



Sydney Institute of
Traditional Chinese Medicine



1989-2024

A COMMEMORATIVE BOOK





PREFACE

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Time flies. 35 years have passed since the Sydney Institute of Traditional Chinese Medicine (SITCM) was established in 1989. As one of the few academic institutes of traditional Chinese medicine (TCM) in the West, it has made a historic contribution to TCM's globalisation. The efforts of its faculty and friends deserve praise. This institute publishes this 35th anniversary commemorative book to record their achievements and encourage the students who study this ancient medical system.

Over the past few decades, TCM's development in Australia has undergone immense change. Australia has become the first Western country to nationally regulate TCM, and at the same time established standards for TCM degrees. In this same period, SITCM has evolved from offering a single diploma to a suite of accredited programs.

Around a dozen young Western acupuncturists established the Sydney College of TCM. Initially, they rented classrooms at Balmain Hospital and Tempe Public School. Upon joining the faculty in 1990, I also taught in these simple spaces. Having recently arrived from China, I saw the strong interest of locals in learning TCM, and their eagerness to verify efficacy and practice.

The college developed greatly under leaders including Alan Bensoussan, David Harvey, Tony Reid, Garry Seifert, Liang Liming, Zhang Yi, Xie Ruozhong.

When SITCM faced closure in 2007, a new generation of supporters emerged, working silently in adversity, and ushering in the dawn. They included Jian Jiang, Richard Gu, Chelsea Chen, Damien Mathews, Yan Li, Harry Xie, Baiyu Liu, Rosa Zhang, Lynda Zhou, Priscilla Guo, Nick Li, Mathew Goss, Karen Soo, Donna Zhang. Former Chair Professor Roufogalis, former Academic Board chair Professor Batey, Director Li Shunying. Thanks to the collective efforts, SITCM continues to grow.

Life is short, and my colleagues and I have spent half our lives overseas. Who is not working to realise their ideals and ambitions in life? Fortunately, we Chinese medicine practitioners who have immigrated to Australia have a common home – SITCM. The silkworms will not stop spinning silk until they die, and the candles will not stop shedding tears until they are burned to ashes. We have a place to spin silk and weave cocoons, and we have a platform to emit heat and light.

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We acknowledge the Traditional Owners of Country throughout Australia, including the Gadigal people of the Eora Nation on whose ancestral lands SITCM exists and whose lands were never ceded. We pay our respects to their Cultures, Country and Elders past and present, acknowledging them as the traditional custodians of knowledge for these lands.



The **Mission** of SITCM is to empower the next generation of traditional Chinese medicine practitioners through collaborative learning with healthcare professionals.



The **Vision** of SITCM is to be the leading educational hub of Australia's traditional Chinese medicine sector.



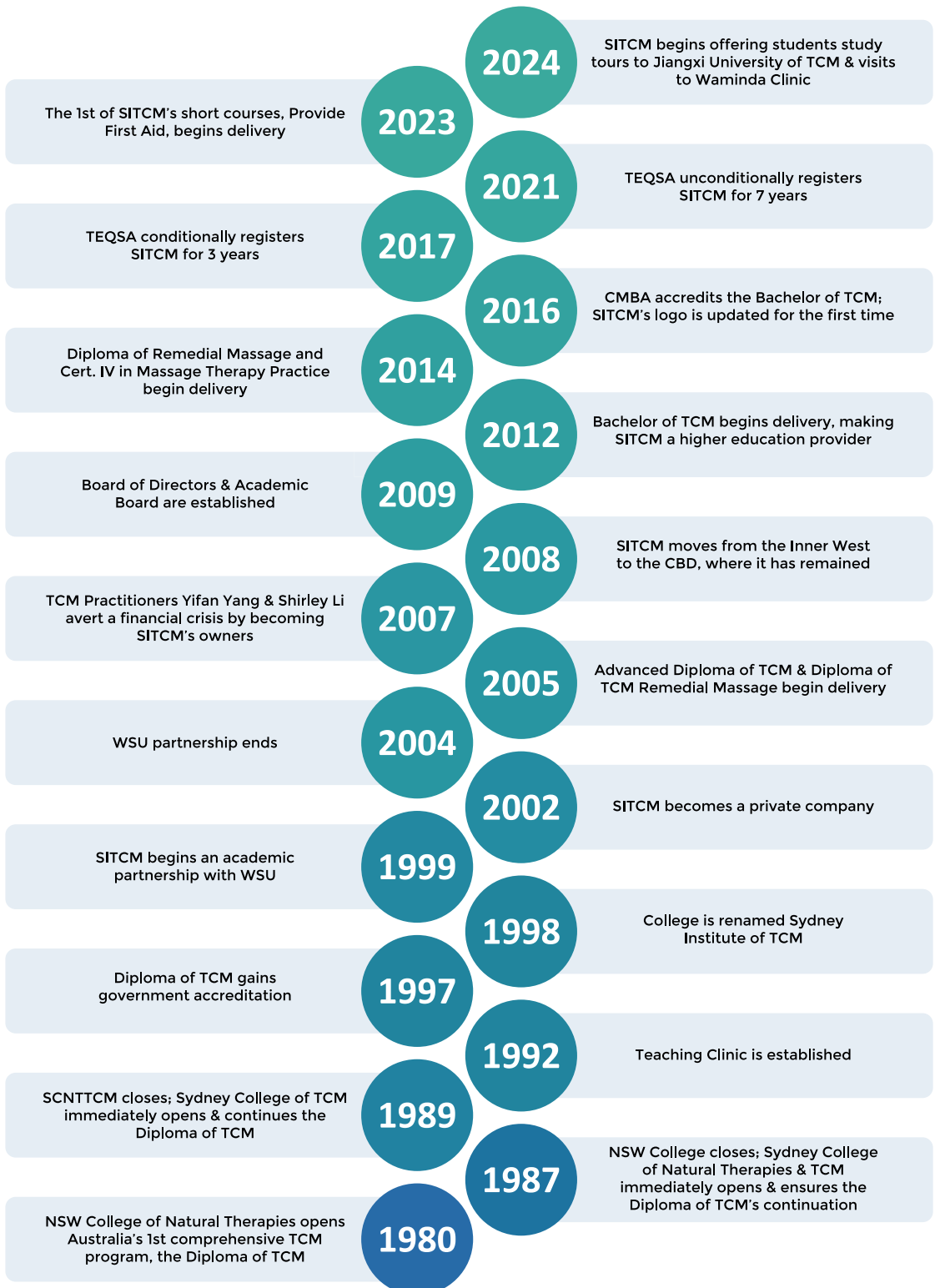
The **Values** of SITCM are service, respect, integrity & community.

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OUR HISTORY



Overview

The Sydney Institute of Traditional Chinese Medicine (SITCM) has a 35-year history of healthcare education, while the history of its Bachelor of Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) stretches back 44 years.

NSW College of Natural Therapies (1977-1987)

In the late 1970s, the NSW College of Natural Therapies (NSWCNT) was formed from the amalgamation of three previous colleges: the NSW College of Naturopathic Sciences, the NSW College of Osteopathy and the South Pacific College of Natural Therapies. It was initially called the NSW College of Osteopathic & Natural Therapies and based in St. Leonards. Its various academic offerings would soon include the first course in Australia to provide a thorough foundation in both acupuncture and Chinese herbal medicine. Two figures were key to this development: Robert Zindler and Chris Madden.

Robert Zindler was an Acupuncturist and President of the Australian Natural Therapists Association (ANTA). He purchased NSWCNT in 1977 and registered it as a public company the following year. His vision was for it to become ANTA's flagship college and to deliver Australia's leading TCM qualification.



Diploma of TCM staff Chris Madden (centre) & Hoc Ku Huynh (far right) with students

He initially appointed Dean Rainer to deliver a three-year Diploma of Oriental Medicine in 1978, but the next year he approached Chris Madden to teach that course out and develop a more academically rigorous four-year Diploma of TCM.

Chris Madden had a background in economics but struggled with epilepsy. On medical advice, he received a callosotomy that caused a stroke and failed to improve his condition. He later found acupuncture was the only effective means of managing his symptoms, and studied it with enthusiasm. His journey led him to Hong Kong, Taiwan and England, where he met the famed Dick van Buren. He returned to Sydney eager to share what he had learnt. When Robert Zindler asked him to create a TCM course in 1979, Chris quickly accepted and wrote the pioneering curriculum with help from a TCM practitioner called Hoc Ku Huynh.

Delivery began in 1980 (the same year that the college's name changed to the NSW College of Natural Therapies) and was initially led by three core staff: Chris Madden, Hoc Ku Huynh and John McDonald, an Australian who had studied TCM in Sydney and South America. The TCM faculty expanded over the following years. In 1983, John succeeded Chris as NSWCNT's Dean of TCM and sustained its growth.



*Prof. Lou Baiceng of Zhejiang
Provincial TCM Research Institute
demonstrates acupuncture
technique on John McDonald at
NSWCNT*

The original structure of the TCM program in the 1980s:

YEAR 1		YEAR 2		YEAR 3		YEAR 4	
Physiology I	Anatomy	Integrated Science	Chinese Language	T.C.M. Theory I	Acupuncture I	Chinese Massage	Tai Ji Quan
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Physiology II	Pathology	Advanced Chinese Massage	T.C.M. Theory II	Acupuncture II Theory Practical	Chinese Herbs II	Tai Ji Quan	
Physiology II	Pathology	First Aid	T.C.M. Theory II	Kampo Herbs I	Acupuncture II Theory Practical	Chinese Herbs II	Clinic
Symptomatology & Diagnosis	Nutrition	Therapeutic Change	T.C.M. Symptomatology	Kampo Herbs II	Acupuncture III	Clinic	
Symptomatology & Diagnosis	T.C.M. Nutrition	Acupuncture Research	T.C.M. Symptomatology	Kampo Herbs II	Acupuncture III	Clinic	
Clinic Management	Pharmacology	T.C.M. Clinical Studies					Clinic
Hospital Internship in China							

A key challenge of that era was the lack of English-language TCM textbooks. Many of the course's readings were written by its teachers, in particular Garry Seifert, John McDonald and Hoc Ku Huynh.

While NSWCNT taught various courses in the 1980s, its two flagship programs were the ANTA-accredited Diplomas of TCM and Naturopathy. The College enjoyed strong enrolment growth, with over 100 new students joining in 1984 alone. Consequently, it moved to Wilmot St in the CBD and then to a large campus at 19-37 Greek St, Glebe. However, in October 1987 it became insolvent and had to abruptly close its doors.

The staff and students were devastated. Led by John McDonald, many teachers committed to delivering the rest of the semester in their own homes for no pay. There was strong desire for the courses to continue, and this became feasible when three individuals invested \$25,000 each to facilitate the creation of a new college, called the Sydney College of Natural Therapies & TCM, in November 1987. Their names were:

- Peter Harvey, whose son David was a Diploma of TCM student.
- John (surname unknown), whose friend Robert Somosi was dating a student in the NSWCNT Diploma of TCM.
- Simon Brooker, whose wife was a Diploma of Naturopathy student.

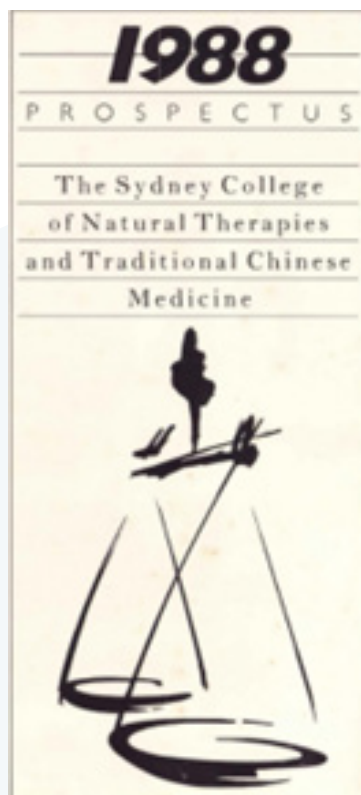


A Beijing delegation visits Sydney in 1987. From left to right: John McDonald, future World Federation of Acupuncture-Moxibustion Societies (WFAS) President Deng Liangyue, Deputy Director of the State Administration of TCM Chen Youbang, NSW Health Minister Peter Anderson, Deputy Principal of the Beijing Acupuncture College Prof. Wang Dai, Robert Zindler, Foreign Affairs Department Official Zhu Dongshen, Hoc Ku Huynh and interpreter Zhang Kai

Sydney College of Natural Therapies & TCM (1987-1989)

The Sydney College of Natural Therapies & TCM was run as a collective. Its leadership committee comprised three investors, three students, three academics and one administrative representative.

Much of NSWCNT's TCM faculty joined the new college, including Chris Madden (the creator of NSWCNT's Diploma of TCM), Garry Seifert (a future CEO of SITCM), Peter Aftanas (a future AACMA President), Jane Lyttleton (now a renowned TCM practitioner and author) and Alan Bensoussan (who went on to establish the National Institute of Complementary Medicine). They preserved the original Diploma of TCM's curriculum, right down to the clinical internship at Hangzhou Red Cross Hospital, and ensured it remained one of its college's two flagship programs (the other being the Diploma of Naturopathy).



