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Mr. Raymond Burghardt
Chairman
American Institute in Taiwan
1700 North Moore Street, #1700
Arlington, VA 22209

Dear Mr. Burghardt:

I am enclosing a letter from Secretary Arne Duncan to the Chief Operating Officer (COO) of the Taiwan Medical Accreditation Council. I would appreciate your forwarding the Secretary's letter to the COO at the following address:

Dr. Chi-Wan Lai
Chief Operating Officer
Taiwan Medical Accreditation Council
Sun Yat-Sen Cancer Center
125 Lih-Der Road
Pei-Tou District
Taipei, Taiwan

If you have any questions or need further information, please contact me at (202) 401-3067. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

Teresa A. Garland, Acting Director
Office of Executive Secretariat

Enclosure

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Dr. Chi-Wan Lai
Chief Operating Officer
Taiwan Medical Accreditation Council
Sun Yat-Sen Cancer Center
125 Lih-Der Road
Pei-Tou District
Taipei, Taiwan

Dear Dr. Lai:

The National Committee on Foreign Medical Education and Accreditation (NCFMEA) met March 30-31, 2009, in Washington, D.C., to evaluate the standards of accreditation applied to foreign medical schools and to determine the comparability of those standards to the standards of accreditation applied to medical schools in the United States. Comparability of medical education is a requisite for American students attending medical schools outside of the United States to be eligible for U.S. Department of Education student financial assistance.

During this meeting, the NCFMEA reviewed the report submitted by the Taiwan Medical Accreditation Council (TMAC) regarding its medical education accreditation activities and heard testimony from Taiwan's representatives. The NCFMEA wishes to thank you and Dr. Chyi-Her Lin, Council Member, TMAC, for attending the meeting to provide additional information regarding the TMAC's activities. Your testimony was very helpful, and the Committee valued your participation in the meeting.

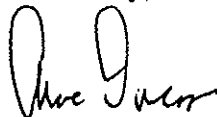
The NCFMEA formally reaffirmed its prior determination that the standards and processes used to accredit medical schools in Taiwan are comparable to those used to accredit medical schools in the United States, and requested that Taiwan submit a report on the TMAC guidelines for review at the Spring 2012 meeting of the NCFMEA.

The NCFMEA Executive Director will send you a copy of the NCFMEA Guidelines and other necessary information prior to the Spring 2012 meeting. If you have any questions in the interim, please contact Dr. Rachael A. Shultz, Acting NCFMEA Executive Director, by phone at 202-219-2009, by fax at 202-219-7005, or by e-mail at Rachael.Shultz@ed.gov.

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I want to thank you for taking the time to respond to our requests for information about Taiwan's standards and processes for the evaluation and accreditation of medical schools. The NCFMEA and I appreciate your interest in maintaining high-quality standards for medical education.

Sincerely,



Arne Duncan

cc: Dr. Chyi-Her Lin