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## **APRAS future events/ webinars**

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- 1) November 7-9, 2025: APRAS meeting in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, by MSPRS**
- 2) December 13-14, 2025: APRAS sessions in Tainan, Taiwan, by TSPS**
- 3) September 2-5, 2026: APRAS Congress by InaPRAS  
The 29th Annual Meeting of InaPRAS  
Bali Nusa Dua Convention Center, Indonesia**

### **APRAS future webinar**

- 1) September 6, 2025: [Topic] Burn Surgery, [Host] PAPS**

## **APRAS member section: TSPS**



### **Taiwan Society of Plastic Surgery**

#### **The History of Plastic Surgery in Taiwan**

The development of plastic surgery in Taiwan can be summarized by the concept of "Two Systems, Three Origins." Dr. Ming-Ting Chen, a founding member of the Taiwan Society of Plastic Surgery (TSPS), has not only dedicated himself to cultivating talent in the field but also to researching its historical evolution. He posits that Taiwan's plastic surgery system can be broadly divided into two main sectors: the civilian and military hospitals.

The civilian system, led by the National Taiwan University (NTU) College of Medicine and its affiliated hospital, traces back to American and Japanese medical influences. Meanwhile, religious hospitals such as Mackay Memorial Hospital originated from Western missionary and medical traditions. The military system, centered around the National Defense Medical Center (NDMC), Tri-Service General Hospital (TSGH), and Taipei Veterans General Hospital (TVGH), has its origins in medical practices brought from mainland China.

The military lineage of plastic surgery in Taiwan is primarily attributed to Dr. Chu-Chen Hung, who spearheaded the development at institutions like TSGH and TVGH. Due to shared roots, physicians from these institutions maintained close academic and clinical collaborations. Dr. Kuo-Sung Chang and Dr. Han-Lei Wan continued Dr. Hung's legacy at TSGH. Initially, Taipei, Taichung, and Kaohsiung Veterans General Hospitals were all under the TVGH system before becoming independently managed. Key figures in these expansions included Dr. Yu-Hung Chin and Dr. Hsiao-Cheng Yang in Taichung, Dr. Chih-Hung Yin and Dr. Chin-Shih Chen in Kaohsiung.

The civilian sector evolved from two major origins: Western missionary medicine and the medical education system established during the Japanese colonial period. The religious hospitals, such as Mackay Memorial Hospital, Changhua Christian Hospital, Mennonite Christian Hospital in Hualien, and Pingtung Christian Hospital, contributed significantly to Taiwan's healthcare. Among them, Mackay Memorial Hospital pioneered plastic surgery services and held a leading role in the field.

Mackay Memorial Hospital holds the distinction of having the earliest established plastic surgery department among private institutions in Taiwan. Beginning in the 1970s, founding surgeons such as Drs. Samuel Noordhoff, Ming-Ting Chen, Yu-Chuan Tsai, Chiu-Hua Lin, and Kuo-Chin Liu introduced advanced techniques from abroad and focused on cleft lip and palate as well as burn care, laying a solid foundation for future advancements.

In 1976, Dr. Noordhoff left Mackay and, along with Dr. Tsai, joined Chang Gung Memorial Hospital as its founding superintendent and head of plastic surgery. There, he established Taiwan's first craniofacial center and microsurgery center. His successors, including Drs. Yu-Jui Chen and Fu-Chuan Wei, continued to build the program, cultivating a strong cohort of plastic surgeons who have since spread throughout Taiwan. Notable examples include Drs. Hung-Chi Chen and Chao-Jung Weng at China Medical University, Dr. Sheng-Feng Cheng at E-Da Hospital, and Dr. Chen Yang at Chi Mei Hospital.

The same year, Dr. Chen also departed Mackay to lead the medical department at Cathay General Hospital, where he and colleagues such as Drs. Tso-Wu Lin, Hsu-Yen Lu, and Hao-Yuan Chiu established the foundation for a reconstructive-based aesthetic surgery program—one of the earliest of its kind.