Teaching commenced at 21 Harris St, Pyrmont in January 1988. It was a challenging period. In late 1989, a liquidity crisis forced the campus to close. Most courses ended then, with many students transferring to Nature Care College or the Australasian College of Natural Therapies. However, the Diploma of TCM students had nowhere else to go. After an emergency meeting at the home of Alan Bensoussan, the TCM faculty resolved to persevere alone. They moved the college to the old nurses' residence of Balmain Hospital, shortened its name to the Sydney College of TCM (SCTCM), and registered it as an incorporated association.

Sydney Institute of TCM (1989-Present)

In its early years, the college overcame strong financial pressures and began to grow. It employed its first Chinese teacher, Yifan Yang, in 1990. In 1992 it appointed its first formal CEO, Tony Reid, and opened a teaching clinic. In 1994 SCTCM moved to 92-94 Norton St, Leichardt, where it stayed to 2008. From 1993 to 1995, the curriculum was revised to better incorporate TCM's classic texts and specialised clinical fields, drawing on established TCM degrees in China. These changes ensured the Diploma remained Australia's preeminent TCM program. It was accredited by the NSW Vocational Education & Training Accreditation Board (VETAB) in 1997, and the college was renamed SITCM in 1998.

In 1995, the VIC, NSW and QLD Governments commissioned a review of TCM in Australia. It was led by Alan Bensoussan and Stephen Myers (a former NSWCNT Naturopathy teacher), and began the process that led to TCM's acceptance as a nationally registered health profession in 2012. This long path to registration involved sustained advocacy from key SITCM associates, including Hoc Ku Huynh, Garry Seifert and Yifan Yang.



TCM community leaders meet NSW Health Minister Andrew Refshauge (seated in centre) in 1997 to advocate for TCM registration, with Hoc Ku Huynh 4th from left, Yifan Yang 4th from right & Garry Seifert 3rd from right



The entrance to SITCM's former campus in Leichardt

All SITCM's progress in the 1990s paved the way for a partnership between SITCM and Western Sydney University (WSU, then 'UWS') in 1999, which allowed WSU to open a Bachelor of TCM by having SITCM teach its TCM subjects to WSU students. This arrangement underlined the outstanding quality of SITCM's Diploma of TCM. WSU suggested that SITCM become part of the university in 2004 and, when SITCM declined, WSU established its own TCM subjects and ended the partnership.

SITCM became a private company in 2002, with each member of the prior association giving \$1 to become the first shareholders. In 2005, the Diploma of TCM was superseded by an Advanced Diploma of TCM and an accredited Diploma of TCM Remedial Massage began delivery.

In August 2007, SITCM faced insolvency and an administrator was appointed. He found that SITCM's "trading losses in the last couple of years, coupled with a lack of capital has been significant contributors to the failure".





The 2007 auction sale of SITCM assets that was advertised but, thanks to the efforts of Yifan Yang and Shirley Li, never occurred

At an ensuing creditors' meeting, an ACPET representative reported that all 16 attempts at restructuring colleges in the last two years had failed. Despite the odds, SITCM was successfully restructured due to the funds and leadership provided by the lecturer Yifan Yang and his wife Shirley Li. They have owned SITCM ever since.

Following the crisis, SITCM relocated to Dixon Street, Haymarket, where it has remained (except 2011-2015, when it was located at Kent St). Its Advanced Diploma was superseded by a Bachelor of TCM in 2012 – the same year TCM became nationally regulated and registration required a Bachelor degree or higher. Many internal governance bodies were established around then to aid SITCM's entrance into higher education, and stringent regulatory requirements spelt the end of the course's longstanding clinic internship program in China. Over the next few years, the degree was accredited by the Chinese Medicine Board of Australia (CMBA) and Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency (TEQSA).

SITCM welcomes the CMBA to its campus in 2023





SITCM's inaugural study tour to the Jianxi University of TCM is successfully delivered in early 2024, with 14 students participating

SITCM expanded its vocational courses in 2013 by opening a Diploma of Remedial Massage and Certificate IV in Massage Therapy Practice. SITCM's fourth vocational course, a First Aid qualification, began in 2023.

The Bachelor of TCM has come far from its humble origin as a Diploma of TCM in 1980. However, one key constant has been the commitment of the program's staff to ensuring that an outstanding TCM education is accessible in Australia. Coupled with SITCM's growing vocational education offerings, thriving teaching clinic and expanding collaborations, there can be no doubt that the Institute is delivering on its Mission to empower the next generation of TCM practitioners.



Leaders of SITCM

Timeline

Board of Directors

The Board of Directors was established in 2009 as the “Governing Council”, adopting its current name in 2012. The following leaders have served as its Chair:

2009-2010: Prof. Liu De Shan

2010: Dr. Chao Fan Yang

2010-2012: Dr. Peter Wong, AM

2012-2023: Prof. Emeritus Basil Roufogalis

2023-Present: Mr. Michael Carter



Academic Board

SITCM's Academic Board was established in 2009. The following leaders have served as its Chair:

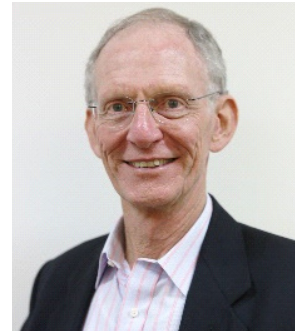
2009: Prof. Putai Jin

2010-2017: Prof. Robert Batey, AM

2018-2022: Associate Prof. Kristine Barlow-Stewart, AM

2022: Prof. Mary Bebawy

2023-Present: Prof. Emeritus Alan Bensoussan



CEO

The CEO role was created in 1992 as “Principal”, adopting its current name in 2010. SITCM has been served by the following CEOs:



1989-1992: Mr. David Harvey (de facto)

1992-1993: Mr. Tony Reid

1993-1996: Mr. Garry Seifert

1996-2005: Dr. Henry Liang

2005-2007: Mr. Brian Mainwaring-Roberts

2007-2023: Mr. Yifan Yang

2023-Present: Mr. Damien Mathews

Dean

The Dean position was created in 1993 as “Director of Studies”, adopting its current name in 2009. SITCM has been served by the following Deans:



1993-1996: Dr. Henry Liang

1996-2005: Dr. Kevin Chang

2005-2007: Dr. Tony Xie

2009-2010: Dr. Junguang Liu

2010-2013: Dr. Byeongsang Oh

2013-Present: Ms. Jian Jiang



Former CEO Tony Reid

Within the first couple of years of the Sydney College of TCM's history, it became clear to the teaching staff and de facto leader, David Harvey, that their passion and goodwill were insufficient to sustain it. An official, remunerated leadership position was needed. Despite my young age, a faculty member identified me as a promising candidate due to my medical training, teaching experience and organisational skills. Following an interview, I was offered the role – my first full-time job.

I approached the position with enormous enthusiasm and regularly worked 12-hour days. My first act was to seek suggestions from the teaching staff, which then included Peter Aftanis, Alan Bensoussan, Kerry Carmody, Miriam Camara, Chris Madden, Martine Negro, Garry Seifert and Yifan Yang. I went out of my way to make them feel as valued as possible, since I was unable to offer competitive salaries. Financial constraints also limited the College's administrative staff to two: myself and one assistant.

After extensive consultations with the teaching staff, and in particular Garry Seifert, I identified two key priorities for 1992: employing more teaching staff from China and establishing a Teaching Clinic.

I came to believe that China's deep experience in TCM education needed to be transferred to Australia to benefit our nascent TCM education sector. To achieve this, we began advertising teaching staff positions in local Chinese newspapers. Within a few months, these efforts produced several new teachers, including Henry Liang, Harry Xie and Daniel Deng.

The previous TCM Teaching Clinic had been lost when our predecessor closed down in 1989, and everyone agreed that getting a new clinic set up was essential to prepare our students for industry. I bought the initial equipment on a shoestring budget. It initially held only the 250 most essential raw herbs and, whenever a patient appeared needing something that we didn't stock, I would race off to Chinatown to buy it.

In 1993, the College's finances became extremely tight. I had to lay off my assistant and moved the College to Tempe Public School, where rent was cheaper. I also began teaching the Diploma's Anatomy unit myself.

Marketing became a top priority. I also worked on upgrading the Diploma by organising classes in more specialised areas, such as TCM Dermatology and advanced Tui Na, and established an Academic Committee for governance. Besides me, its members were Peter Aftanis, Miriam Camara and Garry Seifert. That committee went on to secure government accreditation for the Diploma in 1997.

By the end of 1993, I was suffering from burn out and resigned for health reasons. Although my employment at SITCM ended then, it has been a delight to see SITCM continue to grow over the decades since.

I have remained a passionate TCM supporter since my time at the College. I am now Director of the Chinese herbal medicine wholesaler Sun Herbal, and in recent years I have published two articles highlighting the limitations of the current "evidence-based medicine" paradigm. I hope that SITCM has a bright future, as well as the TCM sector as a whole.



Former CEO Li Ming (Henry) Liang

I joined SITCM in 1992 as a TCM teacher and clinic supervisor. The college was very small at that stage: we had maybe 20 students in total. As a TCM doctor from Guangdong, I was enthusiastic to contribute to its growth and see TCM flourish in Australia.

My responsibilities quickly expanded and I became the Director of Studies in 1993. For the following years, my priority was to revise the Diploma of TCM's structure to more closely reflect the renowned TCM program of my alma mater, the Guangzhou University of TCM.

In 1996, SITCM's members elected me Principal. I retained the role for the next nine years – an eventful period.

With the help of consultants, we secured government accreditation of the Diploma of TCM in 1997, and changed our name from “College” to “Institute” the next year. With these developments, SITCM became attractive to universities that were interested in entering the TCM market. We received interest from both Western Sydney University and the University of New England. After nearly two years of negotiation and consideration, we decided to form a partnership with Western Sydney University (WSU) due to their closer proximity to us. Under the partnership, WSU opened a Bachelor of TCM degree in 1999 but relied on SITCM to deliver their program's TCM units at our campus in Leichardt. This arrangement was mutually beneficial, as SITCM received tuition fees from WSU students while WSU learnt how to deliver high-quality TCM units from SITCM. This demonstrates the excellent reputation of SITCM's Diploma – a reputation that was further strengthened by this major university partnership.

In 2004, WSU suggested that we close down our campus and join Western Sydney University. This was not a popular proposal at SITCM. We declined, and WSU then ended the partnership and began delivering their own TCM units. We had always known this was a risk, but I believe that the partnership was still worthwhile as it provided a strong financial and reputational foundation from which other successes could be launched, such as our development of an Advanced Diploma of TCM.

In 2001, Victoria became the first jurisdiction in Australia to register TCM practitioners and establish a Bachelor degree as the minimum educational standard. It became apparent that we would soon need to offer a Bachelor degree to stay competitive. Rather than attempt to make the transition in one giant leap, we decided that it was best to first create an Advanced Diploma of TCM as a stepping stone.

With the assistance of consultants, we developed a course accreditation application for the NSW education regulator, VETAB. It was a success, and in 2005 we began delivering a qualification above the Diploma level for the first time in SITCM's history.

In 2005, WSU asked me to become the director of their TCM program. I felt that I had made a substantial contribution to SITCM and was eager to help Chinese medicine flourish in a public university, so accepted the offer. I managed WSU's TCM program until 2018, when I opened my own private clinic in Artarmon.

TCM is my lifelong passion and it has been a pleasure to witness the advance of TCM education in Australia over the last several decades. With the recent closure of Bachelor-level TCM degrees at two public universities, the burden once again falls to SITCM to ensure that an outstanding TCM education remains available in Australia.



Former Director of Studies

Kevin Yee Chang

I am honoured to be invited to write an article commemorating the 35th anniversary of SITCM.

It was 1994 when I joined the Sydney College of Traditional Chinese Medicine (now SITCM) as a clinic supervisor. Soon I was involved in lecturing subjects including Chinese Internal Medicine, Materia Medica, Formulas, Differentiation & Diagnosis. I was then appointed Director of the Student Clinic, Director of Studies, and Executive Board Member. During my 12 years of service at SITCM, I also participated actively in the projects to apply for VETAB accreditations and upgrade our course. We achieved accreditation for the Diploma in 1997 and for the Advanced Diploma in 2002. This laid the groundwork for SITCM to later become a bachelor's degree-granting organisation.

I witnessed the transformation of SITCM. It was initially a small college with around ten students in each year, sharing premises with a homeopathy college in Norton Street Leichhardt. It grew as the course gained government accreditation. It expanded into its own premises, including offices, a library, lecture rooms, tutorial spaces, and a student clinic. SITCM's students diversified to include more Chinese and Asian students. In 1999, SITCM began cooperation with the newly established Department of Chinese Medicine at Western Sydney University (WSU).

