

International Medical Exchange Newsletter

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Sapporo Medical University

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■ Language study

12 students (School of Medicine: 11; School of Health Sciences: 1) participated in a language study program at 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 University of Alberta. They also learned about Canada's medical system through tours of Department of Physical Therapy, Department of Occupational Therapy and a simulation facility at Department of Nursing and other facilities.

- Dispatch period: August 6 (Sat.) – 27 (Sat.)
- Study period: August 8 (Mon.) – 25 (Thu.)



■ 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

Kanatsu Ono and Ena Kawasaki, 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.

- November 21 (Mon.) – 25 (Fri.): Department of Oncology Internal Medicine(Ono); Department of Neurology(Kawasaki)
- November 28 (Mon.) – December 2 (Fri.): Department of Neurology and Breast Surgery(Ono); Department of Endocrine Division (Kawasaki)



2. Students from China Medical University

Li Ziwei and Yu Wantong, fifth-year students at China Medical University's School of Medicine with an interest in medicine in Japan, received clinical training at our university.

- February 6 (Mon.) – 10 (Fri.): Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, School of Medicine (Li); Department of Paediatrics, School of Medicine(Yu)
- February 13 (Mon.) – 17 (Fri.): Department of Cardiovascular Surgery, School of Medicine (Li); Department of Anesthesiology, School of Medicine (Yu)



3. Students to the Catholic University of Korea

Kazumasa Yamamoto and Kazuki Takahashi, 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 21 (Mon.) – December 2 (Fri.): Department of Cardiovascular medicine(Yamamoto,Takahashi)
- December 5 (Mon.) – December 16 (Fri.): Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology (Yamamoto); Department of Neurology(Takahashi)



4. Students from the Catholic University of Korea

Kim Youngmin and Lee Eunji, 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 20 (Mon.) – March 3 (Fri.): Department of Oncology, School of Medicine
- March 6 (Mon.) – March 10 (Fri.): Department of Gastroenterology, School of Medicine
- March 13 (Mon.) – 17 (Fri.): Department of Anesthesiology, 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 carried out since the 2008 academic year a program supporting graduate students/research (clinical) fellows who study overseas for a short period of time.

In the 2016 academic year, Koji Ichihara, a fourth-year student in the Doctoral Program for Medicine at Sapporo Medical University's Graduate School of Medicine, received practical training in medicine at the kamol Hospital, in Thailand. During the program, he studied such topics as female to male GID(gender identity disorder) and male to female GID.

• Period: January 19 (Thu.) – 29 (Sun.)



■ 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 2016 academic year, three researchers visited two of these foreign institutions and two researchers from two of these institutions visited our university.

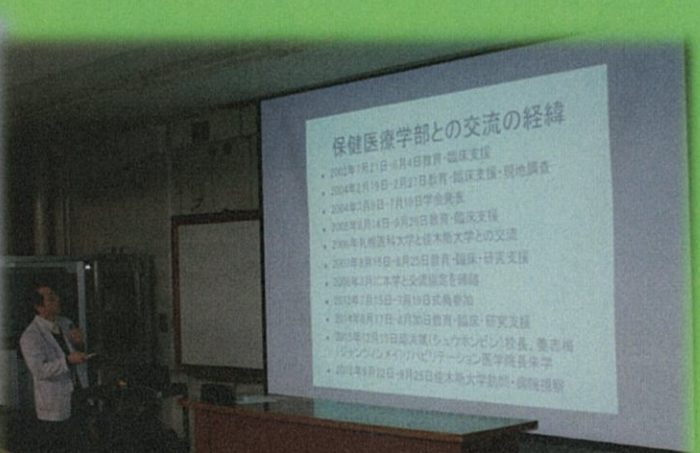
1. Visits from Sapporo Medical University

1) Paulo Foundation (East Finland University)

- Researcher: Hiroshi Takazawa, Assistant Professor, Department of Pathology, School of Medicine
- Period: August 21 (Sun.) – October 22 (Sat.)

2) School of Rehabilitation Medicine, Jiamusi University

- Researcher: Junichi Yoshino, Professor, Department of First Division of Nursing, School of Health Sciences
- Researcher: Naoki Kozuka, Professor, Department of First Division of Physical Therapy, School of Health Sciences
- Period: September 21 (Wed.) – 25 (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) Paulo Foundation(Helsinki University)

- Researcher: Mirja Puolakkainen, Associate Professor, Helsinki University
- Host department: Department of Microbiology, School of Medicine
- Period: January 26 (Thu.) – March 3 (Fri.)
- Seminar: Chlamydiae and Chlamydia - like organisms in Finland(February 13(Mon.))



