

International Medical Exchange Newsletter

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Sapporo Medical University

■ Language study

12 students (School of Medicine: 10; School of Health Science: 2) participated in a language study program at the University of Alberta (Canada), with which Sapporo Medical University has an exchange agreement. During this time, the students' language abilities improved thanks to the language study program and the homestay program offered by the University of Alberta. They also learned about Canada's medical system on tours of the university's Department of Occupational Therapy and Department of Physical Therapy, a simulation facility at the Faculty of Nursing, and other facilities.

- Dispatch period: August 3 (Sun.) – 24 (Sun.)
- Study period: August 5 (Tue.) – 22 (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 to China Medical University

Shinsaku Saitou and Nagomi Itou, fifth-year students at Sapporo Medical University's School of Medicine with an interest in clinical training in China, also hoped to learn clinical medicine in English. They thus received clinical training at China Medical University.

- October 20 (Mon.) – 24 (Fri.): Department of Nephrology and Endocrinology (Saitou); Department of Cardiovascular Surgery (Itou)
- October 27 (Mon.) – October 31 (Fri.): Department of Oncology (Saitou); Department of Neurosurgery (Itou)



2. Students from China Medical University

Wang Li and Nie Xin, 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 26 (Mon.) – 30 (Fri.): Department of Medical Oncology and Hematology, School of Medicine (Wang, Nie)
- February 2 (Mon.) – 6 (Fri.): Department of General Surgery, Surgical Oncology and Science, School of Medicine (Wang, Nie)



3. Students to the Catholic University of Korea

Tomoyo Shinkawa and Kazuki Watarai, 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 3 (Mon.) – 14 (Fri.): Department of Cardiovascular (Sinkawa, Watarai)
- November 17 (Mon.) – 28 (Fri.): Department of Laboratory Medicine (Sinkawa); Department of Surgery (Watarai)



4. Students from the Catholic University of Korea

Yeon Su Yeon and Jun Eun Hwa, 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.

- February 16 (Mon.) – 27 (Fri.): School of Medicine's Department of Cardiovascular, Renal and Metabolic Medicines (Yeon, Jun)
- March 2 (Mon.) – 13 (Fri.): School of Medicine's Department of Dermatology (Yeon, Jun)



■ 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 2014 academic year, four researchers visited four of these foreign institutions and three researchers from three of these institutions visited our university.

1. Visits from Sapporo Medical University

1) Paulo Foundation (University of Turku)

- Researcher: Masamitsu Hatakeyama, Professor, Department of Diagnostic Radiology, School of Medicine

- Period: August 15 (Fri.) – 29 (Fri.)

2) School of Rehabilitation Medicine, Jiamusi University

- Researcher: Naoki Kozuka, Professor, Department of Physical Therapy, School of Health Sciences

- Period: August 17 (Sun.) – 30 (Sat.)

3) Faculty of Medicine, University of Massachusetts

- Researcher: Miyanishi kouji, Assistant Professor, Department of Medical Oncology and Hematology, School of Medicine

- Period: September 8 (Sun.) – 19 (Thu.)

4) Faculty of Rehabilitation Medicine, University of Alberta

- Researcher: Takeshi Asari, Instructor, Department of Nursing, School of Health Sciences

- Period: February 8 (Sun.) – 22 (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) China Medical University

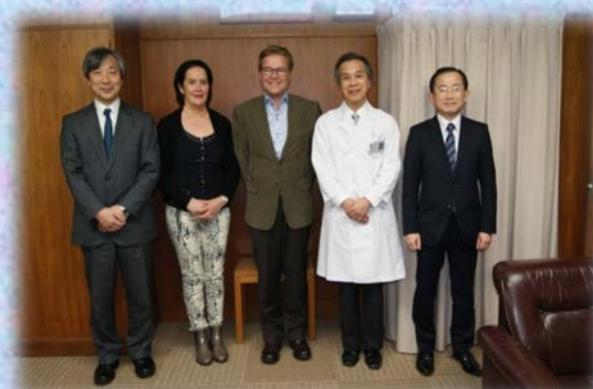
- Researcher: Song He, Doctor, Department of General Surgery, China Medical University First Affiliated Hospital
- Host department: Department of General Surgery, Surgical Oncology and Science School of Medicine
- Period: October 5 (Sun.) – 18 (Sat.)
- Seminar: Introduction to standardized training of Chinese resident doctor (October 14 (Tue.))

2) Jiamusi University

- Researcher: Tan Liping, Lecture, Department of rehabilitation medicine, Jiamusi University
- Host department: First Division of physical Therapy, School of Health Sciences
- Period: November 24 (Mon.) – December 23 (Tue.)
- Seminar: Rehabilitation-related Research Exchanges between Jiamusi University and Sapporo Medical University (December 17 (Wed.))

3) Paulo Foundation (University of Helsinki)

- Researcher: Pkka Juhani Nieminen, Associate Professor, University of Helsinki
- Host department: Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, School of Medicine
- Period: January 5 (Mon.) – February 1 (Sun.)
- Seminar: Will HPV disease burden vanish with HPV vaccination-globally, locally? (January 20 (Tue.))



■ Training for people of Japanese origin

Sapporo Medical University has hosted five 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 2014 academic year, the university was entrusted by the Association of Nikkei & Japanese Abroad to host Sayuri Yamamoto (Paraguay) as a JICA trainee of Japanese origin for ten months from May 20 to March 6. During her time at the Department of Physical Therapy of the School of Health Sciences, Ms. Yamaguchi engaged in physical therapy research with focus on children and elderly people.



■ 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. Rozkhov from Yuzhno-Sakhalinsk Municipal Ankudinova Memorial Hospital in the Russian Federation received training at Sapporo Medical University Hospital.

The Public Trust Hokkaido-Russia 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 20 exchanges up to the end of academic 2014.

- Period: January 26 (Mon.) – February 6 (Fri.)

- Host department: Department of General Surgery, Surgical Oncology and Science, school of Medicine.



■ 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 2014 academic year.

- Period: January 19 (Mon.)

- Place: North 1 Lecture Room

- Reports:

- Erika Iwamoto, Instructor; International Medical Exchange Program (University of Alberta)

- Masamitsu Htakenaka, Professor; Medical Exchange Program (University of Turku)

- Naoki Kozuka, Professor; International Medical Exchange Program (Jiamusi University)

- Kouji Miyanishi, Assistant professor; International Medical Exchange Program (University of Massachusetts)

- Visiting students; University of Alberta Language Study Program

- Visiting students; The clinical training program at China Medical University

- Visiting students; The clinical training program at The Catholic University of Korea



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