Learning Chinese Herbal Medicine can be more challenging than Acupuncture to new learners due to its complexity. I encouraged students to carry herbal samples to learn their characteristics and to

dispense formulas, cook and taste them, and record their firsthand experience. Clinically I encouraged students to think independently and critically in the process of assessment, diagnosis, treatment planning. I also discussed with students how to setup a practice after graduation, such as the required council approvals, budgeting and suppliers etc. One year in a graduation ceremony speech, the student jokingly mentioned that “Kevin is the first teacher who talked to us about how to survive in the field of TCM after graduation”.

I believe SITCM's significant development during my years there is owed to the lecturers and clinical supervisors led by Dr. Henry Liang. They have greatly contributed their knowledge and experience of standard Chinese Medicine and Acupuncture education and clinical training from China to the quality of SITCM's syllabus, which has been referenced by the Australia Acupuncture and Chinese Medicine Association, Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology (RMIT) and WSU for their education guidelines and syllabus. This has significant influence on the Chinese Medicine and Acupuncture education in the whole Australia. I still remember the long and stressful VETAB accreditation projects, but cannot be prouder of how far SITCM has come and all the students who have attained a Bachelor of TCM from SITCM.

It has been 12 years since TCM became nationally regulated. As the current President of the NSW Association of Chinese Medicine (NSWACM), it concerns me to see that the number of registered TCM practitioners in Australia has not increased in recent years. With the termination of the TCM Bachelor courses at the University of Technology Sydney (UTS) and RMIT, the remaining TCM education providers will play a crucial role in educating future TCM practitioners. I place great faith in the leaders of SITCM to continue educating students and promoting TCM in Australia.



Honourary Affiliate Basil Roufogalis

My background is in Pharmacy. I decided early in my career that my interest and calling was in academic research, teaching and lifelong learning, so I undertook Bachelor, Master and PhD programs at the University of Sydney. Like many of our cohort of young aspiring academics, I accepted a postdoctoral position in Biochemistry at the University of Ottawa, under the direction of an outstanding French-

Canadian Biochemistry and Pharmacology Professor (Bernard Belleau). As my immediate future lay in Canada, I successfully applied for a 5-year Medical Research of Council Research Scholar and Assistant Professor position at the University of British Columbia. Beginning modestly with a team of an undergraduate students employed for the summer and a PhD candidate, I gradually developed a successful research program.

With the successful publication of more than 100 articles in international journals I rose to a full Professorship in 1980. My promotion was supported by my commitment to excellent and innovative teaching of undergraduate and postgraduate students. I introduced new courses in Drug Receptor Theory in the curriculum within Pharmaceutical Chemistry. My research success was recognised in 1985 by a National Award in Pharmacology, the prestigious McNeil Pharmaceuticals Association of Faculties of Pharmacy in Canada Award.

After 20 years in Canada I relocated myself and family back to Sydney as a National Health and Medical Research Council Senior Research Fellow. On retirement of the Professor and Head of the School of Pharmacy at the University of Sydney Tom Watson, I was invited to apply for the Professorship and was successful. I undertook new research directions, aided initially by excellent

young Australian and international research students. The University provided state-of-the-art laboratory facilities.

After initially working on fundamental biological systems, particularly the role of calcium in cell function, I teamed up with Dr George Li to develop the Herbal Medicines Research and Education Centre (HMREC). It was approved by the University Senate in 1997 and opened by Dame Leonie Kramer in the McLaurin Hall. As Executive Director I presented HMREC's Vision: to promote quality scholarship and research excellence in herbal and complementary medicines for the community's benefit.

An Inaugural Fundraising Banquet in early 1998 was attended by 600 people representing both the Chinese and Western herbal medicines communities. The NSW Health Minister gave the keynote speech and congratulations were received from dignitaries such as Prime Minister the Hon John Howard, Health Minister Hon Michael Wooldridge, Sydney University Vice-Chancellor Professor Gavin Brown, the Hon Helen Sham-Ho, Deputy Lord Mayor of Sydney Henry Tsang OAM, and Deputy Director of the Chinese State Administration of TCM Professor Zhenji Li.

There followed continuous support of HMREC from the community and industry bodies, including the Pharmacy Guild of Australia, Pharmaceutical Society of Australia, Australian TCM Association and National Herbalists Association of Australia. The Chinese community was particularly enthusiastic about the centre. They introduced the TCM scene to me and organised a China tour, which included visits to several TCM universities and hospitals as well as meetings with government ministers and officials. From there HMREC developed various TCM-related initiatives, including a short course on Modern Chinese Herbal Medicines and educational tours of herbal medicine in China.

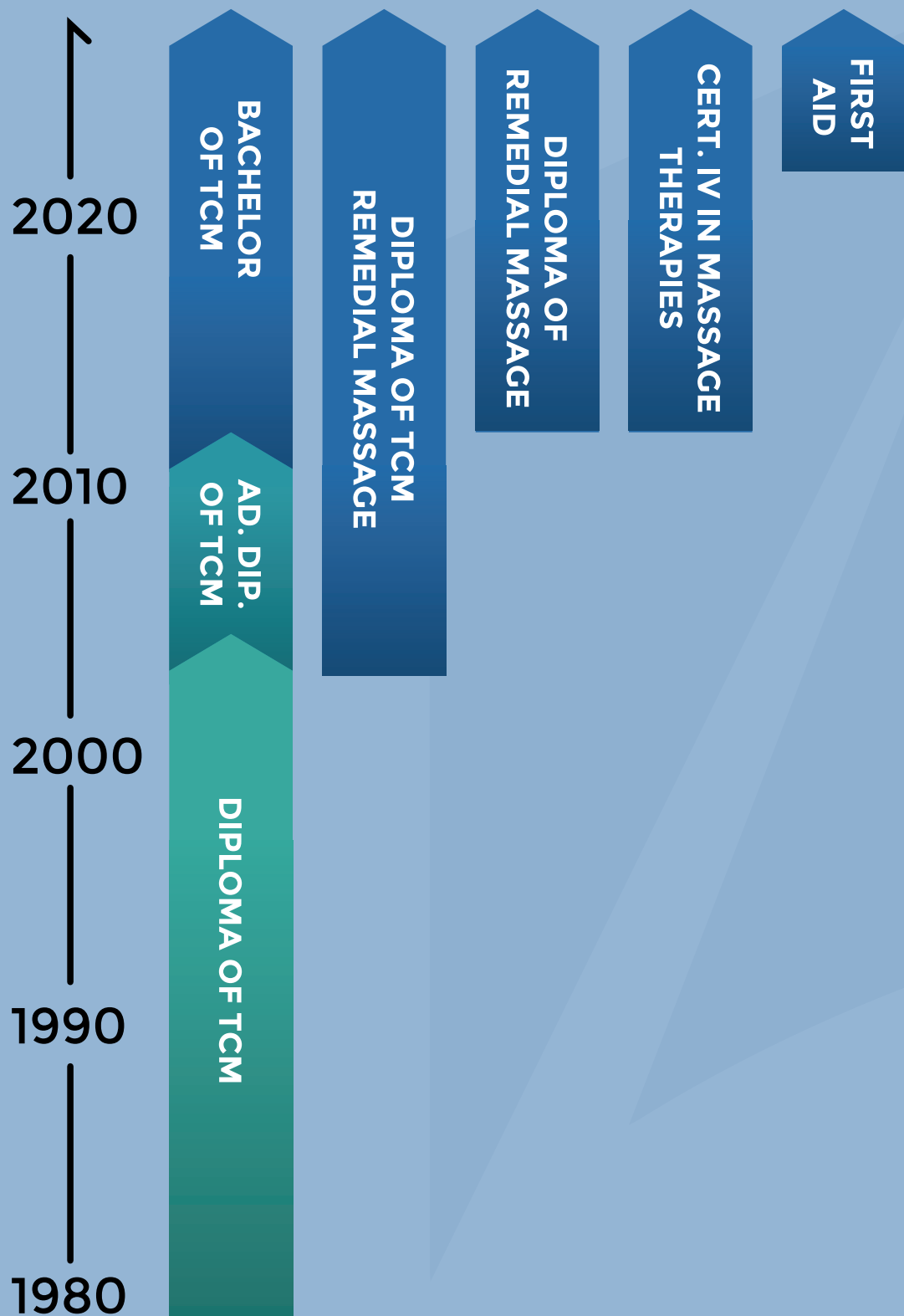
HMREC developed a number of professional, academic and research activities, including Symposia on Evidence-Based Herbal Medicines (2002) and Quality Assurance of Herbal Medicines (2001). The University Senate approved the HMREC Master of Herbal Medicines program in 2003, which continued with around 40 students per year until, despite a recommendation by a University Review Committee to continue support, it was terminated by the Faculty of Pharmacy in 2011.

With this background, in 2012 I was approached by Yifan Yang to chair SITCM's Board of Directors. The following years saw many changes in response to new rigorous requirements from regulatory authorities and increased demands for educational and professional standards for our TCM students and practitioners. Such demands required a large effort from the Board of Directors, the Academic Board and staff. Of particular note was TEQSA's granting of unconditional registration of SITCM and accreditation of its Bachelor degree for seven years until February 2028.

During my term on the Board of Directors I acknowledge the excellent support I have received from the principals and staff at SITCM. Yifan Yang and Shirley Li have shown remarkable dedication and resilience in steadfastly maintaining the principles of excellence in professional education and the standing of the graduates. These outcomes have been achieved with the outstanding input from the Dean, Jian Jiang, and the excellent Academic Board and dedicated staff. SITCM continues to grow under the management of new CEO Damien Mathews and the new Chair appointed on my retirement, Michael Carter.

I wish SITCM continued success in the education of the future practitioners of TCM in Australia and in upcoming new initiatives for continuing professional education. I am pleased to be leaving SITCM in capable hands as it looks forward to the next stages of its development.

A Place of Learning



Bachelor of TCM

	Unit Code	Unit Title	Credit Points	Contact Hours			
				Lecture	Tutorial	Clinical	Total
Year 1	Semester 1						
	HMS101	Human Anatomy 1	10	28	28		56
	HMS112	Histology & Physiology	10	28	28		56
	TCM113	Fundamental Theory of TCM & TCM Terminology	10	28	28		56
	PRI104	Communication in Health	10	28	28		56
	Semester 2						
	HMS115	Human Anatomy 2 & Biochemistry	10	28	28		56
	TCM106	TCM Diagnosis & Clinical Theory	10	28	28	30	86
	ACU107	Channels & Points 1	10	28	28		56
CHM108	Chinese Herbal Medicine & Formulae 1	10	28	28		56	
Year 2	Semester 1						
	HMS201	Pathology	10	28	28		56
	ACU202	Channels & Points 2	10	28	28	50	106
	CHM203	Chinese Herbal Medicine & Formulae 2	10	28	28		56
	PRI204	Research Methods	10	28	28		56
	Semester 2						
	HMS205	Pathophysiology & Microbiology	10	28	28		56
	TCM216	Huang Di Nei Jing & TCM Health Enhancement	10	28	28		56
	ACU207	TCM Practice 1 (Acupuncture Techniques)	10	28	28	70	126
CHM208	Chinese Herbal Medicine & Formulae 3	10	28	28		56	
Year 3	Semester 1						
	HMS301	Clinical Diagnosis 1	10	28	28		56
	ACU302	TCM Practice 2 (Acupuncture Microsystems)	10	28	28	100	156
	CCM303	TCM Internal Medicine	10	28	28		56
	CCM314	TCM Traumatology	10	28	28		56
	Semester 2						
	HMS305	Clinical Diagnosis 2	10	28	28		56
	TCM306	Shang Han Za Bing Lun	10	28	28		56
	CHM307	Wen Bing Xue & TCM Practice 3 (Herbal Dispensary)	10	28	28	100	156
CCM318	TCM Gynaecology	10	28	28		56	
Year 4	Semester 1						
	ACU401	Evidence-Based Acupuncture	10	28	28		56
	CCM402	TCM Paediatrics & Dermatology	10	28	28		56
	PRI403	Practice Management & Professional Issues	10	28	28		56
	CPP404	Block Clinical Practice 1	10			250	250
	Semester 2						
	HMS405	Pharmacology	10	28	28		56
	CHM406	Modern Chinese Herbal Medicine & Practice	10	28	28		56
	PRI417	Evidence-Based TCM Practice and Research Project	10	28	28		56
CPP418	Block Clinical Practice 2	10			300	300	
		Totals	320CP	840L	840T	900C	2580

SITCM began delivering its Bachelor of TCM in 2012, but this course's origins stretch back to 1979 when Chris Madden developed Australia's first comprehensive qualification in both acupuncture and Chinese herbal medicine, a four-year Diploma of TCM. Over the following decades the curriculum was progressively improved and the program attained government accreditations – first as a Diploma, then Advanced Diploma and finally as a Bachelor degree.