2) China Medical University

- Researcher: Jam Julin, Professor, China Medical University First Affiliated Hospital
- Host department: Department of Surgery, Surgical Oncology and Science, School of Medicine
- Period: March 5 (Sun.) – 18 (Sat.)
- Seminar: Single Center Experience of Surgical Treatment for Hilar Cholangiocarcinoma (March 16 (Thu.))



■ 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 2016 academic year, the university was entrusted by the Association of Nikkei & Japanese Abroad to host Valter Tanaka (Brazil) and Laira Uemura (Brazil) as a JICA trainee of Japanese origin for ten months from May 23 to March 3. During his time at the Department of Physical Therapy of the School of Health Sciences, Mr. Tanaka engaged in research about sports rehabilitation and during her time at the Department of Occupational Therapy of the school of Health Sciences, Ms. Uemura engaged in research about research with focus on children and elderly people.



■ Exchange project from Sakhalin Oblast, Russia (The public Trust Hokkaido-Russian Far East Medical Exchange Foundation (Kosucha Fund))

Hokkaido University Hospital, Sapporo Medical University Hospital, Sakhalin Oblast Hospital and Sakhalin Oblast Dispensary jointly held by the Public Trust Hokkaido-Russian Far East Medical Exchange Foundation (Kosucha Fond) on October 28 (Fri.).

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.



■ Debrief session

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.

The university president as well as approximately 70 faculty members and students attended the session in the 2016 academic year.

• Period: January 30 (Mon.)

• Place: North 1 Lecture Room

• Reports:

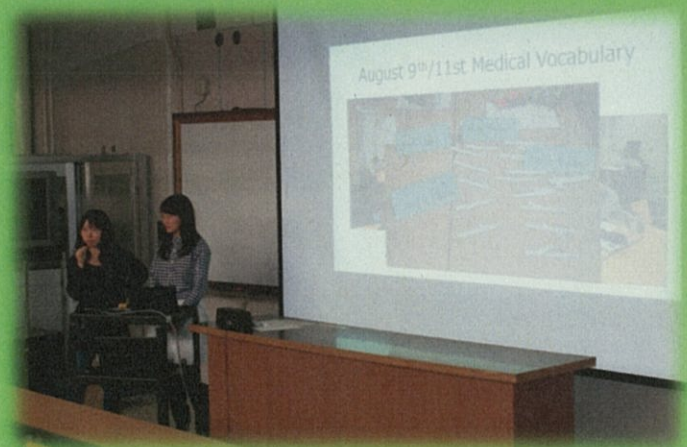
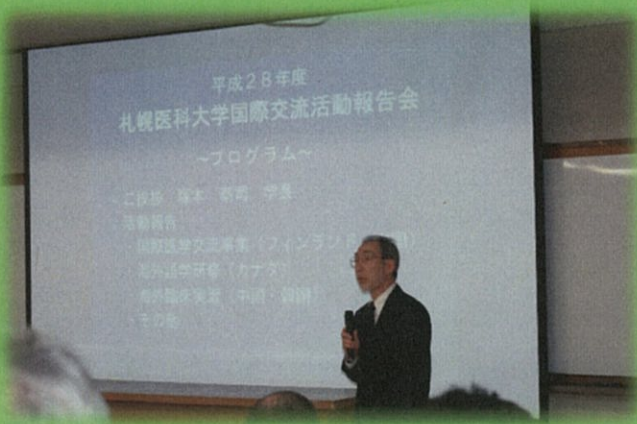
Junichi Yoshino, Professor; International Medical Exchange Program (Jiamusi University)

Hiroshi Takazawa, Assistant Professor; International Medical Exchange Program (East Finland University)

Kanatsu Ono and Ena Kawasaki; Visiting students (The clinical training program at China Medical University)

Kazumasa Yamamoto and Kazuki Takahashi; Visiting students (The clinical training program at The Catholic University of Korea)

Mio Sasaki and Eriko Sugiyama; Visiting students (The University of Alberta Language Study Program)



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