

## Eleven Years of Board Certification Experience in Taiwan

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The Chinese Society of Medical Physics, Taipei (CSMPT) took the responsibility of creating the mechanism to certify medical physicists in Taiwan In 1999. The mechanism was set up as a result of many years of hard work dealing with the facts that the legislative process of establishing the proper law in Taiwan has been very difficult.

CSMPT studied the American and European experience, and with the help of some members who had obtained board certification status overseas, a Qualifying Process including the academic preparation, clinical experience, and Examinations were established. 11 years later, this mechanism is widely recognized by the medical community in Taiwan even without government sanction.

With the support of the Taiwan Society for Therapeutic Radiology and Oncology, and the Atomic Energy Council, in 2014 all hospital in Taiwan applying for radiation oncology residency training program must show that they have qualified medical physicists on staff.

The rules for continuing professional development for certificate renewal had been revised by the Board Certification Committee in 2003 to mandate participation in a program of Maintenance of Professional Competence. In 2007, the certification process for diagnostic imaging medical physics was established.

As the radiological physics field becomes more highly sophisticated, we hope all these efforts will help to improve the quality of the fast growing medical practice in Taiwan.