Today, the Bachelor of TCM is the only qualification offered by a private education provider to be fully accredited in all three CMBA divisions (Acupuncture, Chinese Herbal Medicine and Chinese Herbal Dispensing).

The program has produced 359 graduates since 2012. Many of these graduates are now practising TCM in communities across Australia as part of the national health system.



Students learning to cook Chinese medicinal herbs

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An,
Bisson,
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Goss,
Kim,
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Lai,
Lee,
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Liu,
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Loizou,
Luo,
Park,

Yong
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Weisong
Chung-Ho
Chia Ying
Adam Eric
Ju Hyun
Andrew Teck Seng
Sui Hing Winnie
Jui Yuan
Fengrong
Li Rong
Han Biao
Xiao Xia
Nicola Rosemary
Si Ning
Sang Hee

Patience,
Pilgrim,
Ryan,
Shao,
Somerville,
Strang,
Sun,
Varehov,
Weng,
Wong,
Wu,
Wu,
Xian,
Xiao,
Xue,
Yin,
Zhou,

Mitchell
Natasha
Vaughn
Hong Fen
Damian Paul
Junhua
Yue Hua
Lina
Zhen Xin
Ella
Qian Ru
Xiangqun
Shaoping
Jianqing
Ting Ting
Jackson
Dongming



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Kan,
Kim,
Koh,
Kuk,
Lam,
Mellzar,
Oh,
Ohlsson,
Pei,

Yin Na
Jechoel
Jinny
Thomas
Yin Ping Miranda
Meirav
Sang Duk
Kai
Youli

Perkal,
Ryoo,
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Adi
Dong Geun
Kaikit
Qiu Li
Sen
Ellen
Qiulian
Roger

CLASS OF 2014

An,
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D'Alencon,
Hillman,
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Hung,
Kilgour,
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Lee,
Lee,

Yong Won
Siew Peng
Chulian
Yu Lin (Patrick)
Jade
Rodolfo
Francesca
Hong Ni Lilli
Man Hsien
Peta
Bong Gun
Chang Hoi
Dong Woo
Winerenok
Angus
Kyung Hee

Li,
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Pak,
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Seo,
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Xiong,
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Keum Sun
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Ho Goo
Ricky
Amy
Shu Gei
Li Hong
Xiao Cui
Cum Rang
Si Eun
Connie Qi Li
Ling Ling



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Chan,
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Hall,
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Amy
Kyung Jin
Young Hee
Han Soo
Man
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Jack
Jae Bok
Yang Hee
Young Min

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Rhee,
Rowlands,
Shen,
Si,
Sihn,
Vardanega,
Wu,
Yang,
Yeung,
Young,

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Gie Boon
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Han,
Huang,
Huang,
Jung,
Kim,
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Wah,
Wu,
Wu,
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Diploma of TCM Remedial Massage

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	HLTAID003	Provide first aid (special arrangement) *
FSP Foundational Theory and Safe Practice	HLTMSG001	Develop massage practice
	HLTINF004	Manage the prevention and control of infection
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MAT1 Massage Technique 1	HLTMSG002	Assess client massage needs
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	HLTREF002	Provide reflexology for relaxation
CLP1 Clinic Practice 1	Clinic practice parts of the unit of competency of COM1, FSP1, MAT1	
ANA Anatomy and Physiology	HLTAAP002	Confirm physical health status
	HLTAAP003	Analyse and respond to client health information
MAT2 Massage Technique 2	HLTMSG002	Assess client massage needs
	HLTINF004	Provide massages treatments
	HLTREF002	Provide reflexology for relaxation
CLP2 Clinic Practice 2	Clinic practice parts of the unit of competency of ANA1, MAT1, MAT2	
PRC Professional Practice	CHCPRP003	Reflect on and improve own professional practice
	CHCPRP005	Engage with health professionals and the health system
	CHCPRP002	Collaborate in professional practice
	BSBSMB404	Undertake small business planning
TCM1 TCM Remedial Massage 1	HLTTTCM001	Develop Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) remedial massage practice
	HLTTTCM002	Perform Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) remedial massage health assessments
CLP3 Clinic Practice 3	Clinic practice parts of the unit of competency of PRC and TCM1	
TCM2 TCM Remedial	HLTTTCM003	Provide Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) remedial massage treatments
TCM3 TCM Remedial Massage 3	HLTTTCM004	Adapt Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) remedial massage practice to meet specific needs
	HLTTTCM005	Monitor and evaluate Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) remedial massage treatments
CLP4 Clinic Practice 4	Clinic practice parts of the unit of competency of TCM1, TCM2, TCM3	

The Diploma of TCM Remedial Massage began delivery in 2005, making it the second oldest of SITCM's courses. It was initially accredited by the NSW Vocational Education and Training Board, and gained approval from the Australian Skills Quality Authority (AQSA) after that authority body was established in 2011.

This one-year qualification focuses on the TCM concept of Tui Na, which translates to “push-pull”. More precisely, Tui Na involves twisting, pulling, turning, pushing and kneading techniques that often go beyond the muscles and joints to work on the body's energetic level.

SITCM has been producing TCM remedial massage practitioners for the last 20 years. To date, the course has produced 142 graduates.



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Wen,	Li Sui
Wu,	Feng Xia
Xie,	Harry Min Xing
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Zhang,	Si Ren
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Zhang,	Wenbing
Zhen,	Xuehong
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CLASS OF 2009

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Gao,	Weiying
He,	Bi Hua (Libby)
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Sun,	Yue Hua

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Wang,	Weihong
Wang,	Yuan Zhi
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Xu,	Gui Qing
Xu,	Helen Lan
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CLASS OF 2010

Hong,	Shuangxi
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Lam,	Chak Yu
Lam,	Joseph
Leung,	Pui-jung
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Tran,
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Yuan,

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Hanova,
Hsu,
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Man Yung
Doris Ka Wai
Simona
Jing Ouyang
Hao

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Ping,
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Andrew
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Jin Mei Lee
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Chou, Ho, Jin,	Yi-Jie Wendy Xi	Liang, Sauden, Weng,	Qiqing Sudip Hui-Yu
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Chen, Lin, Liu, Ngai,	Yi Wei-Hsun Zhau-Tong Ka Yan	Tran, Yu, Zhao,	Tran Jie Xiaohu
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DIPLOMA OF REMEDIAL MASSAGE

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RMT1 Remedial Massage Technique 1	HLTMSG003	Perform remedial massage musculoskeletal assessments
	HLTMSG005	Provide remedial massage treatments
CLP3 Clinic Practice 3	Clinic practice parts of the unit of competency of PRC, RMT1	
RMT2 Remedial Massage Technique 2	HLTMSG003	Perform remedial massage musculoskeletal assessments
	HLTMSG005	Provide remedial massage treatments
	BSBSMB405	Monitor and manage small business operations
RMP Remedial Massage Practice	HLTMSG006	Adapt remedial massage practice to meet specific needs
	HLTMSG008	Monitor and evaluate remedial massage treatment
CLP4 Clinic Practice 4	Clinic practice parts of the unit of competency of RMT1, RMT2, RMP1	

The Diploma of Remedial Massage commenced in 2014 and is ASQA-approved. A one-year program, it is SITCM's most popular vocational course and has produced 225 graduates as of 2024. Many of these graduates now work at remedial massage clinics, either in Australia or abroad, where they help their clients to manage musculoskeletal issues as well as some chronic health conditions.



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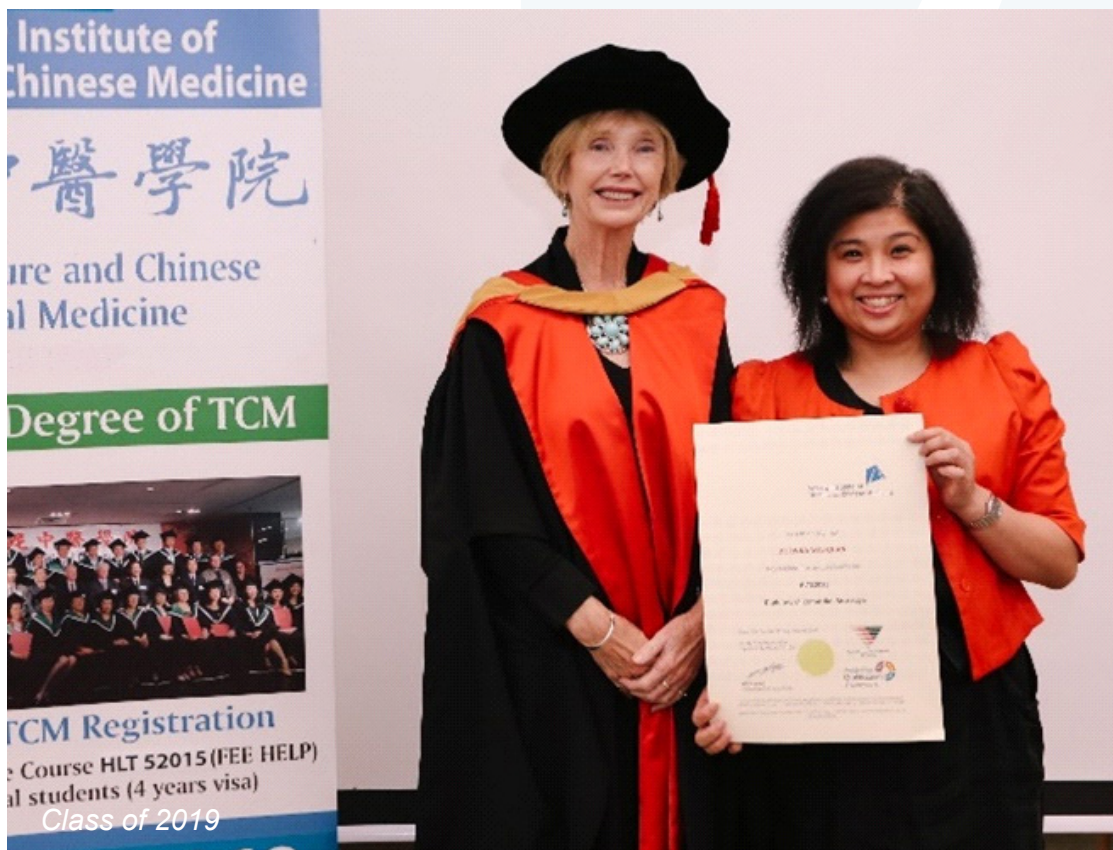
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Tran,	Thi Dong Tham
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Jiang,
Jin,
Liu,
Liu,
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Denny
Wendy
Raymond
Shiyan
Xi
Qingshun
Song
Fangyu

Swanstrom,
Wang,
Wang,
Wong,
Wu,
Xu,
Yang,
Zhao,

Kristin Marie
Aiping
Chenwei
Wing Nga
Ying
Hong
Hye Kyoung
Jiacheng

CLASS OF 2023

Al Haddad,
Ammirati,
Burnley,
Chen,
Fu,
Guo,
Jiang,
Kaleta,
Kong,
Lee,
Lee,

Zainab
Genny
Lisa Suzanne
Dawei
Rui
Dingli
Jun
Jackson Ryan
Xiaoyuan
Jung Yun
Ying Yee

Liu,
Long,
Macias Angel,
Nierves,
Smith,
Tang,
Xu,
Zhang,
Zhang,
Zhang,

Lixia
Wen Fei
Maria Alexandra
Paul
Xueyan
Xu'an
Tong
Xiu Ping
Qiong
Zhijun



Class of 2023

Certificate IV in Massage Therapy

Module	Unit Code	Unit Name	Delivery
COM Communication with clients	CHCCOM006	Establish and manage client relationships	Blended
	CHCDIV001	Work with diverse people	
	CHCLEG003	Manage legal and ethical compliance	
	HLTAID003	Provide first aid (special arrangement)	
FSP Foundational Theory and Safe Practice	HLTMSG001	Develop massage practice	
	HLTINF004	Manage the prevention and control of infection	
	HLTWHS004	Manage work health and safety	
MAT1 Massage Technique 1	HLTMSG002	Assess client massage needs	
	HLTMSG004	Provide massages treatments	
	HLTREFO02	Provide reflexology for relaxation	
CLP1 Clinic Practice 1	Clinic practice parts of the unit of competency of COM1, FSP1, MAT1		
ANA Anatomy and Physiology	HLTAAP002	Confirm physical health status	Blended
	HLTAAP003	Analyse and respond to client health information	
MAT2 Massage Technique 2	HLTMSG002	Assess client massage needs	
	HLTINF004	Provide massages treatments	
	HLTREFO02	Provide reflexology for relaxation	
CLP2 Clinic Practice 2	Clinic practice parts of the unit of competency of ANA1, MAT1, MAT2		



The Certificate IV in Massage Therapy commenced in 2014. Students who enrol in this ASQA-approved qualification learn the basics of massage therapy. Many of them ultimately graduate with SITCM's Diploma of Remedial Massage, which requires only six further months of study once the requirements for the Certificate IV are completed. As of 2024, the Certificate IV has produced 42 graduates.

