



# [Korea Institute of Oriental Medicine]

WHO Collaborating Centre for Traditional Medicine  
Since 2011

## Terms of Reference

1. Contribute to WHO's efforts to promote evidence-based traditional medicine including its interactions with other medicines to ensure safe and appropriate use of herbal medicine
2. Support WHO's efforts in the implementation of strategy and improving information for traditional medicine
3. Contribute to WHO's efforts in strengthening human resources for traditional medicine by providing training opportunities for developing countries in WPR

## Key Activities

### Activity 1 Ensure safety and quality of Korean Medicine by conducting evidence based research

- 'Workshop on Ensuring Safety and Quality of TM Products' was organized by KIOM (2013) in order to share information of evidence based research.
- Search engine 'Oasis' (<http://oasis.kiom.re.kr>) was developed as a result of the 'Standard KM Products EBM Establishment Project' on frequently prescribed TM products.

### Activity 2 Build regional strategies for the WHO Western Pacific Region in developing traditional medicine

- KIOM participated in the 'Working Group Meeting of the Regional Strategy for TM in the Western Pacific' (2013), WHO/WPRO Dashboard Meeting (2013) to support WHO/WPRO strategy in TM.
- Initiation of the WHO/WPRO TM Yearbook Project was proposed (2014) to provide information to WHO members

### Activity 3 Participate in WHO standardization activities of traditional medicine

- ICD-11 Traditional Medicine Chapter and the ICTM (International Classification of Traditional Medicine) is in development collaborating with WHO HQ and WPRO members.
- KIOM organized and participated in numerous ICTM meetings including stakeholders, managing editors, TM experts, ICTM participants.

### Activity 4 Provide technical support for the development of traditional medicine

- Training programs including doctoral courses in collaboration with the University of Science and Technology is provided to strengthen human resource capacity in member states of WHO/WPRO.
- "Modernization of TM", an annual international training course is provided by KIOM supported by the Korea International Cooperation Agency.

## Future Plan

- Prepare for initiation of the 'WHO/WPRO TM Yearbook' (2015) and complete publication of ICTM (2017)
- To strengthen human resource, KIOM plans to invite more specialists from WHO member states of the Western Pacific Region and share common information related to each country's traditional medicine
- Continuously develop TM by evidence based research and standardize TM (herbal medicine, acupuncture, classification, terminology, health intervention, etc.) with cooperation WHO and other WHO collaborating centres
- Promote TM development and dissemination and contribute to advanced TM and public health

## [Institutional Profile]

- The Korea Institute of Oriental Medicine (KIOM) is a government-funded research institution established in 1994 to contribute to improving public health through specialized and systematic research on the promotion and advancement of KM and herbal medicine.
- The institute is currently under The Ministry of Science, ICT and Future Planning with a yearly budget of 50 billion KRW and 300 personnel participating in research activities.
- KIOM is consisted of 6 divisions (KM Fundamental Research / Clinical Research / KM Convergence Research / Policy / Administration / Planning) and 4 centers (Mibyeong Research / K-Herb Research / KM Standards / KM Application).
- Date of Designation as the WHO collaborating centre for TM: 24/2/2011

