

# International Medical Exchange Newsletter

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## ■ Language study

Eight students (School of Medicine: 7; School of Health Science: 1) participated in a language study program at the University of Alberta (Canada), with which Sapporo Medical University has an exchange agreement.

The students improved their English language skills through study at the university and participating in home stays, and also learned about the medical system in Canada by visiting hospitals including pediatric care and rehabilitation facilities.

• Dispatch period: August 8 (Sun.) – 26 (Sun.)

• Study period: August 7 (Tue.) – 24 (Fri.)



## ■ Student exchange (clinical training)

Sapporo Medical University has had student exchange programs (clinical training) with China Medical University (Shenyang) since 2009 and the Catholic University of Korea (Seoul) since 2011.

These exchange programs are designed for students in Asia to undertake clinical training together to acquire international perspectives and technical knowledge.

### 1. Students from China Medical University

Xie Xin and Zhao Mengnan, fifth-year students at China Medical University's School of Medicine with an interest in medicine in Japan, received clinical training at our university.

- January 28 (Mon.) – February 1 (Fri.): Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, School of Medicine (Xie, Zhao)
- February 4 (Mon.) – 8 (Fri.): Department of Emergency Medicine, School of Medicine (Xie, Zhao)



### 2. Students to the Catholic University of Korea

Mana Oshiba and Yuu Nagai, fifth-year students at Sapporo Medical University's School of Medicine with an interest in clinical training in South Korea, also hoped to learn clinical medicine in English. They thus received clinical training at the Catholic University of Korea.

- November 5 (Mon.) – 16 (Fri.): Department of Radiology (Oshiba); Department of Cardiovascular Internal Medicine (Nagai)
- November 19 (Mon.) – 30 (Fri.): Department of Plastic Surgery (Oshiba); Department of General Surgery (Nagai)



### 3. Students from the Catholic University of Korea

Song Kyung-han and Han Tae-sun, sixth-year students at the Catholic University of Korea's School of Medicine with an interest in medicine in Japan, received clinical training at our university.

- March 4 (Mon.) – 8 (Fri.), March 25 (Mon.) – 29 (Fri.): School of Medicine's Second Department of Internal Medicine (Son, Han)
- March 11 (Mon.) – 22 (Fri.): School of Medicine's Third Department of Internal Medicine (Son, Han)

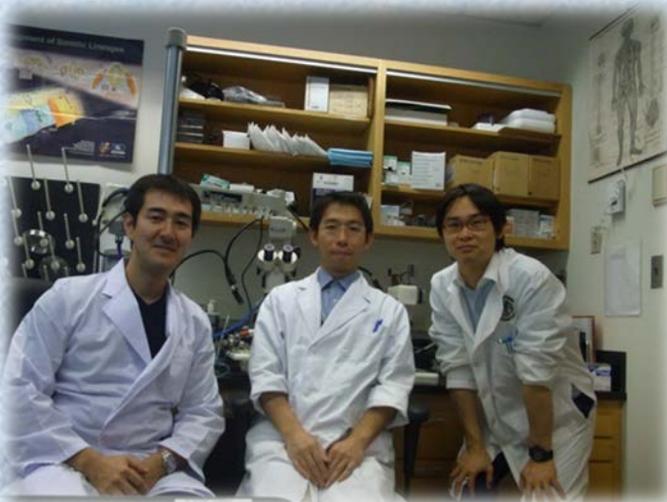


### ■ Short-term study abroad program for graduate students/research (clinical) fellows

With the aim of further improving its research and educational levels through the fostering of world-class researchers, Sapporo Medical University has implemented since the 2008 academic year a program supporting graduate students/research (clinical) fellows who study overseas for a short period of time.

In the 2012 academic year, Dr. Akio Takayanagi, a graduate student at the Department of Urology, studied at Yale University in the United States focusing on nerve regeneration using bone marrow stem cells, which he specializes in.

- November 4 (Sun.) – December 4 (Tue.): Yale University



## ■ Medical exchange program for faculty members and researchers

Sapporo Medical University has concluded agreements with the Paulo Foundation (Finland), the University of Alberta (Canada), China Medical University, the University of Massachusetts (US), Jiamusi University (China) to promote mutual medical exchanges among researchers.

In the 2012 academic year, four researchers visited three of these foreign institutions and two researchers from two of these institutions visited our university.

### 1. Visits from Sapporo Medical University

#### 1) School of Rehabilitation Medicine, Jiamusi University

- Researcher: Kimiharu Inui, Professor, Department of Physical Therapy, School of Health Sciences
- Period: August 23 (Thu.) – 31 (Fri.)

#### 2) Faculty of Rehabilitation Medicine, University of Alberta

- Researcher: Masaki Katayose, Professor, Department of Physical Therapy, School of Health Sciences
- Period: September 13 (Thu.) – 27 (Thu.)

#### 3) Paulo Foundation (University of Helsinki)

- Researcher: Shogo Yazawa, Assistant Professor, Department of Neuroscience, School of Medicine
- Period: September 29 (Sat.) – December 1 (Sat.)

#### 4) Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry, University of Alberta

- Researcher: Toshiaki Tanaka, Instructor, Department of Urology, School of Medicine
- Period: February 3 (Sun.) – 17 (Sun.)



