

International Medical Exchange Newsletter

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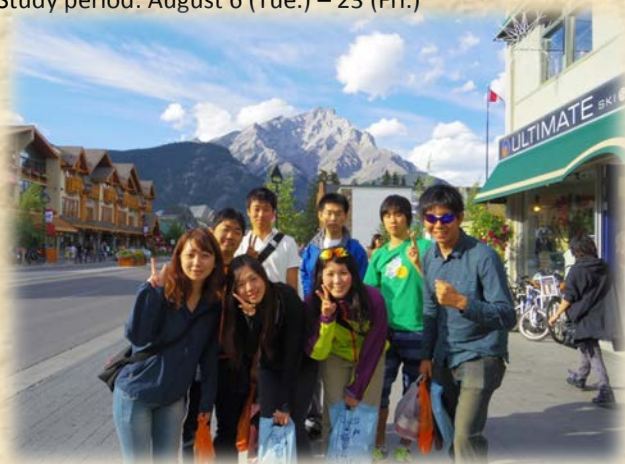
■ Language study

Eight students (School of Medicine: 4; School of Health Science: 4) 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, the University of Alberta Hospital and other facilities.

• Dispatch period: August 4 (Sun.) – 25 (Sun.)

• Study period: August 6 (Tue.) – 23 (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

Yusuke Nishimura and Takahiro Mori, 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.

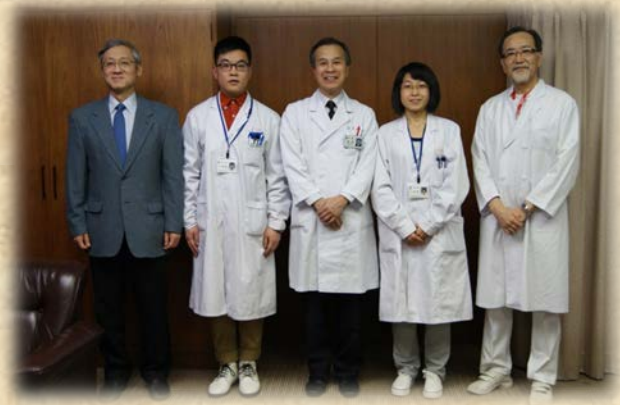
- October 21 (Mon.) – 25 (Fri.): Department of Medical Oncology (Nishimura, Mori)
- October 28 (Mon.) – November 1 (Fri.): Department of Gastroenterology (Nishimura); Department of Neurology (Mori)



2. Students from China Medical University

Ma Bin and Li dong, 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 27 (Mon.) – 31 (Fri.): Department of Medical Oncology and Hematology, School of Medicine (Ma, Li)
- February 3 (Mon.) – 7 (Fri.): Department of General Surgery, Surgical Oncology and Science, School of Medicine (Ma, Li)



3. Students to the Catholic University of Korea

Reika Aoyama and Syutaro Oiwa, 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 4 (Mon.) – 15 (Fri.): Department of Cardiovascular Internal medicine (Aoyama,Oiwa)
- November 18 (Mon.) – 29 (Fri.): Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology (Aoyama); Department of General Surgery (Oiwa)



4. Students from the Catholic University of Korea

Kim Joo Yeon and Chung Hyun Sup, 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 17 (Mon.) – 28 (Fri.): School of Medicine's Department of Cardiovascular, Renal and Metabolic Medicines(Kim,Chung)
- March 3 (Mon.) – 14 (Fri.): School of Medicine's Department of Respiratory Medicine and Allergology (Kim, Chung)



■ 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 2013 academic year, Dr. Mayuko Uehara, a graduate student at the Department of Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery, studied at Calgary University in Canada. While there, she engaged in ongoing research on the use of transit-time flow measurement (TTFM), related evaluation and other subjects.

• November 27 (Wed.) – February 9 (Sun.): Calgary 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 2013 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) School of Rehabilitation Medicine, Jiamusi University

- Researcher: Hisaaki Ota, Professor, Department of Occupational Therapy, School of Health Sciences
- Period: August 25 (Sun.) – 31 (Sat.)

