



Message from the Chair

In 1997-1998, we successfully passed the program certification of the Ministry of Education, Taiwan, and founded the Department of Physical Therapy at Tzu Chi University. In 1999 the first class of PT students was enrolled.

It was a great honor to have been the first Chair of the Department of Physical Therapy at Tzu Chi University. As the only academic PT institution in Eastern Taiwan, we have the very important role of promoting and supporting the local development of professional PT.

Physical design of the department facilities was my first task. The result was a floor of welcoming office space, sufficient and well-equipped classrooms, and individual laboratory facilities for each faculty. In addition, in order to promote a friendly and supportive environment for students within our department, we constructed several comfortable areas for student congregation.

Over four years, my colleagues and I worked tirelessly to design the curriculum and create a productive research laboratory setting. We realized that to succeed in physical therapy today, students must be able to solve problems in innovative ways. Therefore, in our curriculum, we emphasize problem-based learning, which encourages students and faculty to relearn how to learn.

I have now stepped down as the Chair. The department is in the very capable hands of Dr. Lin who will continue to lead us forward. I want to thank all my colleagues for their dedication and hard work these first four years, and I sincerely wish our department all the best.

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