## 2. Visits from foreign institutions

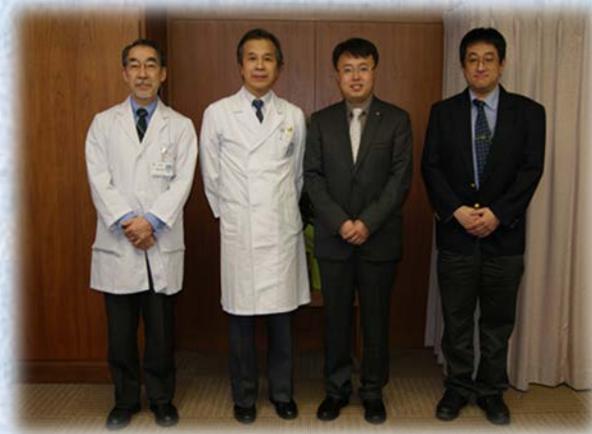
Sapporo Medical University holds the International Medical Exchange Seminar (hereinafter "Seminar") with visiting scholars as lecturers to promote the development of education and research at the university.

### 1) Paulo Foundation (University of Eastern Finland)

- Researcher: Juhana Martinpoika Hakumaki, Associate Professor, University of Eastern Finland
- Host department: Department of Diagnostic Radiology, School of Medicine
- Period: October 7 (Sun.) – November 6 (Tue.)
- Seminar: MRI and MR Spectroscopy for Brain Tumors – Beyond Neuroanatomy – (October 25 (Thu.))

### 2) China Medical University

- Researcher: Ma Tao, Doctor, Emergency Medicine, China Medical University First Affiliated Hospital
- Host department: Department of Emergency Medicine, School of Medicine
- Period: January 13 (Sun.) – 27 (Sun.)
- Seminar: Current Situation of Emergency Medicine in China Medical University (January 23 (Mon.))



## ■ Training for people of Japanese origin

Sapporo Medical University has hosted three trainees of Japanese origin from Central and South America through a program entrusted by the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) since the 2007 academic year to provide educational and clinical opportunities to learn about physical and occupational therapies.

In the 2012 academic year, the university was entrusted by the Association of Nikkei & Japanese Abroad to host Marcia Kono (Brazil) as a JICA trainee of Japanese origin for three months from September 25 to November 9. She conducted research on cancer vaccines at the School of Medicine's Department of Pathology (I).

## ■ Training program on Maternal and Child Health for French-speaking African Countries

Sapporo Medical University has been entrusted by JICA to provide a training program on Maternal and Child Health for French-speaking African Countries. The 2012 academic year marked its 6th year.

The 6th-year training program was conducted at medical facilities, universities and public offices in Sapporo as well as Nakashibetsu and Betsukai to inform participants of the current situation of maternal and child health and human development in Japan, with the aim of improving educational and training systems for human resource development at trainees' organizations to provide maternal and child health services that meet health needs of African people.

- Period: October 1 (Mon.) – November 9 (Fri.)

- Participating countries: 6 French-speaking African countries: 9 people (Benin, Burkina Faso, Cote d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Niger, Senegal)



## ■ Trainee from Sakhalin Oblast, Russia

As part of the Public Trust Hokkaido-Russian Far East Medical Exchange Foundation's Sakhalin Oblast Doctor-Training Program, Dr. Kryukov from Sakhalin Oblast Hospital in the Russian Federation received training at Sapporo Medical University Hospital.

The Public Trust Hokkaido-Russian Far East Medical Exchange Foundation (Kosucha Fund) was established with public donations collected for a boy named Konstantin, who suffered from a serious burn injury and was transported from Sakhalin to Sapporo Medical University Hospital for an emergency operation in 1990. The establishment was realized by an offer from his parents, who wished for the money to be used for medical exchanges between Hokkaido and Sakhalin Oblast.

This project, which started in the 1992 academic year, has seen 18 exchanges up to the end of academic 2012.

- Period: October 29 (Mon.) – November 9 (Fri.)

- Host department: Department of Orthopedic Surgery, School of Medicine (Department of Emergency Medicine and the Department of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery for burn-related training)



## ■ Debrief session

Sapporo Medical University implements exchange programs including the International Medical Exchange Program (former Northern Region Medical Exchange Program), and holds an annual debrief session on international exchange activities to widely share the results of exchanges and studies by researchers who visit overseas universities and to help develop the university's education and research.

The university president as well as approximately 50 faculty members and students attended the session in the 2012 academic year.

- Period: January 23 (Wed.)
- Place: North 1 Lecture Room
- Reports:

Katsutoshi Tanno, Instructor; International Medical Exchange Program(University of Helsinki, University of Oulu)  
Kensei Nakata, Assistant Professor; International Medical Exchange Program(China Medical University)  
Visiting students; University of Alberta Language Study Program  
Visiting students; The clinical training program at The Catholic University of Korea  
Akio Takayanagi, Doctor; Sapporo Medical University Short-term Study Abroad Program(Yale University)  
Yoshino Sumi Assistant Professor; Sapporo Medical University Short-term Study Abroad Program(University of Turku, other universities)  
Shogo Yazawa, Instructor; International Medical Exchange Program(University of Helsinki)  
Masaki Katayose, Professor; International Medical Exchange Program(University of Alberta)  
Kimiharu Inui, Professor; International Medical Exchange Program(Jiamusi University)



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