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Dr Lai's professional goal is to deliver clinical care for epileptic patients and promote their quality of life especially in the field of stigma issue.

In combating the strong stigma toward epilepsy in Taiwan, Dr. Lai founded the Kaohsiung epilepsy association in 1995. He served the president for the association for 6 years by helping the association to establish their office, the website, doing many campaigns and fund raising activities to target the stigma problem. The association becomes a resource center for both the patients and the public to understand the disease.

Dr Lai also joined Taiwan Epilepsy Association to promote national anti-stigma activity for epilepsy. The recent example was organizing "Cycling with Marion Clingnet" event, which attracted thousands of people cycling with Marion in the city and successfully sent out the positive image of people with epilepsy.

In 2004, Dr. Lai was elected as IBE's vice president of Western-Pacific region. He used his vacation time to visit many chapters in the region. During the visit he found some shortage in some chapters and he helped these chapters to find resource such as promising strategies to combating the stigma issue for the chapters. He also seek other resource to provide some foreign training for these chapters. During this period he actively participated the organizing comitte of many international epilepsy conferences of asian-pacific region such as Kuala Lumpur and Xiamen conferences..