CLASS OF 2014

Butler,
Choi,
Hu,
Li,
Sea-Li,

Gabrielle Louise
Young Yi
Feng
Lisa Lei
Methini

Wang,
Zhang,
Zhang,
Zhang,

Xiaoming
Fang
Jian Ming
Wen

CLASS OF 2015

Abu Drweesh,
Chen,
Chung,
Chung,
Guo,
Han,
Kim,
Kim,
Kim,
Kong,
Koo,
Lee,
Leung,
Li,
Ekbal
Chulian
Hanna
Gibbeum
Hui
Jifeng
Young Chan
Winerenok
Sang Min
Feng Juan
Chung Wing
Young Sook
Ha Foon
Ailun

Ling,
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Lo,
Meng,
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Truong,
Tsing,
Wang,
Wang,
Yang,
Zhang,
Zhang,

Kevin
Hengbo
Jin Mei
Wai Ling
Wen
Ruize
Phu-Qui
Woon Po Pat
Min
Han
Xiao Ying
Zai Gui
Connie Qi Li

CLASSES OF 2016 - PRESENT

2017	Jang,	Aekyoung
2018	Huang,	Yan
2020	Hanova,	Simona
2020	Lam,	Orensa
2021	Yang,	Hye Kyoung
2022	Nierves,	Paul



Class of 2015

PROVIDE FIRST AID

Code	Name
HLTAID011	Provide First Aid
HLTAID010	Provide basic emergency life support
HLTAID009	Provide cardiopulmonary resuscitation

The Chinese Medicine Board of Australia requires all TCM practitioners to hold a first aid qualification. SITCM began delivering this accredited three-unit course in late 2023 to provide a first aid training option that focuses on clinic environments. It comprises several hours of online study followed by one evening workshop, and is offered quarterly. This newest SITCM qualification has already been completed by 63 people.



2023 COMPLETIONS

Dang,
Fang,
Liu,
Manaute,
Mathews,
Qu,
The,

Thi Thu Huong
Guo Bin
Yong Ming
Rhiannon
Damien Lorne
Anna Yan Qun
Choon Keong

Tong,
Tran,
Yang,
Ye,
Zhou,
Zhu,

Yin Rong
Nhunh Thai Thi My
Qiuli
Mei Hong
Mao Sen
Caiping

2024 COMPLETIONS

Baddeley,
Chen,
Chen,
Chen,
Chen,
Chen,
Chen,
Gao,
Goubard,
Han,
Hashim,
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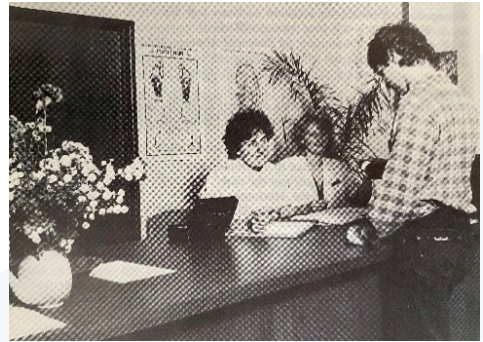
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Chulian
Yilan
Wenge
Jing Wen
Hei Yi
Tengyu
Manon Victoire Maria
Jifeng
Talib
Lequn
Rui Ping
Jinglun
Gang Alan
Raymond
Weiguang
Mai Huong
Deana Elizabeth
Bong Hwan
Man
Ralphy
Yue
Dandan
Paul Borling

Liu,
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Tang,
Tien,
Wang,
Wu,
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Xie,
Yang,
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Yuan,
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Zhao,
Zhong,
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Han Biao
Zhong
Chung-Yen
Shuhong
Yueqiong
Luca
Moxuan
Tao
Xu'an
Patrick
Li
Hui Qiong
Fucheng
Minyi
Youfen
Lydia
Ling
Xiaofang
Li
Ruoxia
Yuzhong
Qiulian
Ye
Hua
Zhi Qiu

Teaching Clinic

NSW College of Natural Therapies had a TCM Clinic containing 12 treatment rooms. Its supervisors included Kerry Carmody, Trevor Edmond, Hoc Ku Huynh, Tang Jie, Jane Lyttleton and John McDonald.



The Sydney College of TCM established its own Teaching Clinic in 1992 under the leadership of Tony Reid, Garry Seifert and Min Xing (Harry) Xie. Initially containing 250 raw herbs and one treatment table, it received up to six patients a day. It has since grown to seven consultation rooms, 16 treatment tables and a dispensary with 442 raw herbs and many pills and granules. It is open six days a week (including one day for remedial massage), and regularly receives 45 patients a day.

As the decades pass, the Teaching Clinic continues to provide crucial supervised clinical experience to SITCM's students, as well as affordably priced TCM consultations and treatments, including acupuncture, moxibustion, cupping, ear seeds, gua sha, tui na and herbs, to its patients.



Academic Honour Roll

The “Student of the Year” award was created in 2008 to recognise outstanding academic performance in SITCM’s flagship TCM program. The following students have received this honour:

Advanced Diploma of TCM

2008	Richard Dean
2009	Chia Ying Chou
2010	Barnabas Bong Gun Kim
2011	Kaikit Wong
2012	Rachel Chang
2013	Yong Won An
2014	Jae Bok Lee

Bachelor of TCM

2015	Suet Hung Fung
2016	Fraser Cobham
2017	Kazuko Yamaguchi-Hinton
2018	Ivanka Narai
2019	Cheng Sun Dawn Lim
2020	Kobi Long
2021	Zaiqian Cheng
2022	Yadi Liu
2023	2023: Yilan Chen



Student and Alumni Voices



Domestic Alumnus Ahil Ganesan

My name is Ahil, I am a Naturopath and Acupuncturist and I graduated from SITCM in 2021. I'd like to share my experiences since graduating and how I've built my practice to this point.

I started practicing in Mantraville as soon as I got registered. It was slow at first. I had 1 bed and when I wasn't seeing many patients I'd work on my clinic – speaking to local businesses, posting on social media, working on my website and reading TCM books. I would always carry business cards with me and whenever it seemed appropriate, I'd give people one.

While my business was slowly growing, I worked in a community Acupuncture clinic in Bondi called Experience Acupuncture started by 35-year practitioner Ray Ford. It's an incredible place – 8 treatment beds, multiple practitioners, the whole room covered in a cloud of moxa smoke and patients everywhere. At first I observed there 1 day per week then, once Ray gave the nod of approval, I started treating patients. Within a few months I was treating 30 to 50 a week. This not only helped me build my confidence and skills as a practitioner but it was also just an incredible joyful experience learning from people like Ray who had been practicing for decades and feeling like I was giving back to my community.

This experience in the community clinic began to spill over to my private clinic – I could needle faster, treat more patients and my enthusiasm and confidence as a practitioner grew massively from treating so many patients a week. Fast forward to today I am treating

between 30-55 patients a week between the 2 clinics – working 3 days in my clinic and 1 day in the community clinic. I am making a sustainable income and loving clinical practice. I have immense respect for Ray who started the community clinic and the opportunity he provides for new practitioners.

I would like to share 5 tips that have helped me these first 2 years.

- Find a way to treat lots of patients. The way to improve fast is to practise, whether working at Experience Acupuncture or another clinic like Jane Lyttleton's 'The Acupuncture Pregnancy Clinic'.
- Cultivate – I think it's important for practitioners to stay strong and healthy through a practice like Yoga, meditation, Tai Qi or Qi Gong.
- When you're not treating patients, work on your business – when it is busy in clinic focus on treating patients and when it is quiet you can work on marketing, social media, your website and reading.
- Stay connected with your colleagues and teachers. I cannot tell you how many times I've called up my teachers since graduating to seek advice on a challenging case. They are an invaluable resource.
- Lastly, put your Heart and Soul into helping every patient. This is the best advice I was ever given. It is simple but so important.

To finish, I would like to thank SITCM for this opportunity, and to express my heartfelt gratitude to my mentors, Mathew Goss and Ray Ford.





International Alumna Dawn Lim

Growing up in Singapore, I was surrounded by TCM shops nestled within neighbourhoods, their air rich with the aroma of Chinese herbs. Monthly, I would sip on soups infused with these herbs, never imagining that years later, I would be practising TCM and building a career in it.

My journey took an unexpected turn when I moved to Sydney to pursue a bachelor's degree in business. However, after stepping foot into the industry, I realised that it wasn't for me. During that time, I discovered Qi Gong and was captivated by its ability to transform both my mental and physical well-being. This experience opened my eyes to the possibility of helping others in the same way Qi Gong had helped me.

In 2013, I enrolled at SITCM, a decision that has profoundly shaped my life. The course was rigorous and demanding, arguably one of the most challenging qualifications I've completed. However, it provided a solid foundation, equipping me with the knowledge and skills needed to step into the industry as a qualified practitioner. The extensive clinical hours and comprehensive curriculum ensured that I graduated feeling confident in my ability to treat a wide range of cases.

Equally significant were the connections I made during my time at SITCM. Since I pursued the degree part-time over eight years, I had the privilege of meeting students from diverse backgrounds, each with their unique reasons for studying. Many of these classmates have become lifelong friends and professional peers, with whom I still keep in touch.

Upon graduating, I was fortunate to be offered a position at a clinic in the Northern Beaches by another alumna. This was a pivotal

moment in my career, enabling me to embark on full-time work as a practitioner. Today, I work across two clinics, seeing a broad spectrum of patients from all walks of life. There is no greater satisfaction than helping someone overcome pain or regain the ability to do what they love. It's a true blessing to be able to make such a positive impact on people's lives.

Of course, every job has its challenges. As a fresh graduate, there were moments of self-doubt and cases that tested my skills. I've learnt that the key is to focus on giving each patient your full attention and presence in the moment, rather than setting rigid recovery expectations. Every patient's journey is different, and while some may not follow your advice or need further interventions, it's important not to be overly self-critical.

Having a mentor, staying connected with classmates, and joining TCM forums can be invaluable for discussing challenging cases and growing professionally. Meanwhile, CPD courses offer the chance both to specialise in areas like fertility or herbal medicine, and to connect with other practitioners. Building a successful practice also takes business acumen. The skills to create a website, grow a social media presence, or apply basic business principles are key at the start of your career.

This profession allows us to live comfortably, develop a unique style, and trust the process while enjoying the fulfilment of treating patients. Remember why you started this journey and keep that passion alive.

Happy 35th Anniversary to SITCM. It's a remarkable achievement to have nurtured so many practitioners over the years. My heartfelt thanks to the lecturers and staff who have contributed to its success. I am proud to be an SITCM graduate; it will always hold a special place in my heart.





Senior Student Megan Cordingley

Studying TCM was a transformative experience that enriched my life in ways I could not have imagined. From the moment I set foot in SITCM, I knew I was in for a unique, life-changing experience.

I was brought up in a holistic environment where nutrition-focused healing was integral. My family valued natural remedies and the power of food as medicine, which instilled in me a deep appreciation for the body's ability to heal itself. Despite this foundation, I faced a particularly difficult health situation that conventional methods struggled to address. Turning to TCM, I found profound healing, igniting my passion for its ancient practices and compelling me to blend my holistic roots with TCM.

Here are some of my favourite experiences so far:

Studying Under Extremely Experienced Teachers

The privilege of studying under some of the most respected teachers in TCM was the cornerstone of my education. They brought decades of practice, research, and wisdom to the classroom, offering insights that went far beyond the textbooks. Dr. Yan Li's lectures on Shan Hun Lun and Wen Bing had incredible attention to detail and correlation to modern medical applicability. Dr. Jiaheng Li's comprehensive teaching on anatomy and physiology integrated various modalities and ensured we had a solid foundation in these critical areas. Observing Dr. Yifang Yang's meticulous care of patients, and his approach to compounding formulas for highly complex cases such as cancer, has been a truly rewarding experience. His dedication to crafting individualised treatment plans has inspired me to apply the same level of care and understanding in my future practice.

Learning from Fellow Students

The community of students at SITCM was another source of inspiration and learning. My peers came from diverse backgrounds and brought unique perspectives and skills to our studies. We often held interesting discussions on self-treatment, emerging research, or in study groups where we shared insights and discussed cases, learning as much from each other as we did from our teachers. This collaborative environment was invaluable in navigating the rigors of our education and crafted a future network for guidance in difficult cases.

The Student Clinic: Treating Patients

One of the most rewarding aspects of my education was the opportunity to treat patients in the Teaching Clinic. Under the supervision of our experienced mentors, we applied the theories and techniques we had learned in class to real-life cases. This hands-on experience was invaluable in building our confidence and honing our skills. Two cases that come to mind are helping a patient suffering from 30 years of chronic fatigue syndrome regain her quality of life and helping another patient navigate healing from post-traumatic stress disorder. The gratitude and transformation seen in my patients have been deeply fulfilling and reinforced my commitment to this path.

