

**2025 Global Outstanding Overseas Compatriot Alumni
【Public Welfare Contribution Award】**

Dr. Chang, Seng-Ming

At the age of 50, Dr. Chang Seng-Ming left Taiwan's hospital system and returned to a remote clinic in Laos, where he personally stitched wounds, arranged referrals, and translated for countless critically ill patients. From flood sites to rural outreach clinics, from emergency rescue to hospital bed donations, he is more than an emergency physician - he is a lifeline connecting Taiwan's medical humanitarian aid with Laos. Dr. Chang Seng-Ming has chosen to give back to the Lao community by applying the medical expertise he gained as an overseas student in Taiwan.

Dr. Chang Seng-Ming was born in 1961 in Laos to Teochew Chinese parents. Valuing education, his family sent him to Taiwan to study at the age of 13. After graduating from China Medical University, he worked as a general and emergency physician at Kuang Tien General Hospital and Nan Men General Hospital in Hsinchu. Immersed for years in Taiwan's medical education system, he developed a strong foundation in clinical practice.

While studying at China Medical University, he not only focused on academics but also actively participated in overseas student associations and social groups, developing the cross-cultural coordination skills that would later become essential in medical service delivery. His deep understanding of Taiwan's medical system, especially in emergency care, public health, and community medicine, laid the groundwork for his future work in underserved areas of Laos.

He chose to return and reside long-term in Vientiane, the capital of Laos, also serving in the Golden Triangle region to help establish a local hospital. He later worked as a medical advisor in the Savannakhét Special Economic Zone in central Laos and supported healthcare development in the southern regions.

His contributions span five major areas: disaster response and emergency medical coordination, air and ground patient transfers, free medical outreach services, volunteer coordination, and international collaboration.

Disaster Emergency Medical Coordination

In July 2018, when the dam collapsed in Attapeu, he was among the first on-site. He coordinated with the Lao Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Tzu Chi Foundation, facilitating Taiwan's first humanitarian aid mission to Laos, serving as both translator and field coordinator during the outreach.

Contributor to International Medical Outreach

In 2019, he helped Tzu Chi International Medical Association organize the first large-scale cross-border outreach clinics in Bassar and Attapeu provinces. The three-day event mobilized over 100 medical professionals from 9 countries and provided more than 3,100 services across multiple specialties, including surgery, dentistry, ophthalmology, TCM, and internal medicine. Dr. Chang Seng-Ming not only served as a translator and surgical assistant, but also played a key role as a strategic liaison.

Routine Medical Care and Referral Support

He has long provided emergency care and critical patient referrals in Vientiane, assisting Taiwanese expatriates and local residents in accessing specialty treatment in Thailand, Vietnam, or Taiwan. He also supported the development of Laos' air ambulance and patient notification systems, serving as an official medical advisor.

Medical Resource Advocacy and Donation

Following the Tzu Chi's outreach events, he continued to promote donations of hospital beds, IV stands, and medical equipment to improve hospital infrastructure and enhance system efficiency.

Healthcare Guardian for the Overseas Community

He has served for years as the medical advisor to the Council of Taiwan Chambers of Commerce in Lao, providing emergency assistance and health consultations for the Taiwanese community. During the pandemic, he helped design mask distribution and vaccination evaluation protocols and is regarded as the “on-call physician” for overseas Taiwanese in Laos.

Dr. Chang hopes to establish a “Mobile Health Advancement Task Force” in Laos, integrating resources from Taiwan and international NGOs to reach rural and mountainous areas. The initiative will focus on health screenings, education, and telemedicine, aiming to build a sustainable local medical network. He also hopes to inspire and train more local Lao youth to enter the healthcare field and realize the vision of both self-reliance and mutual support.