

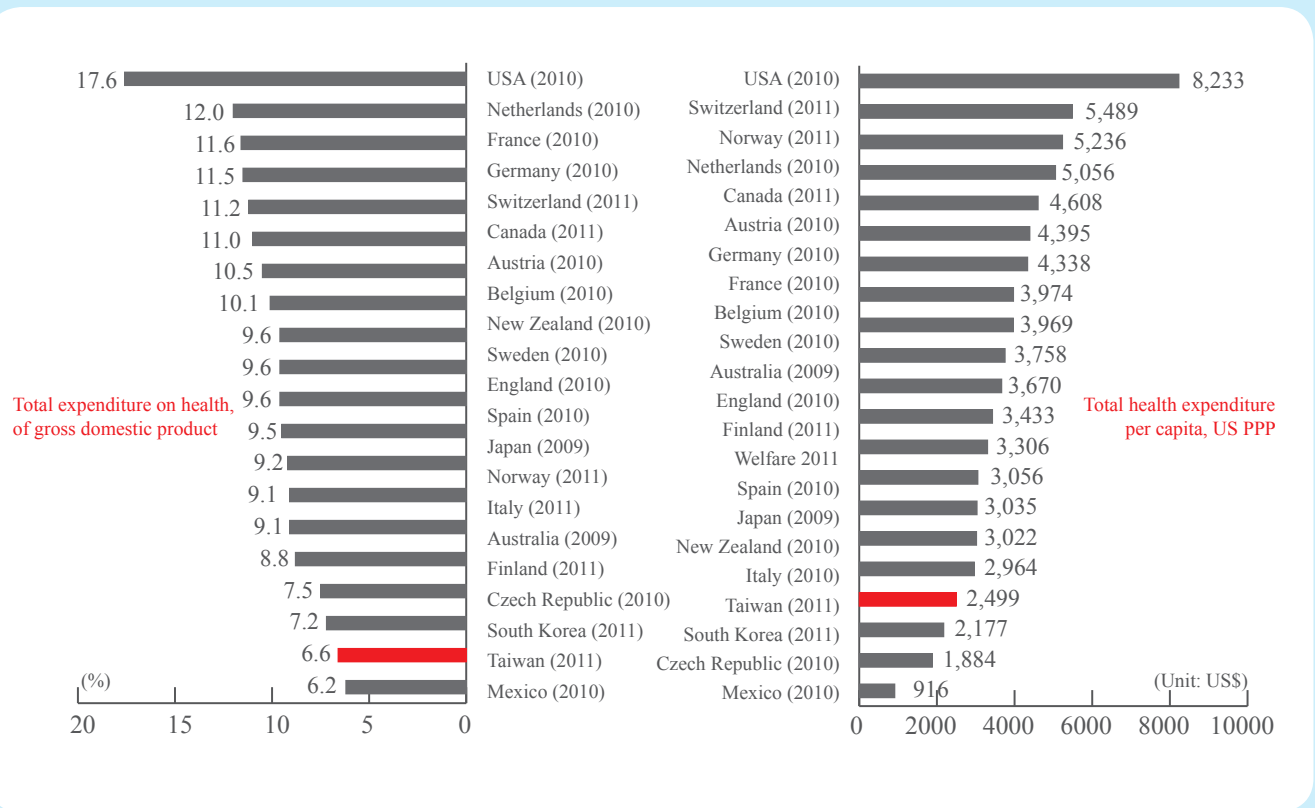
## Controlling Health Care Costs

Taiwan's NHI system has been able to deliver convenient and good quality medical services while spending less on health care than other major countries. Adjusted for purchasing power parity, Taiwan's annual health expenditures per capita are US\$2,499, about one-third the amount spent by the United States. Health care spending as a percentage of the total economy is also lower than for most countries, totaling just 6.6% of Taiwan's GDP (Chart 7).

## 醫療費用 控制得宜

我國實施全民健保，提供國人優質且方便的醫療服務，且醫療費用低於世界其他主要國家。以購買力平價指數計算，臺灣每人每年花費 2,499 美元，約僅為美國的三分之一。以醫療費用占國內生產毛額計算，我國只有 6.6%，低於絕大多數國家 (圖 7)。

Chart 7 Comparison of Health Care Spending in Taiwan and the World's Major Countries



Sources: OECD Health Data 2012 online  
Ministry of Health and Welfare, 2011