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# The Patient-Physician Relationship From a Psychoanalytic Point of View

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### **Introduction and Message of Congratulation**

It is my honor and privilage to be invited by President Dr. Chung-Hong Hu of Taipei Medical University to talk at this Lecture that recognizes and praises Professor Eng-Kung Yeh for the great contribution he has made to the teaching of psychiatry at Taipei Medical University and to be development of psychiatry in Taiwan.

I also thank Dr. Winston W. Shen, Chairman of the Organizing Committee for his communication with me. It is also a great pleasure for my wife and myself to meet many of our old friends again including Prof. Yeh and Mrs. Shin-Shin Yeh and also to get acquainted with all of you attending this lecture.

I have met with Dr. Yeh and Mrs. Shin-Shin Yeh in various cities in the U.S.A. as well as in Shanghai, Seoul, and Budapest since 1984 when I was President of the Japan Society of Neurology & Psychiatry, and invited Dr. Yeh to participate in an International Symposium at the annual meeting of the society. Many Japanese psychiatrists have been fascinated by the learning and humanity of Prof. Yeh, and the special lectures given by Prof. Yeh which have been arranged

somewhere in Japan every year. The Taipei City Psychiatric Center established by Dr. Yeh has been rated as a first class mental hospital in the world in terms of the high quality of teaching, multidisciplinary,comprehensive and continuous care modalities, and creative outstanding research. Professor Yeh's research on psychiatric epidemiology is not an empty theory but offers a foundation for practical in psychiatric service for patients. Having such a great scholar as Prof. Eng-Kung Yeh as a true friend is the greatest pleasure in my life. These are photos in memory of the friendship between Dr. Yeh, Mrs. Shin-Shin Yeh, my wife, and myself.

### Theme of this Symposium; "The Patient-Physician Relationship from a Psychoanalytic Point of View"

I am impressed by the insight of those concerned who have taken the patient-physician relationship as the title of this symposium in honor of the contributions of Prof. Yeh. That is because future medical services will not be qualified to be called a service if the

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