

Dates of Meeting:

24-12-1953 – 28-12-1953

Type of Meeting:

3rd National Health Conference

Place of Meeting:

Beijing

Attendance:

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Major Agenda Items:

health work in industry, preventive medical work in urban areas, anti-epidemic work in the rural areas, maternity and child health work, and, as item number five on the list, Chinese medicine

Speeches/Reports:

He Cheng: 'A Summary of Health Work over the past Four Years and its Future Direction and Tasks'

The report concerning Chinese medical issues was entitled 'Increasing Chinese Medical Work, and Putting the Strength of Chinese Medicine to Full Use' this report emphasized the need to increase the proportion of Chinese medicine-related classes in the curriculum of these schools. The report also emphasized the importance of the continued promotion of acupuncture, the policy of 'uniting' Chinese medicine and encouraging the people to treat the Chinese medical profession with respect. In addition, it brought Chinese medical herbs onto the agenda and stressed the importance of supporting the Chinese herbal market, which was currently very much in decline. Thus the main message by the end of 1953 still lay in the 'improvement' of Chinese medicine within Schools for the Further Education of Chinese Medical Practitioners.

Other Decisions and/or Actions:

- Resolutions of the third National Health Administrative Convention' The main aim of the "improvement" of Chinese medical practitioners is to raise their awareness of politics and their level of professional work'

Remarks: