New Year Message

Inheritance, innovation and development of nursing in China

On the coming of the spring of 2018, In behalf of the Chinese Nursing Association (CNA), I would like to extend my sincerest greetings and pay my highest respect to the vast majority of nurses at the clinical frontlines. I would also like to express my heartfelt thanks to friends all over the world who are deeply concerned and supportive of the development of nursing in China.

The 19th National Congress of the Communist Party of China (CPC) was successfully held in Beijing on October 18, 2017. General Secretary Xi Jinping pointed out in the conference report that the five years since the 18th National Congress have been truly remarkable for the development of the Party and the country. These five years have also been remarkable and outstanding for CNA.

In the past five years, the 26th CNA council fully implemented the spirit of the 18th National Congress of CPC, adopted reform and innovation as primary processes and put forward a series of nurse-oriented measures to enhance the academic influences of CNA. With the support of all CNA council members and nurses, CNA made great achievements in the following: transferring government functions, participating in the top-level design of nursing development, promoting the reform of the medicine and healthcare system, offering advices and suggestions to the government, leading innovation in nursing disciplines, enhancing professionalism in nursing, inspiring competitiveness and reforming the operating mechanism of CNA, expanding the global influence of CNA and magnifying its voice.

In 2013, CNA was granted membership to the International Council of Nurses (ICN) and established its publishing house. In 2014, we hosted the Third International Conference of World Society Disaster Nursing and launched the International Journal of Nursing Science (in English). In the year that followed, CNA received funding of “Project for Capabilities Improvement of Innovation and Services of Associations” from the China Association for Science and Technology (CAST). In 2016, we organised experts and drafted a training syllabus for new nurses. The National Health and Family Planning Commission of PRC then approved the “Training Syllabus for New Nurses (Trial Implementation)” in January of the same year. Moreover, we established the Party Committee as approved by CAST. In 2017, CNA was awarded the 5A National Academic Association of the Ministry of Civil Affairs of PRC, Advanced Association of CAST and National Nursing Association Innovation Award of ICN.

Over the past five years, we achieved rapid development in all aspects. Currently, China is on the decisive stage in building a moderately prosperous society in all respects. General Secretary Xi Jinping pointed out the importance of a healthy population to realise two centenary goals and achieve national rejuvenation. The new requirements for cultivating the reform and accelerating the development of the medical and healthcare system are proposed in the new period, bringing new opportunities and challenges to CNA. In 2018, the 27th CNA Council will uphold the principle of “Inheritance, Innovation and Development” and endeavour in the following aspects:

First, we will strengthen the Party’s leadership and structure by frequently adhering to the all-round leadership of the Party, strengthening the “Four Senses”, resolutely safeguarding the authority of the Central Committee of CPC, enriching the form of Party-Constructing activities, devoting increased attention to the pertinence and effectiveness of the learning programmes of Party members and constantly expanding the ranks of Party members.

Second, we should enhance the cultural soft power and influence of CNA. General Secretary Xi Jinping pointed out that, “Cultural confidence represents a fundamental and profound force that sustains the development of a country and a nation.” Based on existing work, the CNA council will comprehensively promote cultural construction, strengthen our confidence in cultural development and vision for advancement, unite nurses in China and improve the status of nursing progress by enhancing the cultural soft power and influence of CNA.

Third, we will continue playing the lead role in the nursing profession. As a national academic society, CNA will, as always, set up a
high-quality and high-level academic exchange platform for nurses to further optimise the structure of academic conferences. With a close focus on the “Outline of China Nursing Career Development Plan (2016–2020)” for the 13th Five-Year Plan, we will enhance training for new nurses, nursing specialists, nursing managers, community nurses and midwives and effectively improve nursing service capabilities. We will simultaneously set up a high-quality international editorial panel and an editor team and improve the quality and influence of a series of journals sponsored by CNA.

Fourth, we will develop healthcare-related industries. CNA will help extend the scope of nursing service, develop nursing-related industries and provide improved and increased comprehensive professional services to people’s health. We will develop patented products for nursing care, as well as carry out training and certification of nursing staff in community service, aged care and rehabilitation nursing. We will explore the establishment of a working mode of Nursing Practitioners in communities in fields such as chronic disease management, health consultation and traditional Chinese medicine healthcare.

Fifth, we will continue to boost international exchanges and cooperation. CNA will consolidate existing cooperation projects with ICN and the World Society of Disaster Nursing, continue to participate in and hold the China-Japan-Korea Nursing Conference, Cross Straits cum Hong Kong and Macau Nursing Forum and implement the Memorandum of Cooperation between China and Canada, as well as China and Germany. We will nurture new cooperation projects simultaneously, including cooperating with the United States and EU and promoting international mutual recognition in nursing fields such as Enterostomal Therapists.

Sixth, we will expand and enhance science popularisation work. Combined with national strategic planning such as targeted poverty reduction and alleviation measures, science popularisation work should be considered as a key task of CNA, including bringing forth new ideas to science popularisation, enriching activity forms, expanding science popularisation coverage and connotation and training specialised professionals for science popularisation work.

Seventh, we will strengthen informatics construction. Based on the existing network information platform, we will continue to optimise the construction and maintenance of the official website and the WeChat platform, obtain new channels of publicity and manage members, conferences and publicity through information technology.

Eighth, we will continue to improve the internal management of CNA offices. Sense of responsibility will be strengthened, and the standardisation and scientific management of the organisation will be promoted. Service ability work efficiency and overall staff quality in CNA offices will be enhanced through regular training. Rules and regulations will be improved, including regulations for financial management and council supervisory, and the reform of institutional mechanisms will be advocated. Thus, a good working atmosphere will be created.

Ninth, we will enlarge membership scale and improve service quality. Various levels of membership, such as student, young, overseas, senior and group members, will be developed. We will provide a clear statement of member services to boost the recruitment of nurses.

Never forget why we started, and we can accomplish our mission. As Chinese socialism entered a new era at a critical moment, the 27th CNA council will earnestly study and implement the spirit of the 19th National Congress of CPC, adhere to the Party’s health and health service guidelines based on the work of the 26th CNA council, unite and lead the total of more than 3,500,000 nurses across the country to actively participate in work to extend reform of the medicine and healthcare system and accelerate the development of nursing according to the “Outline of China Nursing Career Development Plan (2016–2020).” Therefore, we will significantly contribute to building a healthy China, achieve the healthy and happy life people desired and attain a brilliant milestone in the new 100 year of CNA.