

International Medical Exchange Newsletter

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Sapporo Medical University

THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROGRAM, UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA FOR UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS

Since 1999, Sapporo Medical University undergraduate students have been involved in the “English Language and Cultural Seminar.” In 2011, eight students participated in the program, which took place from August 2 to August 20.

During their stay, in addition to improving their English language skills, students learn about the medical system in Canada. Activities include English classes as well as emergency medicine, OT and PT tours. Students also experience home stays during their time in the program.



THE CLINICAL TRAINING EXCHANGE PROGRAM FOR UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS

Sapporo Medical University has clinical training programs with China Medical University and The Catholic University of Korea. Two students from each university participate on this program. Its objective is to achieve better knowledge and understanding of international perspectives in the Asian region.

1. *The clinical training program at China Medical University*

Itsumi Sato and Yohei Suzuki, fifth-year students in the School of Medicine, visited China Medical University from October 17 to 28, 2011 in order to obtain a greater understanding of the medical system in China.

From October 17 to 21, the two students participated in clinical training in the Department of Cardiovascular Surgery. From October 24 to 28, Ms. Sato studied in the Department of Thoracic Surgery and Department of Urological Surgery. During the same period, Mr. Suzuki studied in the Department of Nephrology and Endocrinology.



2. *The clinical training program at Sapporo Medical University*

Chen Jingyi and Guo Xiaoyu, fifth-year students in China Medical University's School of Medicine, studied at our university from February 6 to 17, 2012. They were interested in the medical system in Japan.

From February 6 to 10, the two students studied in the Department of Traumatology and Critical Care Medicine, and subsequently from February 13 to 17, they studied in the Department of Cardiovascular Surgery.



3. *The clinical training program at The Catholic University of Korea*

Park Jung Eun and Daichi Kato, fifth-year students in the School of Medicine, visited The Catholic University of Korea from October 31 to November 25, 2011 in order to study the medical system in Korea as well as obtain skills in medical English.

From October 31 to November 11, Ms. Park participated in clinical training in the Department of Radiology, and Mr. Kato studied in the Department of Cardiology. From November 14 through 25, both students were involved in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology.



4. *The clinical training program at Sapporo Medical University*

Kim Hae Won and Shin Kab Soo, sixth-year students in The Catholic University of Korea's School of Medicine, participated in clinical training at our university from March 5 to 30, 2012. They were interested in the medical system in Japan.

From March 5 to 16, the two students studied in the Second Department of Internal Medicine, and for the following two weeks they studied in the Third Department of Internal Medicine.



INTERNATIONAL SHORT-TERM STUDY PROGRAM FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS/RESEARCH (CLINICAL) FELLOWS

In 2008, Sapporo Medical University started a program supporting graduate students/research (clinical) fellows interested in studying in foreign countries.

This program's objective is to further develop the university's research and educational activities, and to expand students' global horizons as medical researchers. The program provides partial financial support toward the expenses required for this overseas short-term study (one or three months).

Dr. Yoshino Sumi visited Turku University in Finland from February 6 to March 31, 2012. During her stay, she studied child psychiatry.



INTERNATIONAL MEDICAL EXCHANGE FOR FACULTY MEMBERS AND RESEARCHERS

Sapporo Medical University has been actively promoting international mutual exchange programs with overseas universities. Sapporo Medical University has established programs with University of Alberta, University of Calgary, University of Massachusetts, China Medical University and Jiamusi University.

In addition to establishing exchanges with universities, Sapporo Medical University also has an exchange program with the Paulo Foundation (located in Finland).

Seven faculty members and researchers visited these institutions from April, 2011 to March, 2012. The visits were financially supported by the Department of International Affairs and Medical Exchanges.

1. Visits from Sapporo Medical University

NAME	TITLE	HOST UNIVERSITY	PERIOD
Dr. Mamoru Hase	Assistant Professor Department of Traumatology and Critical Care Medicine, School of Medicine	University of Calgary (Canada)	2011.8.15-2011.8.27
Dr. Sonomi Nakajima	Assistant Professor Department of PT, School of Health Sciences	University of Alberta (Canada)	2011.8.28-2011.9.17
Dr. Mari Sakaue	Associate Professor Department of PT, School of Health Sciences	Jiamusi University (China)	2011.9.5-2011.9.11
Dr. Katsutoshi Tanno	Assistant Professor Department of Traumatology and Critical Care Medicine, School of Medicine	University of Helsinki University of Oulu (Finland)	2012.2.27-2012.3.17
Dr. Kensei Nakata	Instructor Department of Radiology, School of Medicine	China Medical University (China)	2012.3.3-2012.3.16



2. Visits from foreign scholars

Visiting faculty members and researchers from universities abroad delivered lectures during their stays at our university, furthering mutual development in education and research.