In 1979, Dr. Chen transitioned to the National Taiwan University Hospital, where he trained a new generation, including Dr. Yueh-Pi Tang, thereby initiating NTU's plastic surgery division. Alongside Dr. Tso-Wu Lin, he mentored future leaders such as Dr. Hsing-Tao Lin (Kaohsiung Medical University), Dr. Jing-Wei Lee (National Cheng Kung University), and Drs. Shou-Hsin Chien and Chun-Ta Lee (Tzu Chi Hospital).

Physicians across both systems and their respective origins made individual efforts to introduce advanced surgical techniques from abroad while adapting them to Taiwan's own medical traditions. With Taiwan's rapid economic growth as a backdrop, their contributions elevated plastic surgery from a small specialty to one of international acclaim. Today, Taiwan's plastic surgery community not only garners global respect but, in some subspecialties, stands on par with leading international institutions.

### **International Recognition of Taiwan's Plastic Surgery Achievements**

In the field of congenital anomalies, Dr. Ming-Ting Chen made significant contributions to hemangioma and vascular malformation treatments during his tenure at both NTU and Cathay General Hospital. Over four decades, he accumulated experience with over 40,000 cases, establishing one of Taiwan's most comprehensive treatment frameworks. As a result, over 80% of the most complex cases from Taiwan and neighboring countries are referred to Cathay's specialized

clinics.

At Chang Gung Memorial Hospital, Drs. Noordhoff and Yu-Jui Chen co-founded the first craniofacial center in Southeast Asia in 1981. Since then, the center has treated over 30,000 patients with cleft lip and palate, and several thousand patients with rare, complex craniofacial malformations, gaining worldwide recognition.

In burn surgery, the Formosa Fun Coast explosion in June 2015 presented an unprecedented mass casualty event, with 499 victims, nearly 300 of whom had burns covering over 40% of their body surface. Taiwanese plastic surgeons mobilized en masse, with over 300 attending physicians participating in coordinated rescue efforts. Their response achieved an extraordinary 3% mortality rate—an international benchmark.

At the height of the crisis, all major medical centers in northern Taiwan received large numbers of patients. Because of the rapid physiological deterioration typical of burn victims, minute-by-minute care was crucial. On average, attending surgeons devoted more than five hours per day per patient, and the medical staff worked around the clock in shifts. Despite the tragedy, this event showcased the resilience and sophistication of Taiwan's medical infrastructure.

Taiwan's plastic surgeons are rigorously trained in burn and trauma care. Emergency response protocols are robust, and the government spared no expense in importing critical supplies, including graft materials and advanced dressings. International observers praised Taiwan's exemplary coordination, technical skill, and preparedness.

In the field of reconstructive microsurgery, Dr. Fu-Chuan Wei of Chang Gung Hospital revolutionized the specialty with innovative techniques that restored limb function and prevented amputation. With over 13,000 cases and a 98% success rate, his work has drawn trainees from institutions such as Harvard and Johns Hopkins. His achievements continue to elevate Taiwan's reputation on the global stage.

Following the footsteps of our excellent predecessor pioneers, we journey onward to embrace and overcome the evolving challenges of plastic surgery in the future.

(Courtesy of Dr. Hsu-Yen Lu and English editing by Chi-Ming Pu.)



**Message from the President of the Taiwan Society of Plastic Surgery (TSPS)****Professor Shyh-Jou Shieh, M.D., Ph.D.**

I am Shyh-Jou Shieh, as the current President of the Taiwan Society of Plastic Surgery (TSPS), it is my privilege to introduce this historical narrative of the development of plastic and reconstructive surgery in Taiwan---a journey defined by resilience, innovation, and collaboration.

The initiative of plastic surgery in Taiwan can be traced back to 1958 with the establishment of the Taipei Veterans General Hospital. With the dedication and contributions of many pioneers, the Taiwan Society of Plastic Surgery (TSPS) was officially founded in 1982 and has since become an officially board-certified medical specialty society recognized by the Ministry of Health and Welfare in Taiwan.



