



Korea Medical Association

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As the largest independent organization of medical experts who are willing to volunteer to contribute to the development of the country's public health, the Korea Medical Association (KMA) embraces all the groups of medical experts in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and represents all the doctors, pharmacists and researchers, engineers and teachers in the sector of public health within the territory of the country.

Founded on June 19, 1970

Mission

The mission of the KMA is to steadily improve the professional qualifications of its members and raise the country's medical science and technology to the world level, thus making a significant contribution to providing a life of high quality to all the people of the country.

Duty

- To provide all its members with opportunities for exchanging opinions freely so that they can extensively share the lessons and experiences they gained in their scientific research and clinical practice;
- To ensure that scientific and technical problems arising in the public health sector of the country are addressed in a collective way, study the world trend of medical science and technology field and inform all medical workers in the country of the latest development of medical science and technology by each period of time;

- To conduct scientific and technological exchanges with international and foreign academic organizations in the field of medical sciences;
- To render academic assistance to the assessment of grades of medical workers.

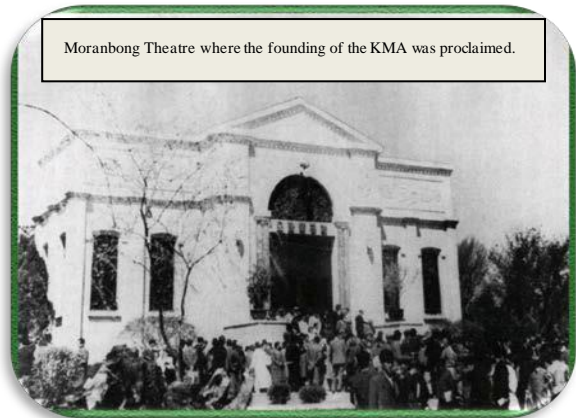
Membership

80 000 (as of 2017)

History of Development

The predecessor of the KMA is the Korean Union of Doctors which was established as a democratic mass organization of medical workers in April 1946, the year following the country's liberation.

The KMA was founded on June 19, 1970 in accordance with the instructions President Kim Il Sung gave on two occasions (on February 13 and June 19, 1970). By 2017, it developed into a large organization with 75 branches of different departments embracing 80 000 members and the scope of its activities encompasses all the fields of the country's medical sciences ranging from research to clinical practice under a well-knit guidance and management system established from the central to the lowest echelons.



Organizational Principle and Management System

Organizational Principle

The KMA's principle of organization and activities is democratic centralism.

Management System

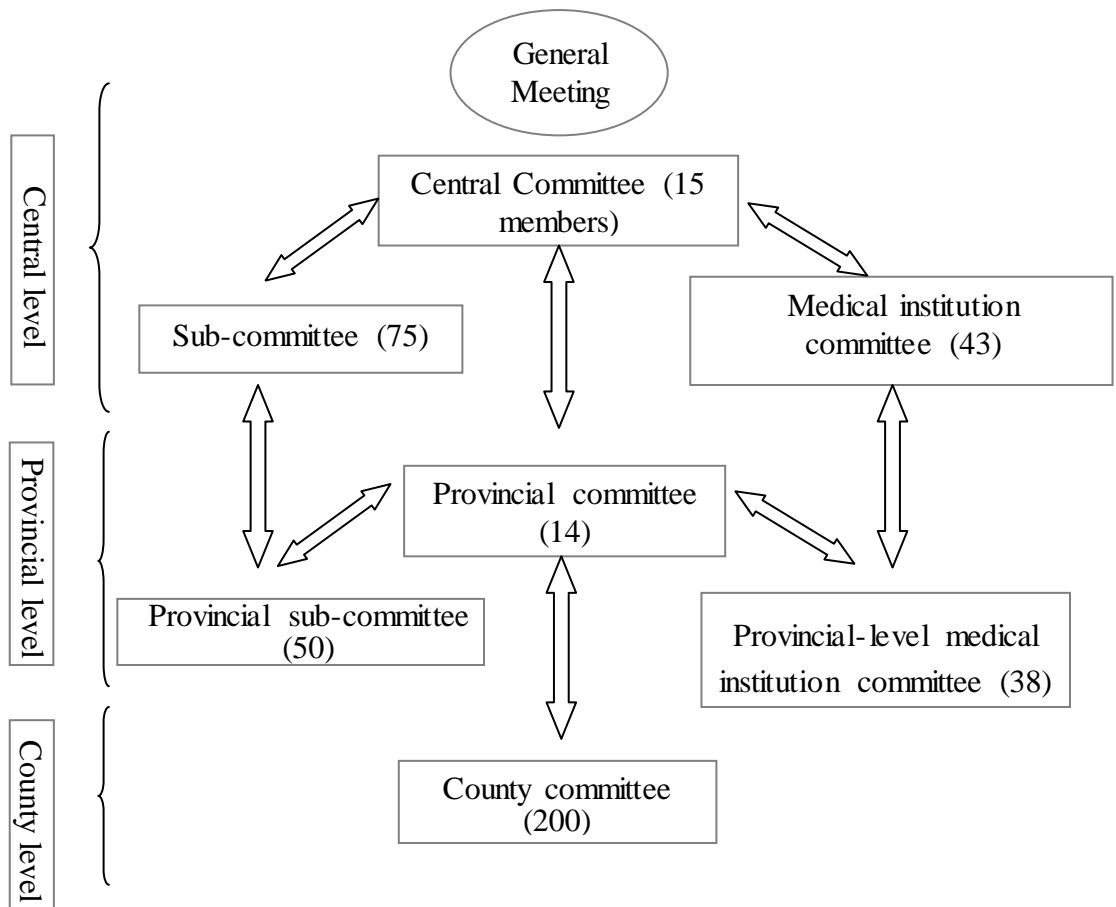
Central Committee (15 members)

