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Shanghai Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) University and the 1998 Nobel Laureate Physiology and Medicine, Professor Ferid Murad, have set up the Murad TCM Modern Research Center in Shanghai TCM University. An advanced drug screening and evaluation system will be established in the center to study protein analysis, cell function and the effects of TCM’s on gene expression. Basic research on the chemical constituents of TCM drugs are to be carried out in addition to research on the bioactivity of TCM drugs, treatment effects and safety tests.

About Professor Ferid Murad

Prof. Ferid Murad, born in the US, son of an Albanian modern immigrant father and an American Baptist mother, was awarded the Nobel prize in Medicine in 1998. He received his MD in 1965 from Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio, from which he also received a PhD in Pharmacology that same year.

About Murad TCM Modern Research Center

The center was established in honor of and in cooperation with American Nobel Laureate Ferid Murad and is designated for research and innovation on the application of TCM.

About Shanghai Traditional Chinese Medicine University

Shanghai University of Traditional Chinese Medicine is one of the leading institutions in the world for TCM education, clinical practice, and research. It has two excellent educational and training centers open to students around the world, who are interested in learning TCM and acupuncture.
Reporting record sales of over US$120 million in 2002, Tianjin Tasly has gained up to 4% of the cerebro-cardiovascular drugs market in China with the compound danshen (Salviae miltiorrhizae). Having obvious treatment effects, the compound danshen pills are used to treat patients suffering from cardiovascular and cerebral diseases. The TCM medicine is believed to have no adverse effects on patients, and is convenient to administer and reasonably priced. The compound danshen has also helped Tianjin Tasly gain up to 12.6% of the finished TCMs market.

Danshen pill was first formally approved by the FDA in the United States in 1997, and is the first compound herbal drug treating cardiovascular and cerebro-vascular illnesses to receive the Investigational New Drug (IND) from the FDA. Today, cardiovascular drugs make up the second highest of drug consumption in hospitals in China – second only to antibiotics – and its consumption has climbed up to record an average growth of 16.2%, which is higher than the 9.2% average growth rate of total hospital drug consumption. Estimates have been made about the market for cerebro-cardiovascular drugs in China to be valued at as high as US$3 billion.

About Tianjin Tasly

The predecessor of Tianjin Tasly Pharmaceutical Co. Ltd. is Tianjin Tianshili Joint Pharmacy Corp., founded in May 1994. In April 1998, Tasly acquired Zhejiang Jianfeng Group Co. Ltd. as the strategic investor and changed the corporation name into Tianjin Tasly Group Co. Ltd. Major businesses of the company includes Chinese medicine material, Chinese medicine processing, raw chemical medicine, processed chemical medicine products and biological products.

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