the countless new and old injuries on the bodies of deceased children touched her heart, and she couldn't understand why these children had suffered for so long without anyone asking. She wondered if going to the front line to examine injuries could help identify abused children early and reduce their suffering. This idea planted the seed for her later involvement in child abuse research.

How to protect these abused children has become her motivation to move forward. In order to improve the professional judgment and skills of child abuse evaluation, Yin Shin-Ling chose to continue her studies at the Victorian Institute of Forensic Medicine in Australia, and also studied forensic science in the United States, all in the hopes of ensuring the safety and well-being of children. After the Forensic Physician Act was passed, hospitals established their own forensic departments. In 2009, Yin Shin-Ling returned to her position at Kaohsiung Medical University and established the "Kaohsiung Child Abuse Protection Team" in 2014. By organizing interdisciplinary medical teams, victims of domestic violence, sexual abuse, and child abuse can receive comprehensive forensic examinations and identification.

Yin Shin-Ling, who has won the "Gao Xing Award," "Medical Contribution Award," "Purple Ribbon Award," "Excellence Award, and Superior Award for Victim-Centeredness," etc., has continuously strengthened her expertise for many years with the belief of "wanting to do, wanting to learn."

Over the years, she has continuously strengthened her expertise in the field and personally gone to the front line to rescue children who have been abused. She also pioneered a medical service model for child abuse verification, provided guidance to hospitals at all levels in constructing child protection medical service models, and assisted the district prosecutor's office in establishing the "first national sexual assault perpetrator certification room." With her own actions, she has become the strongest force in protecting children, women, the elderly, and vulnerable groups.

As an overseas student, Yin Shin-Ling has dedicated the best years of her life to Taiwan. She has researched various techniques for identifying injuries, advocated for knowledge on child abuse evaluation, and created various teaching materials. By combining social, medical, and legal assistance, she helps identify cases of child abuse and ensures that abused children receive the best possible treatment. She mentioned that regardless of where they come from or their background, she wants to contribute to society and strive for a better future for the next generation in Taiwan. This spirit serves as a role model for us to learn from.