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*Statements of Fact in Traditional Chinese Medicine, revised and expanded
edition* by Bob Flaws, Michael Johnston, and Timothy Rogers Blue Poppy
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Bob Flaws has just come out with a newly revised and expanded edition of *Statements of Fact in Traditional Chinese Medicine*. Compared to the "pocket" edition of 2001, this new edition includes the Chinese characters and the pinyin text of each statement (the pocket edition had neither). Compared to the initial 1994 edition, Flaws and his collaborators have added a substantial number of statements, along with a preface by Flaws, and commentary not just at the beginning of each section of the book, but additional commentary for most of the individual statements as well. All of this makes for a work that is more than twice the size of the 1994 edition, and thanks especially to the commentary on the individual statements, offers ample material to all who will enjoy meditating on the statements of fundamental principles of Chinese medicine theory, the five phases, life principles, and disease mechanism and treatment principles.