NAME	TITLE	HOST DEPARTMENT	PERIOD	LECTURE TITLE
Dr. Markku Kuisma	Associate Professor in Emergency Medicine, University of Helsinki	Dept. of Traumatology and Critical Care Medicine, School of Medicine	2011.11.8-2011.12.14	Emergency Medical Service in Finland (2011.12.7)
Dr. Li Peillig	Associate chief physician in Radiological Department of the first Affiliated Hospital China Medical University	Dept. of Diagnostic Radiology, School of Medicine	2012.2.25-2012.3.10	Multislice CT diagnosis of congenital coronary abnormalities (2012.3.7)



TRAINING FOR JAPANESE DESCENDANTS

Sapporo Medical University has welcomed trainees of Japanese origin from South America at the request of the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) since 2007.

This year, we accepted Marcia Yumi Miyagawa, who studied in the Department of PT, School of Health Sciences, from May 17, 2011 to March 2, 2012. She graduated from her university in Brazil in 2008, and has been interested in Japanese PT education.

We have accepted three participants to date.



TRAINING PROGRAM FOR LECTURERS FROM FRENCH SPEAKING AFRICAN COUNTRIES

“Maternal and Child Health for French speaking African Countries” pertains to one of the Training and Dialogue Programs of JICA. Sapporo Medical University has been consigned this training program from JICA since 2007. This was offered to senior lecturers from French speaking African countries that are responsible for nurse and midwife training at universities or equivalent educational institutions.

Our university implemented this training program from October 3 to November 4, 2011, and we accepted eight participants.

We provided this training program at medical facilities, universities and public offices in Sapporo as well as Nakashibetsu and Betsukai in order to inform the participants about the educational system and training curriculum of nurses and midwives. We also introduced the present situation regarding maternal and child health (MCH) services in Japan.

The regions or countries of participants included Benin, Burkina Faso, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Mali, Mauritania, and Senegal.

Additionally, in 2012, Sapporo Medical University accepted the program of “Follow Up Cooperation for Maternal and Child Health for French speaking African Countries” at the request of JICA.

Professor Okumiya, Professor Shiromaru and Associate Professor Sugiyama from the Department of Nursing, School of Health Sciences, visited Burkina Faso from February 14 to 23, 2012.

The main object of this visit was to confirm the expected achievements of the “Maternal and Child Health for French Speaking African Countries” program and to inspect MCH in Africa. In this program, our faculty members had opportunities to :

- exchange information regarding the state of affairs with the trainees of the 2010 program.
- give a lecture about MCH in Japan.
- visit public offices in Tenkodogo.



SEMINAR REPORTS

Sapporo Medical University provides an annual seminar presented by faculty members, researchers, undergraduate students and graduate students/research (clinical) fellows who visited universities abroad. More than fifty faculty members and students attended the seminar held on January 26, 2012.

Reports were presented as follows:

NAME	ACTIVITY
Dr. Ayako Sumi	Medical Exchanges at the University of Helsinki
Participants	The English Language Program, University of Alberta
Ms. Itsumi Sato Mr. Yohei Suzuki	The clinical training program at China Medical University
Ms. Park Jung Eun Mr. Daichi Kato	The clinical training program at The Catholic University of Korea
Dr. Mamoru Hase	Medical Exchanges at the University of Calgary
Dr. Sonomi Nakajima	Medical Exchanges at the University of Alberta
Dr. Mari Sakaue	Medical Exchanges at Jiamusi University



PARTY FOR OVERSEAS VISITORS

Every year, Sapporo Medical University holds a party for international students and visiting researcher fellows. The university president and professors also attend this party.

Through communication in a relaxed atmosphere, both Japanese and international scholars are able to obtain deeper mutual understanding.

The 2012 party was held at the Sapporo Prince Hotel's International Convention Center ("PAMIR") on March 5.

The president of Sapporo Medical University invited four overseas students and three visiting researcher fellows to attend. The director of International Affairs and Medical Exchanges, the deans from the School of Medicine and School of Health Sciences, as well as Professor Matsuyama and Assistance Professor Hyodo were also in attendance.



INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGES BETWEEN SAPPORO MEDICAL UNIVERSITY AND THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF KOREA

Sapporo Medical University and The Catholic University of Korea School of Medicine signed a memorandum of understanding on May 11, 2011 in Seoul. This program is expected to promote mutual exchanges for students.



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