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CNA – Focus Taiwan (2011/12/26) National Cheng Kung University (NCKU) inaugurated a center to fight against infection disease December 26.

The new Center for Infectious Disease and Signaling Research will feature a strong team, with members such as Michael LAI, dubbed the father of the coronavirus, former National Science Council Deputy Minister Wen-chang CHANG, and former Centers for Disease Control Director Jh-jen SU.

SU said infectious diseases such as AIDS and tuberculosis have had a major impact on human health and the economy.

"NCKU has in the past excelled in research on the enterovirus 71 and dengue fever. It will now make vaccines and medicines as the ultimate goal to fight against Taiwan's infectious disease," SU said.

He noted that most emerging infectious diseases are triggered by mutant bacteria or viruses, but that only about 30 percent of the bacteria and viruses could be identified.

He said the center will have Taiwan's only PLEX-ID device, which will facilitate the identification of bacteria and viruses.

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