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Preface to the Second Edition

The first edition of this book was published in 1991. It has been reprinted twice ever since. Its editions in Japanese, Chinese, English, and Portuguese appeared one after the other. With their extensively spreading, the acupuncture-moxibustion science has reached every part of the world. I have devoted my lifetime's effort to the popularization of traditional Chinese medicine, which gives me great gratification.

Confucius said: "The function of literature is to convey philosophical and moral principles." The second edition features in its supplement of the illustrations which I have been using in my long-term teaching. Some of them represent how the acupuncture-moxibustion science came into being and others highlight the profound philosophy in its theory. What's more, there are quite a few increases in the written languages. I sincerely hope that this new edition will be indispensable to those who cherish great ambitions in their long journey to the acupuncture-moxibustion science.

At the publication of the second edition, I would be greatly indebted to Dr. Shuji Goto, Ph. D., President of Goto College of Medical Arts and Sciences, Tokyo, Japan, for his constant help with completing this book and to my colleagues and those experts who were involved in its translation and edition.

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Preface

The English edition of FUNDAMENTALS OF ACUPUNCTURE & MOXIBUSTION appears at last after nearly eight-year efforts.

This book embodies the experience gained through years of training of hundreds of doctors and scholars who came to China to study the acupuncture and moxibustion science. The basic theories of traditional Chinese medicine, TCM, are completely introduced in this book, which was elaborately compiled in view of the difficulties encountered by students without an oriental cultural background so as to meet their requests.

In view of the fact that the theories of TCM gives priority to the way of logical thinking in tradition, in the process of compiling this book, every effort was made to give it a clear presentation by incorporating figured, tabular and written materials in it, and to strive to convey the theories of TCM, in the expectation of easier understanding by means of a programming form.

All the translators involved are well versed both in TCM and in English to ensure the English version to be true, expressive and graceful. The English manuscript of this book was partly modified by an American, Mr. Lawrence Park (Piao Taisheng), to make the book suited to the tastes of western readers.

The compilation of this book was supported energetically by Prof. Dai Ximeng, President of Tianjin College of Traditional Chinese Medicine, and Shuji Goto, Ph.D., President of Goto College of Medical Arts and Sciences, Tokyo, Japan.

As editors-in-chief, we sincerely hope that this book will be always profitable to readers, and beneficial to teaching and scientific research of the acupuncture and moxibustion science. Also we hope that our friends and experts in the TCM circle will oblige us with corrections.

*Liu Gongwang & Akira Hyodo
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