Helping Family and Friends

The knowledge I gained at the institute extended beyond the classroom and clinic, allowing me to help my family and friends with various conditions. Whether it was recommending herbal remedies for a cold, performing acupressure for pain relief, or simply offering lifestyle advice based on TCM principles, I found immense satisfaction in using my skills to improve the health and well-being of those around me. One particularly gratifying experience was supporting a family member through cancer treatment, where acupuncture, dietary adjustments, and herbal formulations significantly reduced her pain and potentially minimised long-term damage.

Looking to the Future

As I near the end of my studies, I am filled with gratitude and excitement for the future. My goal is to establish a practice that integrates TCM practices with other modalities, providing a holistic approach to health and wellness. I envision a clinic where patients receive personalised care that addresses their physical, emotional, and spiritual needs. I am also passionate about continuing my education and research in TCM, exploring areas such as integrative oncology and chronic pain management. By contributing to the growing body of research, I hope to bridge the gap between Eastern and Western medicine and enhance the credibility and acceptance of TCM in the broader medical community.

My experience at SITCM has been a journey of discovery, learning, and personal growth. The privilege of studying under such experienced teachers, the challenges (specifically Mandarin!), the clinical experience, and the support of a vibrant student community have all shaped my truly rewarding experience. As I look to the future, I am excited to continue this journey and bring the healing power of TCM to the wider community.



SITCM in 2024

Structure

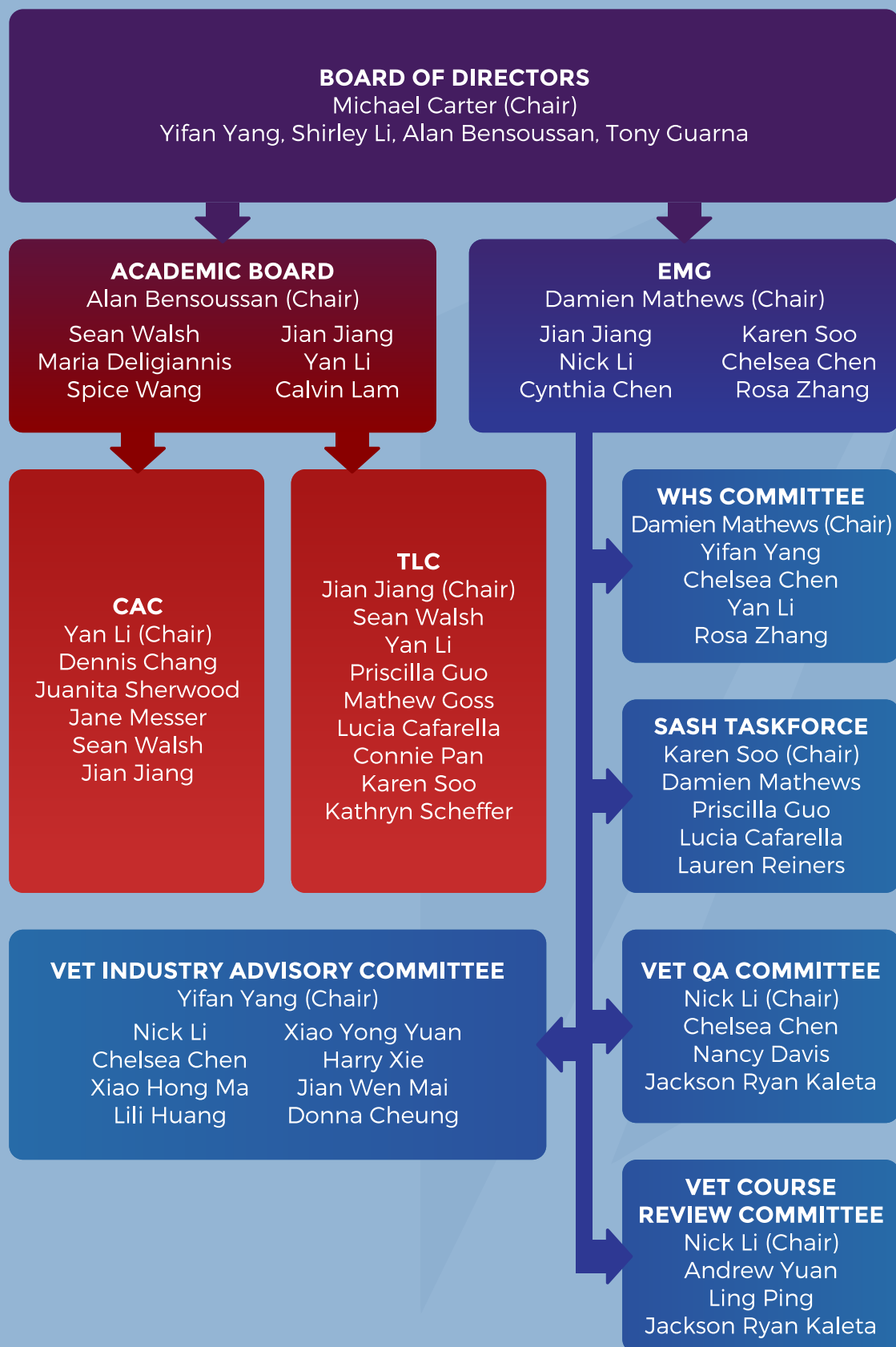
SITCM is governed by a Board of Directors, which provides strategic direction and ensures effective management. It includes SITCM's two owners, and independent experts in education, risk and finance.

The Board of Directors delegates responsibility for higher education academic governance to the Academic Board, which includes the Dean, Course Coordinator, Chair of SITCM's Student Staff Consultative Committee, and independent experts in education and healthcare.

The Academic Board convenes two standing committees: the Course Advisory Committee (which provides advice on educational innovations and monitors the overall quality of the Bachelor degree) and the Teaching and Learning Committee (which ensures that day-to-day operational education processes in the Bachelor meet quality standards).

The Board of Directors delegates executive responsibility to the CEO, who convenes the Executive Management Group (EMG). This group has an operational decision-making and coordination role. To assist it in its function, the EMG in turn convenes three committees for SITCM's Vocational Education and Training (VET) sector, namely the VET Course Review Committee, VET Quality Assurance Committee and VET Course Review Committee, as well as two safety bodies, namely the WHS Committee and the Sexual Assault & Sexual Harassment Taskforce.

SITCM's governance structure ensures that its dedicated staff are receiving effective guidance and oversight. We are indebted to the dedicated members of our governance bodies for their service.



Directors



Yifan Yang - Owner and Director

Role at SITCM

Mr. Yang began his journey in TCM as a student at Guangzhou University of TCM in the 1970s. After completing his undergraduate studies, he became a lecturer and practitioner of TCM by the Affiliated Hospital of the Guangzhou University of TCM. He went on to complete a master's degree and immigrated to Sydney with his family in 1989.

Mr. Yang joined SITCM as a lecturer in 1990. In 1992, he opened his own TCM clinic with his wife Shirley Li – a clinic where they continue to practise to this day. In 1995, he participated in the first double-blind TCM clinical trial at an Australian public hospital, on treating Hepatitis C. From 1994 to 1999, he served as President of the NSW Association of Chinese Medicine (NSWACM). From 2000 to 2001, he was a member of the Western Sydney University committee responsible for advising on the design of their new Bachelor of TCM course.

In 2007, SITCM faced closure due to financial difficulties. As a passionate believer in TCM education, Mr. Yang was deeply concerned about the implications that SITCM's closure would have for the future of Australia's TCM sector. He and his wife Ms. Shirley Li personally provided the funds needed to keep SITCM going and, in doing so, became SITCM's owners.

From 2007 to 2023, Mr. Yang served as SITCM's CEO and provided the guiding vision for the institute's growth and success.

throughout the crucial period when it became established as a registered higher education provider. He then became an SITCM Director, where his deep knowledge and expertise in TCM and education continue to inform the strategic direction of SITCM.

Mr. Yang maintains a hands-on approach to leadership, continuing to work as an SITCM clinic supervisor and lecturer in order to maintain his awareness of the academic staff experience and of student needs.

Education

- 2019 Graduate Certificate in Higher Education Academic Practice, Higher Education Leadership Institute
- 1988 Master of TCM, Guangzhou University of TCM
- 1982 Bachelor of TCM, Guangzou University of TCM

Personal Statement

I have dedicated more than 40 years of my life to the practice of acupuncture and Chinese herbal medicine. Over these decades, I have developed a deep respect for this holistic medical system. Its value lies in clinical outcomes –SITCM’s Teaching Clinic is booked out each day. Patients come because we help them. For students, our bustling clinic offers hands-on experience and exposure to diverse cases. I consider patients the most valuable source of learning in a TCM education.

As a longstanding advocate of Chinese medicine education, it brought me great joy to see TCM become a registered component of Australia’s health system under the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency. However, TCM has much more to offer Australia as an effective and affordable medical system. I hope that its full value will be recognised and it will one day be commonly used in hospitals across Australia just as it is, to great success, in hospitals across China.



Shunying (Shirley) Li - Owner and Director

Role at SITCM

Shun Ying Li began her journey in TCM in 1977, when she enrolled in a five-year bachelor's degree program at Guangzhou University of TCM. She graduated in 1982 and subsequently practiced as a TCM practitioner at Jiangmen City TCM Hospital and later as attending physician at and the First Affiliated Hospital of the University.

Seeking new opportunities, Shirley immigrated to Australia with her family and established a private practice in Sydney.

Since 1992, Ms. Li has been practicing Acupuncture and Chinese herbal medicine at Sussex Chinese Medicine Clinic in Sydney. During her clinical practice, she specialises in TCM paediatrics and gynaecology, areas where she gained an excellent reputation within the Chinese community. In 2000, she and her husband Yifan Yang also opened a Chinese herbal medicine wholesaler called Herbal International Pty Ltd. Between these two businesses, she amassed extensive experience in business administration. Meanwhile, her decades of effective treatments and compassionate approach have earned her the trust and respect of her patients.

In 2007, Shirley expanded her professional role by joining her husband, Yifan Yang, in managing SITCM. Her contributions were pivotal in various aspects of the institute's development. She played a significant role in financial planning and management, ensuring the institute's economic stability and growth. Her efforts were instrumental in renovations of the school campus, enhancing the learning environment for students.

Shirley was also responsible for procuring essential teaching materials. She managed the upgrade of the SITCM Teaching Clinic, transforming it into a modern facility where students could gain practical experience and develop their skills under the supervision of experienced practitioners.

For more than a decade, Shirley has served as the Director of SITCM. Under her guidance, the institute has continued to thrive, producing skilled and competent TCM practitioners who contribute significantly to the field. Her leadership has been characterised by a commitment to careful financial management that has ensured SITCM's continued prosperity over the years.

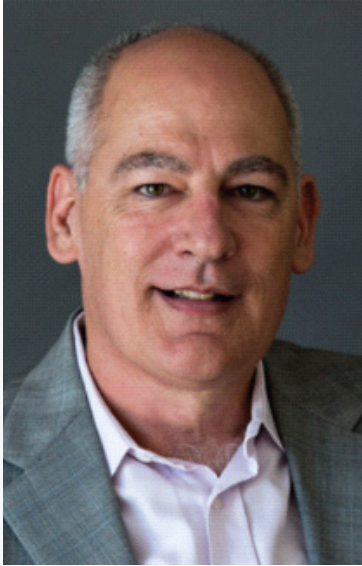
Shirley's career in TCM, from her early days as a student in Guangzhou to her current role as Director of SITCM, reflects her unwavering dedication to the field. Her expertise, compassion, and leadership have made a significant impact on the TCM community in Sydney and beyond. As she continues to contribute to the growth and development of TCM, Shirley remains a beacon of knowledge and inspiration for both her patients and the many students she has guided over the years. Her career is a testament to the profound impact that skilled and dedicated practitioners can have on their communities and the field of TCM.

Education

1982 Bachelor of TCM, Guangzhou University of TCM

Personal Statement

It is an honour to lend my skills in Chinese medicine and business management towards a purpose as important as educating our society's next generation of Chinese medicine practitioners.



Michael Carter - Chair

Role at SITCM

Mr. Carter has served as a Director at SITCM since January 2020 and is the current Chairman of the Board. He succeeded Mr. Basil Roufogalis who stepped down from the role mid-2023.

Since joining the Board he has been instrumental in shaping the organisation's governance focus and strengthening risk management which underpin SITCM's long term viability, reputation and key authorisations within the Higher Education and Vocational Education and Training sector. SITCM now enjoys unconditional accreditations with TEQSA, ASQA and CRICOS. It also has a strong relationship and oversight from the Chinese Medicine Board of Australia.

Mr Carter brings extensive corporate experience to the benefit of SITCM in the areas of governance, strategy, marketing, finance and risk management with prior executive roles at Macquarie Bank, NRMA and Bridges Financial Services. Since 2014 he has been a professional non-executive director, serving on various listed and private company Boards across a range of industries.

