

From Medical Services to Regional Revitalization: KMU Wins Global View Monthly University Social Responsibility Role Model Award



The 25 years of deep involvement in Namasia area have allowed the Kaohsiung Medical University (KMU) to provide not only "medical services" but also "regional revitalization". Apart from actively promoting eco-friendly businesses suitable for the local environment, KMU has assisted in cultivating local talents in various ways. For years, KMU's efforts have received public recognition, attracting outstanding expat teachers to join KMU. Moreover, the "Home for Fireflies - Namasia Ecological Sustainability Development Plan" recently won the "2nd Global View Monthly University Social Responsibility (USR) Award 2021 - Role Model Award for

Ecological Synergy". Judges from industry, government and academia selected only 16 out of 142 contestants for the awards, representing a mere 11.2% chance of winning. The entire school proudly shares the special honor with residents in Namasia.

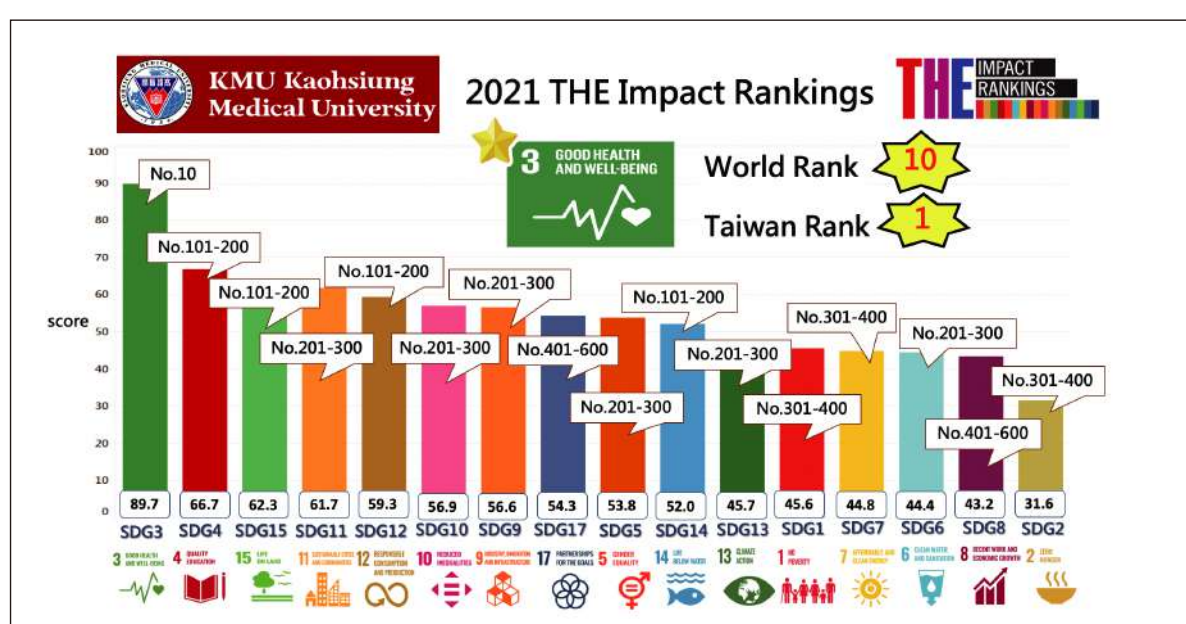
With the "Home for Fireflies - Namasia Ecological Sustainability Development Plan", KMU stood out among the 142 contestants. Mr. Chung, Yu-Chih, President of KMU, indicated that in addition to medical services, KMU intends to promote the comprehensive physical, mental, and spiritual health, specifically related to ecological and environmental education and sustainable manage-

ment of regional revitalization. Striving to restore firefly populations and ecological balance through the promotion of the "Home for Fireflies" plan, KMU has teamed up with other universities and local organizations to build an interdisciplinary team. On the other hand, a "Namasia School" was set up by KMU and local elders to offer students the experience of "going to the university in the mountains", achieving a two-way exchange of ecological education, driving the local economy and giving opportunities for the next generation to make a living in their hometown.

KMU Gains Excellent Performance in Times Higher Education World University Impact Rankings

Times Higher Education Impact Rankings 2021 was announced on April 21 this year. Kaohsiung Medical University (KMU) has exceptional performance in the THE Impact Rankings 2021, placing 237th among the universities worldwide, 3rd in Taiwan up from 8th in 2019, and 1st among private universities in Taiwan.

