

## Conference Report

### *17th International Congress of Oriental Medicine*

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The 17th International Congress of Oriental Medicine (17thICOM) was held over three days from November 1, 2014 at the NTUH International Convention Center in Taipei, Taiwan.

It turned out to be a great success owing to the tremendous efforts of the preparatory committee working as one under the leadership of Chairman Yi-Tsau Huang and Chairman Yong-Cheng He. An impressive drum performance heralded the opening ceremony, which featured greetings by many people who support the congress, followed by a slide presentation on the achievements of Dr. Yen Kun-Ying, the eldest member of ISOM.

Dr. Yen Kun-Ying, who is turning 90 this year, is a prominent figure in the Pharmaceutical Society of Taiwan. Because he has a long history of research in Japan, he has strong affection for Japanese Kampo medicine, and has spared no effort to provide his assistance to us Kampo practitioners in Japan. We all wish him continued health and success for many more years to come.

The recent conference attracted the attendance of a total of 587 people from nine countries, including not only Japan, Taiwan and South Korea, but also Austria, Germany, the United States, Russia, Hong Kong and China (official announcement).

Country	No. of people	No. of locally registered people	Total
Taiwan	334	11	345
Japan	111	20	131
South Korea	91	1	92
Austria	1	0	1
Germany	1	0	1
USA	7	0	7
Russia	3	0	3
Hong Kong	3	2	5
China	2	0	2
Total	553	34	587

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There were 131 participants from Japan, the largest number ever compared to previous conferences. Many Japanese researchers were invited to give lectures, two sessions were offered that were related to Japan, and a wide range of studies were also featured in the poster session.

Of the two sessions related to Japan, the session on “traditional medicine and culture” provided a description of the characteristics of Japanese Kampo medicine and Japanese acupuncture in an extremely easy-to-understand manner in English, and allowed many people to actually touch a simulation model and gain hands-on verification experience in abdominal examination. In the session on “case examples in Japan,” four speakers presented case examples in their field of expertise, and engaged the floor in active question-and-answer discussions.



Dr. Nakata, Chairman of ISOM, giving a speech at the opening ceremony