Education

- 2019 Fellow, Governance Institute of Australia
- 2018 Graduate, Australian Institute of Company Directors
- 2018 Certificate in Governance and Risk Management, Governance Institute of Australia

- 2010 Diploma of Financial Services, Quantum Financial Services
1989 Graduate Certificate of Marketing Practice, University of
Technology Sydney
1988 Bachelor of Engineering (Mining), University of NSW

Personal Statement

I have a steadfast commitment to excellence through the advancement of TCM education standards and clinical training which underpins SITCM's reputation as the education provider of choice for aspiring allied health practitioners seeking a globally recognised qualification here in Australia.

I am guided by my own experience of the transformative benefits that TCM therapies and modalities can have on one's physical, mental and emotional wellbeing and am not surprised that over 2 million Australians already access herbal, acupuncture and remedial massage treatments annually with this demand growing worldwide.

Yifan Yang and Shirley Li should be immensely proud of their energy and effort in building SITCM and achieving its milestone 35-year anniversary in 2024. On behalf of all Directors, Staff and Students past and present we thank them for their leadership and vision. I look forward to building upon their success to date and seeing further growth in our student numbers, course options and strategic collaborations both here and in China in the years ahead.

Alan Bensoussan - Academic Board Chair

Role at SITCM



Professor Bensoussan has chaired SITCM's Academic Board since 2023, and applies his extensive expertise in TCM research, regulation and education to the position.

He has published over 210 scientific papers, two books and several book chapters. He has been a lead investigator on numerous high quality clinical trials and reviews of herbal medicine. In 2007, he established Australia's National Institute of Complementary Medicine (NICM), seed funded with the bilateral support of the Australian Commonwealth and State Governments. NICM Health Research Institute is now one of the world's most recognised integrative medicine research institutes undertaking preclinical, clinical and research translation activities.

Professor Bensoussan has also had major impact on government policies through his work on numerous Ministerial Committees, including as Chair of the Australian Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) Advisory Committee for Complementary Medicines (2011-14) and as a member of the Australian National Medicines Policy Committee (2008-11). He currently serves as a Ministerial appointment to the Natural Therapies Review Expert Advisory Panel examining evidence in support of health insurance rebates. Professor Bensoussan was also commissioned by Government to review the practice of TCM in Australia, leading to the introduction of national regulation of TCM practitioners in 2012.

In 2013 Professor Bensoussan received the prestigious International Award for Contribution to Chinese Medicine by the Chinese Ministry of Science and Technology. The following year, he was awarded the Lady Cilento Award recognising his lifetime achievements and contributions to the community. In 2019 Professor Bensoussan, together with key colleagues from the China Academy of Chinese Medical Sciences, received the Achievement Award in Medical Science by the Chinese Ministry of Science and Technology. That same year, he was also awarded the International Qi Huang Award for his research in Chinese medicine by the Chinese Association of Chinese Medicine.

Education

- 2001 PhD, University of Sydney
- 1993 Master of Science by Research, University of Technology Sydney
- 1985 Advanced Certificate of Acupuncture, Nanjing University of CM
- 1982 Diploma of Acupuncture, Acupuncture Colleges Australia
- 1980 Postgraduate Diploma of Education, University of Sydney
- 1979 Bachelor of Science, University of Sydney

Personal Statement

I have devoted my working life to the clinical practice and research of complementary medicines with considerable impact on the science, practice, policy and industry trajectories in the field. Key business skills acquired through numerous senior University appointments, including as Executive Director of NICM Health Research Institute at Western Sydney University operating in a complex, competitive environment directly related to the development of therapeutic products.



Tony Guarna - Director

Role at SITCM

Mr. Guarna was appointed as a Non-Executive Director of SITCM in November 2019, and brings his extensive financial experience to the Board.

His career in finance and accounting began in the 1980s, when he worked for Deloitte and then BDO as an Audit Manager. Over the subsequent decades he went on to receive various CFO appointments. In the 2010s, he gained extensive experience in higher education, including as Finance Manager at Macquarie University, CFO at Australian Institute of Higher Education, and Associate Director of Finance Projects at the University of Sydney.

Education

- 1990 Chartered Accountant, Institute of Chartered Accountants
- 1986 Bachelor of Commerce, University of New South Wales

Personal Statement

I've had a five-year association with SITCM and have seen it further develop as the premium TCM educator in Australia. During Covid other educators closed their TCM teaching, and whilst SITCM saw a reduction in enrolments, a closure of the Clinic, and additional costs associated with online teaching and precautionary Covid measures, SITCM has managed to emerge from Covid, and now stands financially stronger, focused on delivering TCM to the Australian community.

I'm proud of the overall accomplishments of SITCM and look forward to its continued growth and promotion of TCM in Australia.

Executive Staff



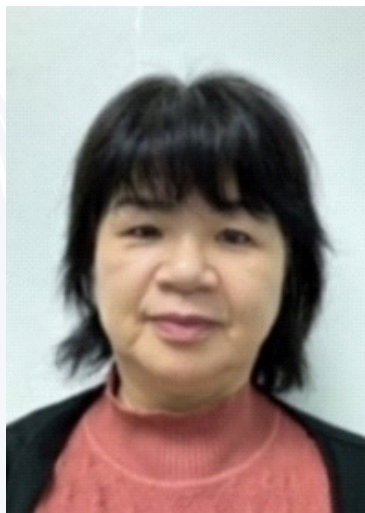
Damien Mathews - CEO

Mr. Mathews developed a deep appreciation for Chinese culture over years of living in East Asia and studying Mandarin. After returning to Australia in 2019, he joined SITCM as Governance Officer and leveraged his background in law to strengthen governance processes. After six months he was promoted to Quality Assurance Manager and became responsible for SITCM's 2020 registration application to TEQSA. This crucial project required a re-write of most SITCM policies and, following its success, he became SITCM's COO in 2022. He was promoted to CEO in early 2023 and his priority is now to implement SITCM's strategic objectives. He also chairs the Executive Management Group and WHS Committee. At SITCM, he has met countless patients who, through trial and error, have identified TCM to be most effective at improving their health. These clinical outcomes underline TCM's unrealised potential in Australia's health system.



Wenqing (Chelsea) Chen - Office Manager

Ms. Chen learnt the value of TCM as a child fighting a weak constitution. She studied at Shanghai University of TCM, and has practised in China, Morocco and Australia. She joined SITCM in 2000 as a lecturer and supervisor and, in 2005, became a trainer of the new Diploma of TCM Remedial Massage. Her duties then grew to include helping manage VET courses. In 2020, she was promoted to Office Manager and now ensures that administrative operations run smoothly.



Ruoxia (Rosa) Chang - Clinic Manager

Ms. Zhang joined SITCM in 2007 as a Librarian, and began assisting with clinic administration in 2014. In 2021 she transitioned to SITCM's full-time Clinic Manager and, through this role, ensures that the clinic runs smoothly, students are rostered appropriately and the clinic environment is safe for everyone. She also provides a wide range of support for academic faculty and students.

Karen Soo - Registrar

Ms. Soo first joined SITCM in 2015 as an Administration Officer. In 2017 she was promoted to Registrar, and has held the role ever since. Drawing on her qualifications in business and law, she maintains key student records, manages the process for student admissions and graduations, coordinates Orientations, provides dedicated support to international students, and chairs SITCM's Sexual Assault and Sexual Harassment Taskforce.



Guang (Connie) Pan - Librarian

Ms. Pan became SITCM's Librarian in 2024, bringing a wealth of knowledge from her past Librarian roles at universities in both Australia and China. Her focus is on ensuring that SITCM's diverse stakeholders have access to all the necessary information services and resources to succeed in their teaching and learning, and she is eager to support teachers and students in studying this longstanding pillar of Chinese culture.



Lucia Cafarella - Academic Support Officer

Ms. Cafarella joined SITCM in 2023 with a desire to help students build their academic confidence and to support the growth of TCM as a knowledge system. She provides support meetings, workshops, and referrals, creates support resources, and monitors the students most in need of support. She also coordinates the Student Staff Consultative Committee, promoting student feedback to management.

Cynthia Chen - Accounts Officer & Governance Officer

Ms. Chen joined SITCM in 2021 as an Administration Officer. She was soon promoted to Accounts Officer, and in 2023 also became SITCM's Governance Officer. As Accounts Officer, she helps manage transactions, maintain financial records, monitor expenditure, and prepare budgets. She also attends to students' finance-related enquiries. In governance, she ensures legal and regulatory compliance, and prepares agendas, reports and meeting minutes for SITCM's governance bodies.



Chiho (Steven) Lee - IT Support Officer

Mr. Lee joined SITCM in early 2023 and holds responsibilities in both IT and administration. In his IT role, he creates and manages user accounts for students and staff, sets up online courses, and provides basic IT support and training. Administratively, he responds to student enquiries, maintains registers, and updates assessment summaries. He ensures effective IT support and administrative services, contributing to SITCM's overall success.



Mingyue (Midori) Li
- Administrative Assistant

Ms. Li joined SITCM in early 2024 with a firm belief in the power of TCM as a holistic medical system. As an Administrative Assistant, she applies her skills in law and data administration to collate and report student data to the Australian Government, ensuring the accuracy and completeness of these important reports. She is also responsible for providing a wide range of support for staff and students.



Hongrui (Richard) Liu
- Administrative Assistant

Mr. Liu joined SITCM in 2023. He executes administrative tasks and helps maintain an organised office environment. His role includes managing schedules, preparing documents, and assisting with activity coordination.



SITCM staff don their robes at the 2023 Graduation Ceremony



SITCM staff celebrate Jian Jiang's birthday in 2024

Teaching Staff



Jian Jiang – Dean

Ms. Jiang chose a career in TCM at the encouragement of her family. After completing a Bachelor of TCM from Hubei University of TCM and a Master of TCM Gynaecology from the Chinese Academy of TCM Sciences, she worked as deputy chief physician in gynaecology at Beijing's Guang An Men Hospital.

In 1999, Ms. Jiang immigrated to Australia and immediately joined SITCM as a lecturer of TCM Gynaecology. She was promoted to Dean in 2013 and became the inaugural chair of the Teaching & Learning Committee. She also practises in her own private clinic and has also worked as a CMBA assessor of TCM course accreditation applications.



Yan Li – Course Coordinator

Dr. Li has been fascinated by TCM for as long as she can remember, marvelling at how almost any natural product – from flowers and honey to leaves and rice – can have medicinal value. She holds Bachelor, Master and PhD qualifications from Guangzhou University of TCM, with her doctorate focusing on TCM Internal Medicine. In 2007 she immigrated to Australia and opened her own private clinic.

In 2011, Dr. Li joined SITCM as a lecturer and clinic supervisor. She was promoted to Course Coordinator in 2016, and plays a key role in ensuring the quality of the Bachelor of TCM. She has also chaired the Course Advisory Committee since 2020. Finally, she is an official CMBA assessor of the clinical competency of overseas TCM practitioners.



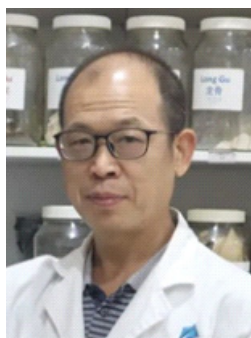
Tieguang (Richard) Gu – Lecturer & Supervisor

Mr. Gu holds TCM degrees from Nanjing University of TCM and Fujian University of TCM. After years of working as a lecturer and clinician at the Nanjing University of TCM, he became a Visiting Scholar at the Jikei University School of Medicine in Tokyo, then practiced TCM in Auckland for several years. He joined SITCM in 2000 as a lecturer and clinic supervisor and soon became known for his engaging teaching style. From 2011 until 2021, he also served as Associate Dean.



Minxing (Harry) Xie – Lecturer & Supervisor

Dr. Xie holds a Bachelor of TCM from Guangzhou University of TCM, a Master of Herbal Medicine from the University of Sydney and a PhD from Fujian University of TCM. His first job as a practitioner was in the Emergency Department of Guangzhou Hospital of TCM. He joined SITCM in 1992, and is one of its original clinic supervisors. Known for his deep knowledge of Chinese herbal medicine, he has been teaching herbs units for decades. He is Vice President of the NSWACM.



Bai Yu Liu – Supervisor

Mr. Liu studied TCM at Hubei University of TCM and China Academy of TCM. He joined SITCM in 2008 as a clinic supervisor. A brilliant Chinese herbal medicine practitioner, he has many ardent followers among SITCM's students and patients. He believes that, to master TCM, one must not only study and repeatedly apply classical texts but also delve into the wealth of ancient medical records.



Danning (Priscilla) Guo
- Year Level Coordinator

Ms. Guo served as SITCM's Registrar from 2007 to 2017, where she played a key role in quality assurance and governance and enhanced educational standards and compliance with regulatory frameworks. Drawing on her Honours degree in Psychology, she has also taught the unit "Communication in Health" since 2013 to widespread student acclaim. She is a longstanding Teaching and Learning Committee member, and has been the Year 1 Year Level Coordinator since 2022.



