Report

Call to Action on Promoting of Optimal Infant and Young Child Nutrition

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For all the years, we have devoted to monitoring the CODE and urging the policy makers to support breastfeeding. Now, the breastfeeding rate has increased, and parts of CODE are included in Act Governing Food Safety. However, the national policy on IYCF is still lacking.

The participants from Chinese Women Consumers Association (CWCA), Chinese Dietetic Society (CDS), Taipei Dietitians Association, Foo Yin University, Kaohsiung Dietitians Association, Taipei Veterans General Hospital, National Taiwan University Hospital, Chinese Culture University, Providence University, National Sun Yat-sen University, Taipei City Hospital and Kaohsiung Medical University Hospital met on June 27, 2015 in Taipei. We discussed and launched the assessment of Taiwan’s policies and programs on breastfeeding and young child feeding. The President of CWCA and CDS representing the organizations signed up “Call to Action on Promoting of Optimal Infant and Young Child Nutrition”.

June 27, Taipei, Taiwan

Participant List
On Aug 1, 2015, we held a symposium on Maternal Nutrition during Pregnancy, Lactation and Breastfeeding in Taichung. Participants were dietitians from central part of Taiwan. We stressed the importance of breastfeeding, and nutrition values of breast milk. We took note of the gaps and achievement in WBTi Report. We anticipate dietetics and nutrition professionals recognize that protection, promotion and support of breastfeeding and optimal infant and young child feeding are not just a nutrition concern but also a human right issue.
Representatives of Taichung Dietitians Association and Taiwan Academy of Breastfeeding signed up “Call to Action on Promoting of Optimal Infant and Young Child Nutrition”.

We call upon all concerned to take the following action:

- **Encouraging breastfeeding:**
  Protection, promotion and support breastfeeding and optimal infant and young child feeding should be developed and entrenched in the public policy and programs as a necessary condition needing resources.

- **Monitoring CODE:**
  Develop an effective mechanism to enforce the compliance of Act Governing Food Safety, especially on-line commerce.

- **Supporting BFH:**
  Develop IYCF guidelines and training module on IYCF counseling for dietitians and health care providers.