THE Impact Rankings include 17 evaluation indicators using the United Nation's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) as the ranking criteria. Kaohsiung Medical University achieved excellent results in SDG 3 (Good Health and



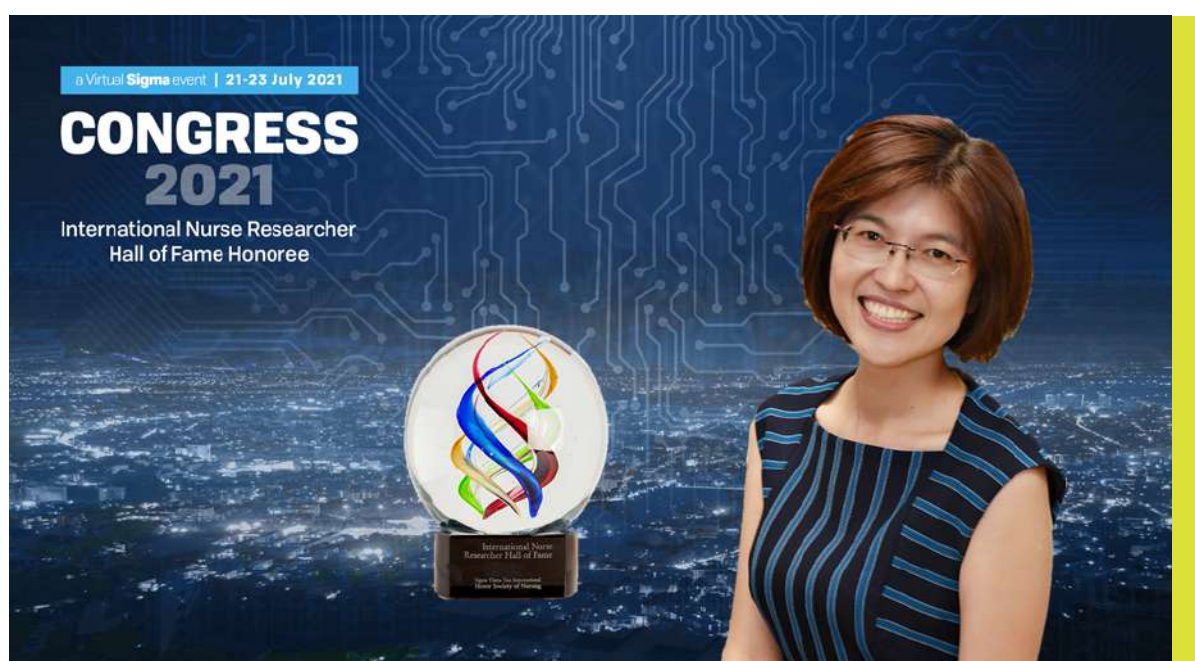
Well-being), SDG 4 (Quality Education), SDG 15 (Life On Land), SDG 11 (Sustainable Cities and Communities), and SDG 12 (Responsible Consumption and Production), with excellent SDG 3 (Good Health and Well-being) performance placing 10th globally and 1st in Taiwan.

Following the international recognition of outstanding efforts from the faculty and students

at Kaohsiung Medical University on sustainable development, KMU is planning to actively facilitate the development of a sustainable campus with regard to teaching, research and industry and academic collaboration by incorporating UN's SDGs, so as to realize our vision of "becoming a world-class international medical university that promotes human health and well-being".

Propelled by Passion – KMU Professor Awarded 2021 International Nurse Researcher Hall of Fame

Professor Kuei-Min Chen at Kaohsiung Medical University's College of Nursing, has been honored by the Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing (Sigma) to be inducted into the 2021 International Nurse Researcher Hall of Fame. The award recognizes nursing researchers who have achieved significant and sustained national and international recognition for their work and whose research has improved the profession and the people it serves. "These extraordinary nurse researchers embody the broad spectrum of nursing's impact on global healthcare; their research encompasses the areas of diversity, equity and inclusion, environmental health, reproductive health, and workforce stability" said Sigma President Richard Ricciardi.



The recipient of 2021 International Nurse Researcher Hall of Fame: Professor Kuei-Min Chen

The International Nurse Researcher Hall of Fame was launched in 2010, and Professor Chen is the only recipient from Taiwan this year. The honor signifies the nursing researchers' lifetime achievements in nursing, contributions to research, and mentoring for future nurse researchers. Professor Chen is a nationally and internationally influential researcher in geriatric health, especially in the field of physical activity interventions using complementary/alternative therapies and their translation into elderly care.

Indeed, five exercise programs that Professor Chen developed have been internationally adopted and used by researchers in Australia, England, India and Hong Kong. She is also actively involved in policy making related to long-term care for older adults in private and governmental agencies. With these contributions Professor Chen has been inducted into the International Nurse Researcher Hall of Fame, which is one of the most prestigious nursing awards globally.