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Lebanon and China rewarded for their NNAs' innovative practice



Barcelona, Spain; Geneva, Switzerland, 27 May 2017 – The **Order of Nurses in Lebanon** and the Chinese Nursing Association were awarded today with the International Council of Nurses' (ICN) NNA Innovation Award during ICN's Barcelona Congress for demonstrating innovation and creativity in their efforts to improve nursing both at national level and international level.

Both national nursing associations (NNAs) deployed extensive means and efforts in the service to their communities – the Order of Nurses in Lebanon through a country-wide campaign to promote nursing as a career choice to the general public and the Chinese Nursing Association through their development action plan to increase their NNA's reach and international relations, thus significantly raising the profile of nursing in each respective country.

On the occasion of International Nurses Day, the Order of Nurses in Lebanon has set up a national campaign entitled "Nurses joining efforts in serving communities in different districts" in collaboration with the Ministry of Public Health and various municipal authorities with the aim to highlight the importance of nursing as a profession and as an attractive and fulfilling career choice.

Spread across 12 of the 26 districts of the country, the campaign was a wide-reaching success, gathering together nurses from different settings to share and exchange expertise and offering to the public various nurse-led services such as free health screenings, prevention and awareness campaigns with high turnouts in all regions involved.



The **Chinese Nursing Association** has implemented an action plan to develop international and regional collaboration throughout its NNA, strengthening existing links and partnerships with international organisations such as ICN, the World Health Organization and the World Bank, by increasing its presence in international and regional conferences and representations.

It has focused on expanding its membership and attractiveness through building upon educational programmes addressing country-specific needs informed by extensive data collection and by encouraging and facilitating cross regional collaboration.

The efforts deployed by both NNAs highlight the contribution of nursing in all settings and for all, increasing the diversity and inclusiveness of the profession

ICN's Congresses are the world's largest international events for nurses. ICN 2017 in Barcelona, Spain explores nurses' leading role in the transformation of care, with a particular focus on universal health coverage, the Sustainable Development Goals and human resources for health. The Congress provides opportunities for nurses to build relationships and to disseminate nursing knowledge and leadership across specialties, cultures and countries. Learn more here: **www.icncongress.com**

Note for Editors
The **International Council of Nurses** (ICN) is a federation of more than 130 national nurses associations representing the millions of nurses worldwide. Operated by nurses and leading nursing internationally, ICN works to ensure quality care for all and sound health policies globally.

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