We uphold a rigorous training system for resident surgeons, requiring six years of comprehensive plastic and reconstructive surgery training and successful completion of the board examination to become a qualified plastic surgeon. The scope of plastic surgery training in Taiwan is extensive and multifaceted, encompassing congenital anomalies, post-traumatic or non-traumatic reconstruction, functional restoration, and aesthetic surgery. Key areas include congenital malformations, hand surgery, microsurgical reconstruction, craniofacial surgery, post-traumatic limb reconstruction, reconstruction following head and neck tumor or skin/soft tissue tumor excision, management of complex wounds, burn injuries, aesthetic surgery, neurovascular reconstruction, supermicrosurgery for lymphedema, etc. Currently, there are 18 plastic surgery training centers certified by the Ministry of Health and Welfare of Taiwan, with 28 residents completing their training annually. We also highly encourage academic research and innovations. The TSPS's official journal, The Journal of Taiwan Society of Plastic Surgery (JTSPS), was launched in 1992. As of today, TSPS has 853 members who are actively engaged in teaching, research, and service across Taiwan and internationally.

In addition, several specialty societies related to plastic surgery have been established in Taiwan, including the Taiwan Society for Surgery of the Hand (TSSH) in 1990, the Taiwan Society for

Burn Injuries and Wound Healing (TSBIWH) in 1992, the Taiwan Society of Aesthetic Plastic Surgery (TSAPS) in 1994, the Taiwan Cleft Palate-Craniofacial Association (TCPA) in 1995, the Taiwan Society for Reconstructive Microsurgery (TSRM) in 2014, the Asian Society of Breast Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery (ASBPRS) in 2016, and the Taiwan Society for Wound Care (TSWC) in 2017.

The article shared in this Taiwan issue of APRAS News 2025 is based on the preface of the book, *The History of Plastic Surgery in Taiwan*, co-authored by Drs. Ming-Ting Chen and Hsu-Yen Lu. The English translation was meticulously edited by Dr. Chi-Ming Pu. On behalf of TSPS, I would like to express our deepest appreciation to our esteemed colleagues for their dedication to preserving the stories, achievements, and contributions of generations of plastic surgeons in Taiwan.

TSPS proudly stands on the shoulders of these historical pioneering giants in Taiwan. With deep gratitude for their legacy, we remain committed to excellence in patient care, education, and research, working together to shape the future of plastic surgery in Taiwan, APRAS, and beyond.



MOU signing TSPS and KSPRS, 2017



MOU signing TSPS and JSPRS, 2018



APRAS signing ceremony, 2022





Group photo of 2022 annual meeting of TSPS and 40th anniversary celebration



MOU signing TSPS and MSPRS, 2024



2024 annual meeting of TSPS Gala dinner



2024 annual meeting of TSPS





The 2024 newly elected supervisor committee of TSPS



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**Welcome to the 2025 Annual Meeting of Taiwan Society of Plastic Surgery!!  
December 13-14, 2025, at the International Convention Center Tainan (ICC  
Tainan), Taiwan.**



The banner features a red and orange abstract background with a network of white lines. Two white swans are flying in the upper left. On the right, there is a traditional Chinese building with a red roof and blue walls, surrounded by green trees. In the lower left, there is a traditional Chinese gate with a red roof and a sign that reads '全臺學' (All Taiwan Study). The text '2025 ANNUAL MEETING' is in white, and 'TSPS' is in large white letters. Below it, the tagline 'Illuminate / Inspire / Refine' is written in white. The Chinese title '台灣整形外科醫學會年會' (Taiwan Society of Plastic Surgery Annual Meeting) is in large red characters, followed by the dates and location 'Dec.13-14 ICC Tainan 大台南會展中心'. The TSPS logo is in the bottom right, with the text '台灣整形外科醫學會 第22屆第二次會員大會暨學術研討會' (Taiwan Society of Plastic Surgery 22nd Annual Meeting and Academic Symposium) next to it.

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