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Taiwan signs agreement with Marshall Islands for healthcare

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Taipei Medical University Shuang Ho Hospital at Taiwan has signed an agreement with the Marshall Islands' Ministry of Health and Human Services to continue a medical internship program as well as establish a Hospital Information System (HIS) to enhance the quality of health care in the Pacific Island country.

The signing of agreement was attended by Taiwan President Tsai Ing-wen and Hilda Heine, President of the Marshall Islands.

As per the agreement, Shuang Ho Hospital will help with the running of a clinical internship program for medical interns in the Marshall Islands as well as set up a HIS at Majuro Hospital, which is located in the country's capital city Majuro, to digitize patient records and other medical information.

Taiwan's health care efforts in the Marshall Islands includes helping local hospitals set up a standard operating procedure for patient care and donating a picture archiving and communication system (PACS), commonly used in radiology to store diagnostic information.

According to Minister of Health and Welfare Chen Shih-chung, the main objective of this venture is to improve health care and public health education in the Marshall Islands.

It is hoped that through this agreement the Marshall Islands will be able to achieve the World Health Organization's global health targets, Chen stated.