

## HISTORY OF DIAGNOSTIC AND THERAPEUTIC RADIOLOGY IN MAINLAND CHINA AND TAIWAN

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In 1995 there will be a great number of centennial celebration world-wide for discovery of X-rays by a German physicist Wilhelm Conrad Roentgen in 1895, the very year that the Chinese northern navy of Ching Dynasty defeated by the Japanese who eventually annexed Taiwan and Pescadores Islands for 51 years according to the Sino-Japanese Treaty of Shimonoseki! Statesman of Chinese government Hung-Chang Li, the delegate for negotiation of the Treaty who received a gun shot injury in Shimonoseki, was probably the first Chinese to have the X-ray examination to show the bullet in the body. Dr. Paul C. Hodges, M.D., Ph. D. in physiology and professor of radiology was an American who made the greatest contribution to introduce diagnostic and therapeutic radiology to mainland China (Shanghai Harvard Medical School of China, Peking Union Medical College) from 1915 to 1927 and to Taiwan (National Defense Medical Center and Veterans General Hospital-Taipei) from 1960 to 1962. The other pioneers, important events and development of technology and training of modern radiotherapy in Taiwan in the medical schools and major medical centers such as National Taiwan University Hospital, the National Defense Medical Center/Tri-Service General Hospital and National Yang Ming University/ Veterans General Hospital-Taipei in the last forty years were very dynamic and fascinating worthwhile to mention on this centennial occasion. [Therapeut Radiol Oncol 1995; 2: 1-10]

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