Jiaheng (Nick) Li - Year Level & VET Coordinator

Mr. Li comes from a TCM family, with both his parents being practitioners. After attaining a Bachelor of TCM from SITCM, he completed two Masters degrees at Macquarie University. He became SITCM's Anatomy & Physiology lecturer in 2015 and now also teaches TCM Traumatology. In 2022, he was promoted to Year 4 Year Level Coordinator as well as to VET Coordinator. In these roles, he oversees both the senior Bachelor degree units and all SITCM's vocational courses.



Liying (Lynda) Zhou - Lecturer

Ms. Zhou holds a Bachelor degree from Heilongjiang University of TCM and a Master degree from Beijing University of TCM. She joined SITCM in 2008, has taught various Acupuncture units, and currently lectures "Evidence-Based Acupuncture". Her teaching is enriched by decades of practising experience in both China and Australia, and her classes emphasise the value of TCM as not only a treatment method but, more importantly, as a preventive medicine.



Mathew Goss - Supervisor

Mr. Goss completed SITCM's Diploma of TCM in 2006 and then a Master degree at RMIT. He became an SITCM Clinic Supervisor in 2010. With over a decade of clinical experience, he has cultivated a deep understanding of the complexities and nuances of TCM, which he eagerly shares with his students. He has been a Teaching and Learning Committee member since its founding, reflecting his dedication to ensuring that all students are well prepared for practice.



Shuzi (Crystal) Cui - Lecturer

Ms. Cui holds Bachelor and Master of TCM degrees from Heilongjiang University of TCM. She joined SITCM in 2005 as a lecturer and clinic supervisor. After a decade to focus on family, she returned in 2022 as an Acupuncture lecturer. She draws on her industry experience to ensure that students both understand the theory underpinning Acupuncture and can apply it effectively in clinical settings.



Samaher Zaky - Lecturer

Dr. Zaky completed medical degrees in Syria and a PhD in Japan. She then settled in Australia, and has been deeply involved in teaching at SITCM since 2021. This has included Clinical Features of Disease, Introductory Pharmacology and Microbiology, and various Pathophysiology courses. This role allows her to not only share her comprehensive medical knowledge skills, but also to embed her philosophy of teaching as an opportunity to inspire the next generation.



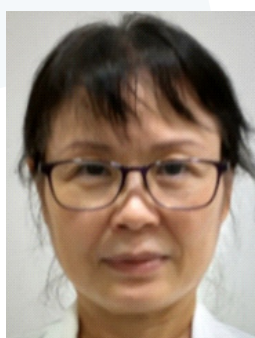
Yoann Birling - Lecturer

Dr. Birling holds Bachelor and Master degrees from the Beijing University of TCM, as well as a PhD from WSU. He joined SITCM in 2021 as an Acupuncture lecturer, and has since become a Chinese Herbal Medicine lecturer as well. His passion for TCM drives his professional journey. From practicing and teaching in China and Australia to conducting research, his diverse experiences have instilled a deep awareness of TCM's potential to enhance health and well-being.



Xiaoqin (Margaret) Wu - Lecturer

Dr. Wu's journey has been marked by continuous learning. She completed Bachelor and Master degrees at the Beijing University of TCM and a PhD at UTS. She began lecturing SITCM's research units in 2022. Her teaching style utilises her broad clinical and research experience research. She is dedicated to advancing our collective understanding and application of TCM to improve health outcomes.



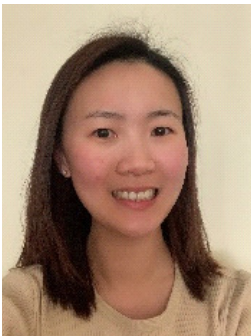
Donna Cheung - Supervisor

Two years after completing a Bachelor of TCM at SITCM, Ms. Cheung joined the staff as a Clinic Supervisor Assistant. She was promoted to Clinic Supervisor in 2022, and completed her Master of TCM at Fujian University of TCM in 2024. Her aim is to guide students in providing safe and professional care and maintaining accurate clinical records. Her clinical knowledge is deepened by years of practising in a private TCM clinic.



Xiaoli (Grace) Luo - Supervisor

Ms. Luo holds TCM qualifications from SITCM and the Guangzhou University of TCM. She joined SITCM's staff in 2021. Drawing on her years of practice and management experience at private clinics, her supervision focuses on ensuring that students not only understand the principles of TCM but also can apply these effectively in clinical settings.



Jingyi (Ginnie) Chen - Lecturer

Ms. Chen joined SITCM in 2023 as a lecturer of Histology and Physiology. In this role, she draws on her qualifications in science and nursing. Her clinical nursing experience in oncology and orthopaedics provides a unique perspective to her teaching, which emphasises a holistic approach to patient care. Her goal is to equip students with a comprehensive understanding of healthcare that bridges traditional practices with contemporary medical science.



Michelle Li - Lecturer

Ms. Li holds degrees in allied health from SITCM, UTS and Macquarie University and has years of clinical experience. She joined the SITCM staff community in 2024 as an acupuncture tutor. Her passion for integrative healthcare drives her teaching. She aims to enrich students' educational journeys with her multidisciplinary expertise in TCM and Chiropractic care.



Shaoyan (Tina) Chen - Clinic Supervisor

Ms. Chen holds TCM qualifications from both the Chengdu University of TCM and UTS. She has decades of experience as a TCM practitioner in Sydney and is a former UTS Clinic Supervisor. Her journey at SITCM began in 2024. As a clinical supervisor, she focuses on personalised care tailored to each patient's needs and guides students appreciate the rich heritage of Chinese medicine. She has a particular interest in helping patients with side effects from cancer treatments.



Juan Ping Ni - Tutor

Ms. Ni joined SITCM in 2024 as a Chinese herbal medicine tutor. With degrees spanning from TCM to Nursing and Medicine, complemented by practical experience in both China and Australia, she is perfectly positioned to bridge the gap between Eastern and Western medical practices. Her goal is to equip students to navigate the complexities of modern healthcare, drawing on the rich traditions of TCM and the practicalities of Western medicine.



Andrew Yuan - VET Trainer

Mr. Yuan joined SITCM in 2002 Advanced Diploma of TCM lecturer, and transitioned to Diploma of Remedial Massage trainer in 2015. He has decades of experience in acupuncture and remedial massage, including many years as an acupuncturist at the prestigious Chris O'Brien Lifehouse, and applies his extensive knowledge to his teaching. His career journey is fuelled by a passion for healing.



Ling Ping - VET Trainer

Ms. Ping joined SITCM in 2020 as a VET Trainer. She brings to the classroom and Teaching Clinic an interdisciplinary blend of legal expertise, aromatherapy skills and comprehensive knowledge in TCM Remedial Massage techniques. This unique skillset equips her to offer a comprehensive educational experience that prepares students for the complexities of modern practice.



Jackson Ryan Kaleta - VET Trainer

Mr. Kaleta joined SITCM in 2023 as a VET Trainer. In this short time he has developed new learning content for the Diploma of Remedial Massage, has helped develop new First Aid course, has delivered both courses, and has served as Clinic Supervisor for remedial massage. His excellent communication skills feature prominently in his teaching, as does his passion for holistic healthcare and first aid.



Ranran (Amy) Li - VET Trainer

Ms. Li joined SITCM in 2024 as a VET Trainer and content developer in the field of remedial massage techniques. She has years of industry experience as a remedial massage practitioner and also brings deep knowledge of qi gong and tai chi as a longstanding instructor of each. She has also recently completed a Bachelor of TCM qualification at SITCM.

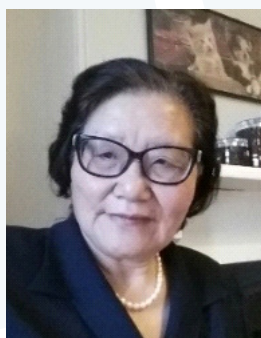
External Clinic Supervisors



Hoc Ku Huynh, OAM

- New China Acupuncture Centre

Mr. Huynh has dedicated his life to the advancement of TCM. He helped design Australia's first comprehensive TCM qualification in 1979, and played a key role in advocating for TCM to become a nationally regulated health profession in subsequent decades. He was awarded an OAM in 1999 and was appointed to the TCM Registration Advisory Committee by the NSW Health Minister in 2004. He is the Vice Chairman of the Board of Supervisors of WFCMS, an Honorary Advisor of WFAS, and a former Secretary & Treasurer of AACMA. He has been an SITCM External Supervisor since 2008.



Funing Guo

- Balmain Chinese Herbal Centre

Dr. Guo studied medicine at the Zhongzhan University of Medicine and TCM at the Guangzhou University of TCM. After acquiring 14 years of clinical experience at the affiliated hospitals of each university, and then went to the University of California at Los Angeles for post-doctoral research in genetic engineering.

In 1987, Dr. Guo came to Australia to visit relatives and never left. She began to teach basic theories and clinical practice courses of TCM to some Western physicians in Sydney, and joined the Australian Society of Western Medicine Gastroenterology. The next year, she established her own TCM clinic. She has been an SITCM External Supervisor since 2008, enabling students to learn from her rich experiences.



Daniel Deng – Acupuncture & Herbs Daniel Deng & Assoc.

Dr. Deng's father and grandfather were both TCM practitioners. At a young age he decided to be a TCM doctor himself to help others. He completed TCM qualification from Guangzhou University of TCM and Fujian University of TCM and studied techniques under various TCM experts. He joined SITCM in 1992 as a teacher of the Diploma and then Advanced Diploma of TCM. He was one of the original trainers of SITCM's Diploma of TCM Remedial Massage. He transitioned to External Supervisor in 2012, and is currently Vice President of NSWACM and Director of working committees for both the WFCMS and WFAS.



David Suh – Korea Acupuncture & Herbal Medicine Clinic

After studying oriental medicine at Wonkwang University, Dr. Suh completed his PhD in Acupuncture at the Nanjing University of TCM. He is proud to have brought the knowledge and wisdom of this holistic medical system, passed down through his family for generations, to Sydney, having opened his own clinic in 1983. In 2010, he joined SITCM in 2010 as a TCM Traumatology lecturer, and held that position for over a decade. From 2013 to 2014, he also worked as a supervisor in the SITCM Teaching Clinic. Ever since leaving the Teaching Clinic role, Dr. Suh has served as an external clinic supervisor and, in that capacity, continues to share extensive experience in Oriental Medicine with SITCM students.



Kevin Lu – Chinese Ginsengs & Herbs Co

Mr. Lu holds TCM degrees from both the Guangzhou University of TCM and UTS. He began his career as a Chinese herbal medicine doctor in a Chinese hospital in 1966 – almost 60 years ago! He moved to Australia in the early 1980s and has practised at Sydney's renowned Chinese Ginsengs & Herbs Co ever since. He has been an SITCM External Supervisor since 2008.

Mr. Lu is deeply passionate about TCM and its potential to enhance the health and well-being of individuals and communities. His journey from practicing as a doctor in China to establishing a clinic and teaching in Australia has given him a unique perspective on the global impact of TCM, and he is committed to fostering collaboration, knowledge-sharing, and innovation within the TCM community to promote its continued growth and integration into mainstream healthcare systems. He hopes that TCM will have successors.



Ping Wang – Pure Natural Chinese Herbs & Acupuncture Centre

Ms. Wang completed her TCM qualification at the Guangzhou University of TCM in 1982, and joined SITCM in 1997 as lecturer for a TCM Ears, Nose and Throat subject in the Diploma of TCM. She continued teaching in SITCM's subsequent Advanced Diploma of TCM and then became an External Clinic Supervisor when the Bachelor of TCM commenced in 2012. In this capacity she provides a rich source of clinical expertise to SITCM students, having practised TCM since 1982 - including for numerous years at the prestigious Guangzhou Hospital of TCM.



Rodrigo Sanchez – Natural Health Practice

Mr. Sanchez holds TCM qualifications from SITCM and WSU. He joined SITCM's staff in 2005 as an anatomy lecturer and, over the subsequent years, his responsibilities expanded to include teaching various units, as well as being an internal Clinic Supervisor and Clinic Coordinator. In 2014, his role shifted to external clinical supervisor at the private TCM practice that he had established in 2003. With a background in nursing and his TCM skills harnessed through an internship at an affiliated hospital of the Anhui University of TCM, he shares his holistic approach to health with all students who visit his clinic.

Outside of practice, Mr. Sanchez conducts seminars and professional education presentations throughout Australia. He is a former director of the AACMA.



Fanny Huen Fung – Vital Energetic Burwood

Ms. Fung holds TCM qualifications from both SITCM and Fujian University of TCM. She first joined SITCM's faculty as an internal Clinical Supervisor in 2015. In 2021, she decided to focus on developing a private TCM clinic in Burwood, but agreed to continue sharing her clinical skills with SITCM students as an external supervisor. She describes now being able to practise and help patients in her own clinic as "a dream come true".

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