Medical institution committee (43)

Departmental sub-committee (75)

Provincial committee (14)

Structure and Management System



Scope of Activities

Medical Science and Technology

- Combination of traditional Koryo therapies and Western medicines (chronic and obstinate diseases)
- Advanced technologies (treatment apparatuses and medical appliances)
- Integration of science and production (chemists', manufactories and technical companies)
- Domestic production of medical goods



Efficacious Koryo medicines and medical appliances produced by chemists' and manufactories

Education

- Training of human resources needed for medical services
- Refresher course
- Online lecture and workshop
- Academic assistance in compilation of degree theses, essays and reference books

Exchanges at Home and Abroad

- Local symposium (central- and provincial-level departmental sub-committee and institution committee)
- International symposium
- Attending world, international and regional seminars and meetings
- Joint surgery, research and development of technology
- Exchanges and cooperation with national medical associations of foreign countries
- Exchanges and cooperation with overseas Korean medical scientists and their associations



Joint surgery, research and development of technology conducted by the KMA on an international scale

Publication

- Bulletin on Medical Science and Technology (4 issues/year, 150-600 copies)
- Collection of Essays by Department (500-700 copies)
- Annual Action Plan for Medical Science (150-250 copies)

International Cooperative Relations

World Federation of Neurosurgical Societies

The meeting of board of directors of the World Federation of Neurosurgical Societies held on February 17, 2011, in Lyons, France, unanimously decided to admit the Democratic People's Republic of Korea into the federation. The DPRK was officially admitted into the organization as its member by the unanimous approval of the representatives of 85 member countries at the executive council meeting held during its 14th interim session which took place from September 13 to 17.

Mongolian Association of Doctors and Medical Science

The KMA and the Mongolian Association of Doctors and Medical Science concluded an agreement on cooperation in November 1991.

Medical Association of Thailand

The KMA and the Medical Association of Thailand concluded an agreement on mutual assistance in December 1993.

Chinese Medical Association

The KMA and the Chinese Medical Association concluded an agreement on mutual assistance on November 18, 1994.

International Cooperation

- ① The KMA sent over 90 delegates to about 40 world, international or regional symposiums on medical science from 1980 to 1990.
- ② The KMA hosted in Pyongyang more than ten international symposiums on various medical subjects including neurosurgery, acupuncture and moxibustion, gerontology, traditional medicines, and obstetrics and gynaecology, in which over 200 renowned experts from about 20 countries participated and presented their scientific achievements to share successes and experiences.
- ③ The KMA annually organized symposiums on medical science involving Korean medical scientists in the US and Japan from 1999 to 2019, so as to promote cooperation with overseas Korean medical scientists in developing the country's medical science to the world standard.



Participants in Pyongyang international symposium on neurosurgery



20th Pyongyang Symposium of Medical Science of Korean Compatriots at Home and Abroad



21st Pyongyang Symposium of Medical Science of Korean Compatriots