

# International Medical Exchange Newsletter

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## Sapporo Medical University

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### ■ 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 2 (Sun.) – 23 (Sun.)
- Study period: August 4 (Tue.) – 21 (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

Shunta Takahashi and Takashige Tsuji, 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 26 (Mon.) – 30 (Fri.): Department of Cardiovascular Surgery (Takahashi); Department of Endocrinology (Tsuji)
- November 2 (Mon.) – 6 (Fri.): Department of Surgical Oncology (Takahashi); Department of Gastroenterology (Tsuji)



### 2. Students from China Medical University

Wang Yining and Qin Meng, 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 18 (Mon.) – 22 (Fri.): Department of Medical Oncology and Hematology, School of Medicine (Wang, Qin)
- January 25 (Mon.) – 29 (Fri.): Department of Dermatology, School of Medicine (Wang); Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, School of Medicine (Qin)





### 3. Students to the Catholic University of Korea

Mayu Ebiya and Mami Nagato, 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 9 (Mon.) – 20 (Fri.): Department of Radiology(Ebiya); Department of Cardiovascular (Nagato)
- November 23 (Mon.) – December 4 (Fri.): Department of Plastic Surgery (Ebiya); Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology(Nagato)



### 4. Students from the Catholic University of Korea

Kang Min-suk, 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 22 (Mon.) – 26 (Fri.): Department of Surgery, Surgical Oncology and Science, School of Medicine
- February 29 (Mon.) – March 11 (Fri.): Department of Respiratory Medicine and Allergology, School of Medicine
- March 14 (Mon.) – 18 (Fri.): Department of Rehabilitation, School of Medicine





## ■ 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 2015 academic year, Yuki Goto, a first-year student in the Doctoral Program for Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy at Sapporo Medical University's Graduate School of Health Sciences, received practical training in occupational therapy at the University of Alberta and Glenrose Rehabilitation Hospital, both in Canada. During the program, she also studied such topics as applications of virtual reality systems in rehabilitation.



## ■ 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 2015 academic year, five researchers visited four of these foreign institutions and two researchers from two of these institutions visited our university.

### 1. Visits from Sapporo Medical University

#### 1) Paulo Foundation (University of Helsinki)

- Researcher: Kota Watanabe, Professor, Department of Physical Therapy, School of Health Sciences
- Period: August 24 (Mon.) – September 21 (Mon.)

#### 2) School of Rehabilitation Medicine, Jiamusi University

- Researcher: Toru Neki, Instructor, Department of Physical Therapy, School of Health Sciences
- Period: August 22 (Sat.) – 29 (Sat.)

#### 3) Faculty of Rehabilitation Medicine, University of Alberta

- Researcher: Naoki Kozuka, Professor, Department of Physical Therapy, School of Health Sciences
- Period: September 12 (Sat.) – 21 (Mon.)
- Researcher: Masaki Katayose, Professor, Department of Physical Therapy, School of Health Sciences
- Period: September 12 (Sat.) – 18 (Fri.)

#### 4) Faculty of Medicine, University of Massachusetts

- Researcher: Yoichi Katayama, Instructor, Department of Intensive Care Medicine, School of Medicine
- Period: October 25 (Sun.) – November 5 (Thu.)





## 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: Yang Yang, Doctor, Department of Obstetrics, China Medical University First Affiliated Hospital
- Host department: Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, School of Medicine
- Period: September 5 (Sat.) – 18 (Fri.)
- Seminar: Introduction of the Department of Obstetrics, The First Affiliated Hospital of China Medical University (September 14 (Mon.))



### 2) Paulo Foundation (Helsinki University Hospital)

- Researcher: Timo Sakari Atula, Specialist in Otorhinolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery, Associate Professor, Helsinki University Hospital
- Host department: Department of Otolaryngology, School of Medicine
- Period: March 2 (Wed.) – 28 (Mon.)
- Seminar: Changing trends in the management of Otorhinolaryngological patients in Northern Europe-special reference to head and neck cancer patients and Helsinki experience (March 14 (Mon.))





## ■ Training for people of Japanese origin

Sapporo Medical University has hosted six 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 2015 academic year, the university was entrusted by the Association of Nikkei & Japanese Abroad to host Mie Asato (Bolivia) as a JICA trainee of Japanese origin for ten months from May 18 to March 4. During her time at the Department of Physical Therapy of the School of Health Sciences, Ms. Asato 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 2015 academic year marked its 8th year.

The 8th-year training program was conducted at medical facilities, universities and public offices in Sapporo as well as Kitami 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: October 5 (Mon.) – November 13 (Fri.)
- Participating countries: 5 French-speaking African countries: 8 people (Cote d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Mauritania, Niger, Senegal)





## ■ 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. Dmitrii Traian from Sakhalin Oblast Hospital in the Russian Federation, Dr. Kim Pun Sen from Yuzhno-Sakhalinsk Municipal Ankudinova Memorial 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 21 exchanges up to the end of academic 2015.

• Period: February 1 (Mon.) – 12 (Fri.)

• Host department:

Dr. Traian(February 8-12); Department of Neurosurgery, Department of Neurology, Department of Rehabilitation, Department of Systems Neuroscience, Department of Neural Regenerative Medicine, School of Medicine

Dr. Kim(February 1-9); Department of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery, Department of Emergency Medicine, School of Medicine



## ■ Delegates from a medical exchange program partner institution

A delegation headed by Qiu Hongbin, President of Jiamusi University, visited Sapporo Medical University on December 15. Jiamusi University, located in the City of Jiamusi in China's Heilongjiang Province, is involved in an exchange agreement with Sapporo Medical University.

The delegates discussed researcher exchanges and other collaborations with the then Sapporo Medical University President Kazuaki Shimamoto, and then toured the Rehabilitation Training Facility.





## ■ 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 60 faculty members and students attended the session in the 2015 academic year.

• Period: January 18 (Mon.)

• Place: North 1 Lecture Room

• Reports:

Tsuyoshi Asari, Instructor; International Medical Exchange Program (University of Alberta)

Kota Watanabe, Professor; Medical Exchange Program (University of Helsinki)

Naoki Kozuka, Professor and Masaki Katayose, Professor; International Medical Exchange Program (University of Alberta)

Toru Neki, Instructor; International Medical Exchange Program (Jiamusi University)

Yoichi Katayama, Instructor; International Medical Exchange Program (University of Massachusetts)

Yukie Goto, Graduate student; Sapporo Medical University Short-term Study Abroad Program (University of Alberta)

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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