



## Message from the Chair

As the second elected chair in a row, I welcome you to the Department of Physical Therapy at Tzu-Chi University. Our faculty members are knowledgeable physical therapists, and they are dedicated to contribute their specialized expertise to preparing the students to become entry-level physical therapists who will provide good services in their communities. The students from different areas are full of enthusiasm and youthful spirit. Some of them are good in music and sports, even quite talented.

Our Department of Physical Therapy is not analogue to the Rehabilitation Medicine. The Department has several exciting educational four-year programs, including neurological physical therapy, orthopedic physical therapy, cardiopulmonary physical therapy, and pediatric physical therapy as the core courses. We emphasize problem-based learning and integrate clinical practice to engage our students with professional knowledge and emerging technical skills in addition to educating them in core fundamentals. The faculty also provides environment for students to promote their abilities of independent thinking and critical judgment, as well as to cultivate their humble and humanitarian attitudes. Especially, the students are encouraged to follow the spirits of our university with “Kindness, Compassion, Joy, Equanimity” to treat others and themselves.

The department uses Moodle course management system as the e-learning platform in support of teaching and learning. The new network is set up recently to enhance the communication between faculty members and students. Together our faculty, students, and staff comprise a vibrant community of professionalism, research, teaching, and learning.

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