

International Medical Exchange Newsletter

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Sapporo Medical University

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by Department of International Affairs and Medical Exchanges

■ Language study

5 students (3 from the School of Medicine and 2 from the School of Health Sciences) participated in a language training program at the University of Alberta, Canada, in August, 2024. The program enabled them to improve their English language skills and provided opportunities to meet and interact with students attending the University of Alberta.

- Dispatch period: August 4th (Sun.) – August 25th (Sun.), 2024
- Training period: August 6th (Tue.) – August 23rd (Fri.), 2024



■ Medical exchange program for faculty members and researchers

Sapporo Medical University has concluded agreements with the Paulo Foundation (Finland), University of Alberta (Canada), China Medical University, University of Massachusetts (US), Jiamusi University (China) to promote mutual medical exchanges among researchers. In the 2024 academic year, 4 researchers visited 4 of these foreign institutions and 1 researcher visited our university.

1. Visits from Sapporo Medical University

1) Paulo Foundation (University of Helsinki)

- Researcher: Shuhei Miura, Assistant Professor, Department of Cardiovascular Surgery, School of Medicine
- Period: August 31st (Sat.) – September 30th (Mon.), 2024

2) University of Massachusetts

- Researcher: Hirotoishi Mizuno, Assistant, Department of Emergency Medicine, School of Medicine
- Period: October 15th (Sun.) – October 25th (Fri.), 2024

3) China Medical University

- Researcher: Rei Enatsu, instructor, Department of Neurosurgery, School of Medicine
- Period: March 2nd (Sun.) – March 8th (Sat.), 2025

4) Jiamusi University

- Researcher: Hiroki Abe, Teaching Assistant, Department of Second Division of Nursing, School of Health Sciences
- Period: November 26th (Sat.) – December 21st (Sun.), 2024

2. Visits from foreign institutions

1) Paulo Foundation (Helsinki University)

- Researcher: Minna Pöyhönen , Professor
- Host department: Department of Medical Genetics, Molecular Biology, Medical Genome Sciences, School of Medicine
- Period: March 18th (Mon.) – May 17th (Fri.), 2024



■ Training for people of Japanese origin

On May 21st, 2024, Ms. Tamashiro Yumi Micaela, from Bolivia paid a courtesy visit to President Toshihiko Yamashita. She had begun studying in the department of Physical Therapy in the School of Health Sciences under the JICA Japanese American Training Program.

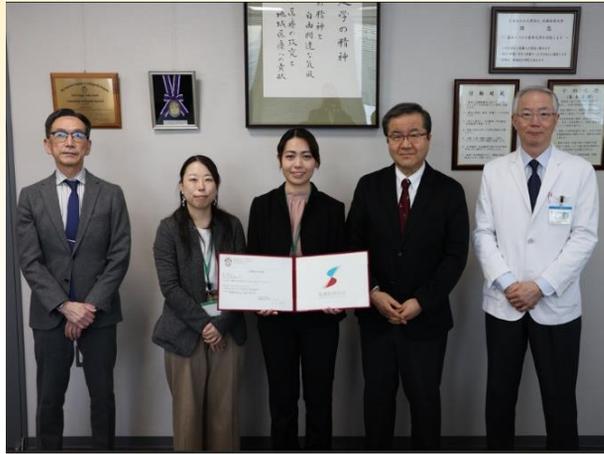
- Internship period: May 21st (Tue.) – January 16th (Thu.), 2025



On January 9th, 2025, both visiting scholar gave a talk about her experiences and achievements while studying at Sapporo Medical University. The talk was held in the Interprofessional Education and Research Building at our university.



On January 14th, 2025, Ms. Tamashiro Yumi Micaela paid another courtesy visit to President Yamashita to report the completion of her studies.



Meeting with the President of Palau to Promote International Exchange

On July 18th, 2024, we had the opportunity to meet with President Surangel Whipps Jr. of the Republic of Palau, who visited Japan to attend the 10th Pacific Islands Leaders Meeting (PALM10) held in Tokyo. President Toshihiko Yamashita and Professor Yoshihisa Tsuji from our university attended, as well as members of the Hokkaido Prefectural Assembly and Palau government officials.

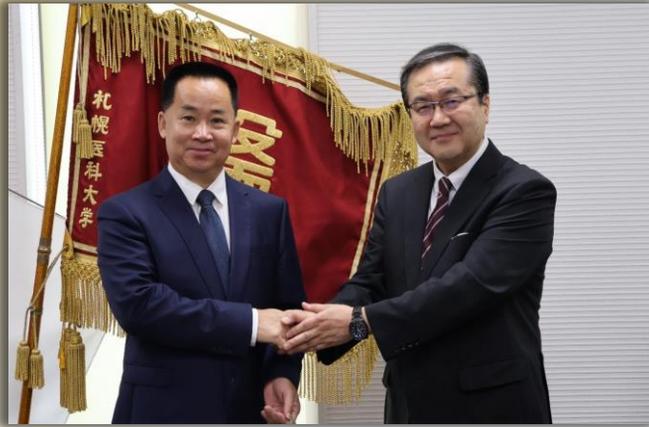
During the meeting, we discussed the possibility of exchanges between our university and Palau.



■ Visit to our university by Jiamusi University

On September 10th, 2024, four representatives included Wu Rui, Party Secretary from Jiamusi University in China, with which our university has an international exchange agreement, visited our university. They paid a courtesy visit to President Toshihiko Yamashita.

•Period : September 9th (Mon.) – September 12th (Thu), 2024



■ Signing of a Memorandum of Understanding with China Medical University in Taiwan

On March 17th, 2025, a signing ceremony of the memorandum of understanding regarding student exchange was held at China Medical University in Taiwan, attended by Tsuyoshi Saito, Dean of the Faculty of Medicine and Michiaki Yamakage, Director of International Affairs from our university, as well as Chon-Haw Tsai, Dean of the Faculty of Medicine and Chingju Lin, Deputy Director of the International Affairs Office from China Medical University.



■ Debriefing

Sapporo Medical University implements exchange programs including the International 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. President as well as 47 faculty members and students attended the session in the 2024 academic year.

▪ Period:

January 23rd (Thu.), 2024

▪ Place:

Education and Research Building C202

▪ Reports:

Masayuki Akatsuka, Assistant Professor; International Medical Exchange Program (Korea University)

Shuhei Miura, Assistant Professor; International Medical Exchange Program (University of Helsinki)

Hirotohi Mizuno, Assistant Professor; International Medical Exchange Program (University of Massachusetts)

Hiroki Abe, Teaching Assistant; International Medical Exchange Program (Jiamusi University)

Tsugumi Sawa; Visiting students (University of Alberta Language Study Program)



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