2) Faculty of Medicine, University of Massachusetts

- Researcher: Naofumi Bunya, Instructor, Department of Emergency Medicine, School of Medicine
- Period: September 8 (Sun.) – 19 (Thu.)

3) Faculty of Rehabilitation Medicine, University of Alberta

- Researcher: Erika Iwamoto, Instructor, Department of Physical Therapy, School of Health Sciences
- Period: February 3 (Mon.) – 24 (Sun.)

4) Paulo Foundation (University of Helsinki)

- Researcher: Katsutoshi Tanno, Assistant Professor, Department of Emergency Medicine, School of Medicine
- Period: February 11 (Tue.) – February 22 (Sat.)



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: Chen Yan, Doctor, Department of Neurology, China Medical University First Affiliated Hospital
- Host department: Department of Neurology, School of Medicine
- Period: August 18 (Sun.) – 31 (Sat.)
- Seminar: Studies in sporadic nocturnal frontal lobe epilepsy and autosomal dominant nocturnal frontal lobe epilepsy in China (August 20 (Tue.))

2) Jiamusi University

- Researcher: Lu Zhihai, Lecture, Department of rehabilitation medicine, Jiamusi University
- Host department: First Division of physical Therapy, School of Health Sciences
- Period: November 1 (Fri.) – November 30 (Sat.)
- Seminar: Report on Rehabilitation Training at Sapporo Medical University – Comparison with Education and Research at Jiamusi University (November 25 (Mon.))

3) Paulo Foundation (University of Turku)

- Researcher: Hannu Juhani Aronen, Professor, University of Turku
- Host department: Department of Diagnostic Radiology, School of Medicine
- Period: March 15 (Sat.) – March 29 (Sat.)
- Seminar: MRI of the prostate cancer (March 26 (Wed.))



■ Training for people of Japanese origin

Sapporo Medical University has hosted four 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 2013 academic year, the university was entrusted by the Association of Nikkei & Japanese Abroad to host Maki Yamaguchi (Bolivia) as a JICA trainee of Japanese origin for ten months from May 17 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.

■ 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 2013 academic year marked its 7th year.

The 7th-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: September 30 (Mon.) – November 8 (Fri.)

• Participating countries: 5 French-speaking African countries: 8 people (Cote d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Guinea, Niger, Mauritania)



■ Trainee from Sakhalin Oblast, Russia

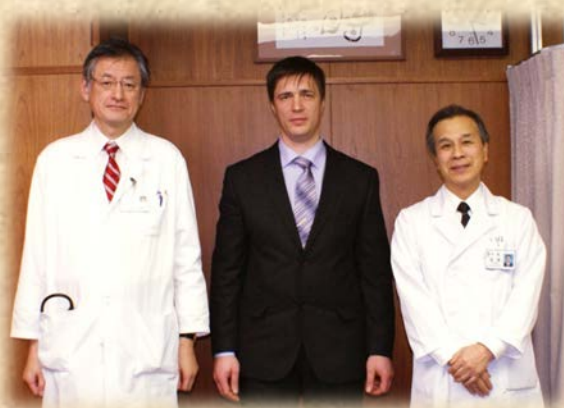
As part of the Public Trust Hokkaido-Russian Far East Medical Exchange Foundation's Sakhalin Oblast Doctor-Training Program, Dr. Temnikov from Tymovsk Central District Hospital in the Russian Federation received training at Sapporo Medical University Hospital.

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 19 exchanges up to the end of academic 2013.

• Period: January 27 (Mon.) – February 7 (Fri.)

• Host department: Department of Emergency Medicine, Department of Urology, Department of Orthopaedic Surgery



■ 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 2013 academic year.

- Period: February 25 (Tue.)

- Place: Sapporo Medical University Memorial Hall

- Reports:

 - Toshiaki Tanaka, Instructor; International Medical Exchange Program (University of Alberta)

 - Hisaaki Ota, Professor; International Medical Exchange Program (Jiamusi University)

 - Naofumi Bunya, Instructor; International Medical Exchange Program (University of Massachusetts)

 - Visiting students; University of Alberta Language Study Program

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

 - Mayuko Uehara, Doctor; Sapporo Medical University Short-term Study Abroad Program (Calgary University)



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