

# 世界医師会2016年台北総会とその前後の活動： 台北宣言，ジュネーブ宣言， そしてヘルシンキ宣言採択50周年記念式典

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## The World Medical Association General Assembly in Taipei 2016 and their activities before and after that: Declaration of Taipei; Declaration of Geneva; and the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Declaration of Helsinki

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### Abstract

The World Medical Association (WMA) General Assembly (GA) 2016 and the 204<sup>th</sup>/205<sup>th</sup> Council Session were held in Taipei, Taiwan, from 19 to 22 of October 2016. During this GA, the proposed revision of the “WMA Declaration of Taipei on ethical considerations regarding health databases and biobanks” (Declaration of Taipei) was adopted. It was the first time for Taiwan to host the official meeting of the WMA and all the program was successfully convened with doctors and people of medical field coming from all over the world. During this meeting, Dr. Ketan Desai of Indian Medical Association was inaugurated as the President of the WMA from the term of 2016 to 2017; Dr. Yoshitake Yokokura of Japan Medical Association was appointed as the president-elect of the next term.

The Declaration of Taipei should be regarded as the important statement to complement the Declaration of Helsinki (DoH). The term of biobank was included for the first time in 2013 revision of DoH, however, the Declaration of Taipei covers wider issues beyond “research” activities. This means that by the Declaration of Taipei, the WMA gave deeper insights about the issues associated with activities dealing with large size of data and biological samples derived from human being. The Declaration of Taipei intends to meet the demand of rapid progress of medical science and technology such as “big data” analysis and whole genome sequencing, along with rigorous protection of human dignity and human rights.

This is an impression report of the 2016 GA in Taipei, with an unofficial summary of recent activities of the WMA concerning the revision of the Declaration of Geneva in 2017; as well as the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Declaration of Helsinki in 2014.

### Key words

Declaration of Taipei, Declaration of Helsinki (DoH), World Medical Association (WMA), biological material, human right

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