

The First Chinese Emperor to Send the Plaque to Ophthalmologists



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Dear Editor,

In China, it is no longer clear when or who first sent the plaques to ophthalmologists. However, while the events of the common people were not written into official history, the stories of the royal family were. Records can be found, the earliest to send the plaque to the ophthalmologist was Gaozong Song.

In the Song Dynasty, there was a man named Shen who was an excellent ophthalmologist. When Emperor Gaozong Song heard of this, he was greatly pleased and personally inscribed the word "Lianghui", It means outstanding in Chinese, and gave it to the doctor. Therefore, whether knew or not knew, did not call its original name, all to Lianghui Shen commensurate. After a long time, people forgot his real name, so much so that when someone later tried to examine the doctor's "resume", they found that even the county annals at that time did not record his real name.

However, Lianghui Shen was not the first ophthalmologist to receive the plaque from Emperor of Song Dynasty. According to existing historical records, the earliest person to receive the plaque from the emperor was a man named Tan Huangpu.

According to historical records, the Empress Dowager Xianren got an eye disease. She went to many doctors but did not get better. Finally, she found the famous doctor Tan Huangpu. This Tan Huangpu was originally a Taoist priest who practiced in Mount Emei. It is said that by chance, he was given advice by a man of profound Taoism. After his treatment, Empress Dowager

Xianren's eye disease really recovered very quickly. Emperor Gaozong Song was very happy, so he wrote "Peace and Quiet" for Tan Huangpu as the name of the temple.

However, Tan Huangpu, aiming at monasticism, did not want to stay in the palace for a long time, so he resigned to Emperor Gaozong Song. The emperor saw that he could not keep it and had no choice but to agree. However, before Tan Huangpu left, Emperor Gaozong Song asked him to be available at any time. After a while, Emperor Gaozong Song felt that the distance was too far for him to be summoned at any time, so he ordered Tan Huangpu to move to Lushan Mountain and built a Taoist temple for him called "Qingxu Taoist temple". Taoist temple is now on the north side of Lushan Mountain.

Zhenjiang Government record also recorded a matter. There was a famous doctor named Yuangui Zhang. Once the prince got a strange disease, how can not cure, the emperor was very anxious, gradually did not care about the government. When a minister knew about it, he suggested to the emperor that he invited Yuangui Zhang to have a look. As expected, Yuangui Zhang prescribed several prescriptions and soon cured the prince. Emperor Gaozong Song was overjoyed and sent a plaque "Excelsior and Hold the palm". Although the prince did not suffer from eye disease, here you can see that Emperor Gaozong Song was probably the first emperor in China to give the plaques to the doctors.



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