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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 2010, ten students participated in the program, which took place from August 1 to August 22.

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 pediatric medicine, OT and PT tours. Students also experience home stays during their time in the program.



THE CLINICAL TRAINING EXCHANGE PROGRAM FOR UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS BETWEEN SAPPORO MEDICAL UNIVERSITY AND CHINA MEDICAL UNIVERSITY

Since 2009, Sapporo Medical University and China Medical University have participated on a clinical training exchange program involving two students from each university. The object of this program is to achieve greater knowledge and understanding of international perspective in the Asian region.

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

Rikako Miyakawa and Hiroto Oshima, fifth-year students in the School of Medicine, visited China Medical University from September 6 to 17, 2010. After participating in General Medicine lectures, their interest in Chinese Medicine has increased and they hope to further study the medical system in China.

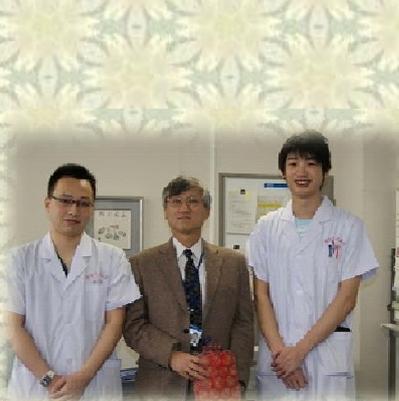
From September 6 to 10, the two students participated in clinical training in the Department of Endocrinology. Following this, from September 13 to 17, Ms. Miyakawa studied in the Department of Hematology and Mr. Oshima was involved in the Department of Nephrology.



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

Zhao Yang and Hou Guoyu, fifth-year students in China Medical University's School of Medicine, studied at our university from February 7 to 18, 2011. They are interested in the medical system in Japan.

From February 7 to 10, Zhao Yang studied in the Department of Otolaryngology and Hou Guoyu trained in the Department of Internal Medicine(1). From February 14 to 18, both students studied in the Department of Traumatology and Critical Care 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 student's global horizons as medical researchers. The program provides some amount of financial support toward the expenses required for this overseas short-term study (one or three months).

Dr. Tomohiro Shirasaka visited the Department of Psychiatry in the University of Connecticut's School of Medicine from November 1 to 30, 2010. During his time there, he studied about the neuropsychiatric aspects of alcohol-related disorders.



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 mutual medical exchange programs with the Paulo Foundation (Finland), University of Alberta, University of Calgary, University of Massachusetts, China Medical University and Jiamusi University.

Seven faculty members and researchers visited these institutions from April, 2010 to March, 2011. 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. Takeshi Sasaki	Instructor Department of PT, School of Health Sciences	Jiamusi University (China)	2010. 8.28 - 2010. 9.12
Dr. Yuji Nakamura	Instructor Department of OT, School of Health Sciences	University of Alberta (Canada)	2010. 8.29 - 2010. 9.18
Dr. Naoya Yama	Instructor Department of Radiology, School of Medicine	China Medical University (China)	2010.10.10 - 2010.10.23
Dr. Ayako Sumi	Assistant Professor Department of Hygiene, School of Medicine	University of Helsinki (Finland)	2011. 2.28 - 2011. 3.22



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. Li Haihua	Associate Professor Department of Rehabilitation, Jiamusi University	Dept. of PT, School of Health Sciences	2010.11.10 - 2010.12. 8	The current state about educational rehabilitation and children's rehabilitation in China (2010.12. 2)
Dr. Ylermi Soini	Professor Department of Pathology and Forensic Medicine, University of Eastern Finland	Dept. of Pathology (1), School of Medicine	2010.11.29 - 2011. 1. 8	Claudins in lung tissue and lung neoplasms (2010.12.21)
Dr. Wang Zanfeng	Assistant Professor Department of Respiratory Medicine of the first Affiliated Hospital of China Medical University	Dept. of Internal Medicine(3), School of Medicine	2011. 2. 6 - 2011. 2. 20	The experience about diagnosis and treatment of severe novel influenza (H1N1) (2011.2.15)



MEDICAL EXCHANGE WITH SAKHALIN STATE, RUSSIAN FEDERATION

Dr. Deryabin, from the Hospital of Sakhalin State, Russian Federation, visited Sapporo Medical University Hospital in 2010 at the invitation of the Fund of Hokkaido Far East Charitable Trust Medical Exchange.

Visits from scholars from Sakhalin stem from a 1990 incident involving a boy named Konstantin. Suffering from a serious burn injury, Konstantin was transported from Sakhalin to our hospital for an emergency operation. Fortunately, he was able to make an almost complete recovery. On this occasion, many people in Japan donated money necessary for treating Konstantin. This was the origin of the fund which exists today—known as the Kosucha Fund—and is used to support medical exchanges between Hokkaido and Sakhalin. The exchanges supported by this fund commenced in 1992, and Dr. Deryabin was the 17th visitor to date from Sakhalin. His itinerary during his visit was as follows:

May 31-June 4: Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery
June 7: Department of Traumatology and Critical Care Medicine
June 8-11: Department of Dermatology



TRAINING PROGRAM FOR FRENCH SPEAKING AFRICAN COUNTRIES

“Maternal and Child Health for French speaking African Countries” pertains to one of the Training and Dialogue Programs of the Japan International Cooperation Agency(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 4 to November 5, 2010, and we accepted nine 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 of maternal and child health services in Japan.

The regions or countries of participants included Benin, Burkina Faso, Republic of Chad, Cote d’Ivoire, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Mali, Mauritania, Senegal and Republic of Haiti.



SEMINAR REPORTS

Sapporo Medical University has heard seminar reports from faculty members, researchers, undergraduate students, and graduate students/research (clinical) fellows who visited overseas universities. More than fifty faculty members and students attended these seminars on January 27, 2011.

Reports were presented as follows:

NAME	ACTIVITY
Prof. Yasufumi Asai	Northern Region Medical Exchange Program at China Medical University
Ms. Hikari Saito Ms. Tomoyo Shinkawa	The English Language Program, University of Alberta
Ms. Rikako Miyakawa Mr. Hiroto Oshima	The Clinical Training Exchange Program at China Medical University
Dr. Tomohiro Shirasaka	International Short-term Study Program at the University of Connecticut
Dr. Takeshi Sasaki	International Medical Exchange at Jiamusi University
Dr. Yuji Nakamura	International Medical Exchange at the University of Alberta
Dr. Naoya Yama	International Medical Exchange at China Medical 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 2011 party was held at the Sapporo Prince Hotel's International Convention Center ("PAMIR") on March 8. The president of Sapporo Medical University invited three overseas students and three visiting researcher fellows to attend. The director of International Affairs and Medical Exchanges, the dean of the School of Health Sciences, as well as Professors Mori, Saito and Matsuyama were also in attendance.



INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGES FOR SCHOOL OF HEALTH SCIENCES

The School of Health Sciences, Sapporo Medical University, and the Faculty of Health and Social Sciences, Hong Kong Polytechnic University, signed a memorandum of understanding on February 18, 2011 in Hong Kong. Both faculties will promote mutual collaboration in the area of education and research in the future.

