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World Topics

Chinese Taipei: TFDA chief resigned

On January 15, 2025, Dr. Juang, Shin-Hun, Director General, Taiwan Food and Drug Administration (TFDA) resigned and Mr. Lin Chin-fu, Deputy Director General, became Acting Director .

Relating articles (in Chinese):

<https://www.cna.com.tw/news/ahel/202501150034.aspx>

<https://www.fda.gov.tw/tc/sitecontent.aspx?sid=4133>

Vietnam: Pharmaceutical Development Plan “Pharmaceutical Industry Development Plan to 2030 and Outlook to 2045” announced

promulgated Prime Minister’s Decision No. 270 (270/QĐ- TTg) approving the “Pharmaceutical Industry Development Plan to 2030 and Outlook to 2045” .

The goal is to achieve an annual production increase of 8–11% by 2045, develop the domestic pharmaceutical industry into a competitive advanced industrial sector, and join the global supply chain.

Original plan text (in Vietnamese; can be translated using Google Translate, etc.):

<https://luatvietnam.vn/cong-nghiep/quyet-dinh-270-qd-ttg-cua-thu-tuong-chinh-phu-phe-duyet-chuong-trinh-phat-trien-cong-nghiep-hoa-duoc-den-nam-2030-tam-nhin-den-nam-2045-389533-d1.html>

World: GSCF publishes annual report “Impact Report 2024”

GSCF has published its annual report, “ Impact Report 2024 ,” summarizing its activities in 2024.

May: ● Global Self – Care Summit held

June: ● International Self-care Day “ Self-care is Healthcare ” campaign launched

November:

●Asia Pacific Self-Care Regional Conference held.

“ Joint Initiative on Self-Care ” released

● Joint industry statement released on the UN Plastics Convention

This report is available at:

https://mcusercontent.com/d13d0358683bf151339e5a678/files/1571d1ec-aba8-0e5d-254c-e894d8e3b1fa/GSCF_Impact_report_2024_210125.pdf



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EU: European pharmaceutical industry groups jointly publish new "E-PI Position Paper"

On January 8, 2025, European pharmaceutical industry associations (AESGP, EFPIA, Medicines for Europe) jointly published a new version of the E-PI Promotion Position Paper proposed for European regulatory authorities.

The proposal outlines a strategic shift from the current paper leaflets to more patient-centric content and accessible, environmentally friendly digital alternatives, which are proposed to optimise pharmacy operations while keeping patient safety at the forefront.

The position paper (64-page) is available at:

<https://aesgp.eu/content/uploads/2025/01/iatf-position-papers-on-epi.pdf>

EVENTS

ASEAN: EU-ASEAN Health Summit 2025

EU-ASEAN HEALTH SUMMIT 2025



On 27 May 2025, the EU-ASEAN Business Council (EU-ABC) will host the EU-ASEAN health Summit 2025 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

Following the success of the inaugural Health Summit held by the EU-ASEAN Business



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Council (EU-ABC) in 2021, the EU-ABC Health Summit will return to Kuala Lumpur in 2025, aligning with Malaysia's ASEAN Chairmanship. The 2nd EU-ABC Health Summit will aim to provide a platform of discussion to address rising healthcare challenges in the region, particularly the rise of non-communicable diseases and addressing an ageing population across ASEAN Member States. Sustainable healthcare financing will be a key discussion topic as it offers a promising approach to addressing these challenges by expanding fiscal capacity and improving the current healthcare system.

In 2025, the summit will explore two key themes: Sustainable Healthcare Financing and the Public-Private Partnerships (PPP) model. It will examine actionable solutions that mitigate vulnerabilities, ensure sustainability, and digitise health ecosystems. These discussions will emphasise how Public-Private Partnerships (PPPs) can help drive innovation and efficiency in healthcare delivery. The event will gather Health leaders, policymakers, and other stakeholders to shape a more accessible, inclusive, and responsive future of healthcare in Southeast Asia.

Register for the summit (participation fee: S\$150) below.

<https://www.eu-asean.eu/events/eu-asean-health-summit-2025/>

Vietnam: “Workshop on the Role of Self-Care in Primary Healthcare”

On 25 February 2025, Health Strategy and Policy Institute (HSPI) held “Workshop on the Role of Self-Care in Primary Healthcare” in Hanoi, Vietnam.

From industry, three representatives made presentations at the workshop:

● **Ms. Catherine Maura Laverty**, Expert of GSCF (online)

Results from global study on the economic and social value of selfcare at global
Evaluation

● **Mr. Chris Humphrey**, Director of EU ASEAN Business Council

Role of Self-Care for a Sustainable Healthcare System in ASEAN

● **Mr. Rachmadi Joesoef**, Chairman of APSMI

“Digital health as enabler of self-care in APAC”