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Professor of University of Chile cum President of Chilean Society of Legal, Forensic, and Criminalistic Medicine, Carmen Cerde Aguilar Visits Institute of Forensic Medicine

Carmen Cerde Aguilar, professor of the University of Chile and president of the Chilean Society of Legal, Forensic, and Criminalistic Medicine, visited the Institute of Forensic Medicine at 10 a.m. on May 5 this year (2023). She was received by the Director-General of the Institute of Forensic Medicine, Kuan-Ren Hou, where both exchanged gifts. Thereafter, the heads of the Forensic Pathology, Forensic Genetics and Trace Evidences, and Forensic Toxicology Divisions explained their departments' operations. The institute also invited Professor Aguilar to speak at the second academic seminar in 2023, so that the institute can learn about the latest trends in international forensics and deepen the professional exchange in forensic medicine between Chile and Taiwan.

Professor Aguilar of the University of Chile is also the president of the Chilean Society of Legal, Forensic, and Criminalistic Medicine. She previously visited the Institute of Forensic Medicine on March 25, 2016 to deliver a keynote speech, to which proper international exchange between both countries has since been established. For years, Professor Aguilar has spoken out multiple times for Taiwan at international conferences in France, Italy, Australia, South America, and Asia, advocating Taiwan's international position at forensic science societies. She has been an important figure in supporting Taiwan in international forensic medicine and criminal forensics.

Meanwhile, she was also invited to India as a keynote speaker at an international forensic conference from April 27 to 29. On July 12, 2019, the Institute of Forensic Medicine donated two used binocular microscopes to the University of Chile for the purpose of maximizing utility of the instruments. As such, Professor Aguilar made a visit to Taiwan to express her gratitude.

Finally, the heads of divisions gave Professor Aguilar a tour to the institute's certified laboratories and highlighted Taiwan's achievements in forensics research. In addition to thanking the Institute of Forensic Medicine's warm hospitality, Professor Aguilar has also gained a better understanding of Taiwan's forensic science, which will be helpful in advancing academic collaboration in forensic medicine between Chile and Taiwan. The institute hopes that Taiwan's forensic pathologists and forensics scientists across various fields will one day be invited to Chile for exchanges to promote mutual learning and growth.



