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Dr. G. Gushue Taylor, M.B.B.S., F.R.C.S.,
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Dear Dr. Gushue Taylor,

When you were in Changhua a few days ago I spoke to you of the matter of the land belonging to this hospital which was taken away by the government last year.

As you know this land was bought about 30 years ago with money donated by many Chinese all over Formosa, and by friends abroad, for the sole purpose of building a modern, well-equipped hospital to serve the people of this area.

Our requests last year to the Governor of Taiwan, the Provincial Land Department, and also a request through Dr. Yen, Provincial Health Commissioner, for the land to be returned to us have all met with a negative result.

I now want to tell you of a new plan which, I hope, may bring about a reconsideration of our case by the high authorities. In essence it is this:

- (a) to sell the site of the present hospital in the centre of the city, which is too small and unsuitable for a hospital, being in the centre of the shopping area of the city; and
- (b) to build a completely new hospital on the site originally chosen 30 years ago - a modern hospital, well-equipped, giving a high standard of service to the community.

The advantages of this scheme are that "both sides benefit". The commercial world of Changhua benefits because fine new shops can be put up where the hospital now stands, making that whole street more prosperous, while a new modern hospital can be built in a place of light and air and width, away from the centre of the town and from the dangers of fire and perhaps of air-raids.

This plan has the warm support of the important people of Changhua. An official committee has been set up, with the chhi-tiu () as chairman, called the Chiong-hoa Ki-tok-kau i-i sin-kian oan-tso ui-oan-hoe () to try to come to some reasonable arrangement with the new land owners whereby the hospital would buy back the land from them. This committee has met several times with the land owners, but unfortunately the price quoted by the latter is quite beyond the bounds of reason: \$300,000 for one of land.

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There now seems to be only one thing to do. Would you be so kind as to approach some of the really high up people and point out the benefit which this hospital is (and even more will be) to the people in this area and ask that the government would assist the hospital by ruling that the hospital buys back the land at a reasonable figure, such as the "government price" of land. (I understand that a similar ruling operated recently when land was bought for the building of the Tung Hai Christian University, near Taichung).

If only there was recognition amongst the really high-up authorities that this hospital is of benefit to the community and that the plan is for the definite good of everybody, poor people included!

The land involved is nearly 3 in area. I have drawn a rough map showing how I would like to build the hospital - this is tentative only; it has not yet been passed by the Hospital Board. I would be very glad for your comments and suggestions!

I am sending a copy of the map, in a few days' time, to Dr. Hsu of the J.C.R.R., as I hope to enlist his help too.

Thanking you for your encouragement and help when you came,

With best wishes,
Yours sincerely,

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