

International Medical Exchange Newsletter

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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 (Sun.) – 27 (Sun.)

•Study period: August 8 (Tue.) – 25 (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

Takehiro Yamamoto and Michiko Fukasawa, 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 20 (Mon.) – 24 (Fri.): Department of Oncology Internal Medicine(Yamamoto); Department of Dermatological Disease(Fukasawa)
- November 27 (Mon.) – December 1 (Fri.): Department of Surgical Oncology(Yamamoto); Department of Psychiatry(Fukasawa)



2. Students from China Medical University

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

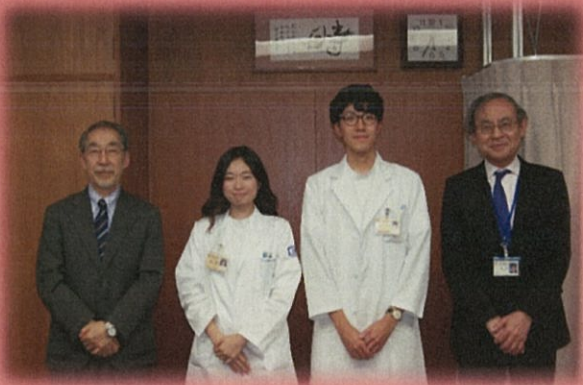
- January 9 (Tue.) – 12 (Fri.): Department of Surgery, Department of Surgical Oncology and Science, School of Medicine (Shi); Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, School of Medicine(Li)
- January 15 (Mon.) – 19 (Fri.): Department of Orthopaedic Surgery, School of Medicine (Shi); Department of Perinatal Medicine, School of Medicine (Li)



3. Students to the Catholic University of Korea

Keiichiro Takano and Rika Watanabe, 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 20 (Mon.) – December 1 (Fri.): Department of Cardiovascular medicine(Takano,Watanabe)
- December 4(Mon.) – December 15 (Fri.): Department of Neurology(Takano); Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology (Watanabe)



4. Students from the Catholic University of Korea

Kim Woo Jin and Lee Youngjae, 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 19 (Mon.) – March 2 (Fri.): Department of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery, School of Medicine(Kim, Lee)
- March 5 (Mon.) – March 16 (Fri.): Department of Gastroenterology and Hepatology, School of Medicine(kim,lee)



■ 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 2017 academic year, Toshio Gocho, a third-year student in the Doctoral Program for Medicine at Sapporo Medical University's Graduate School of Medicine, received practical training in medicine at University of California, San Francisco in United States of America. During the program, he studied such topics as training on radiation therapy for prostate cancer.

•Period: November 27 (Mon.) – December 8 (Fri.)



■ 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 2017 academic year, eight researchers visited five of these foreign institutions and five researchers from four of these institutions visited our university.

1. Visits from Sapporo Medical University

1) Paulo Foundation (University of Helsinki)

•Researcher: Fumimasa Fukuta, Lecturer, Department of Pathology, School of Medicine

•Period: October 1 (Sun.) – 31 (Tue.)

2) University of Alberta

•Researcher: Mitsuo Nakamura, Lecturer, Department of First Division of Occupational Therapy, School of Health Sciences

•Researcher: Miki Soma, Assistant Professor, Graduate Course in Midwifery

•Period: March 4(Sun.) – 17(Sat.)

3) China Medical University

•Researcher: Hiroshi Yamaguchi, Assistant Professor, Department of Surgery, Surgical Oncology and Science, School of Medicine

•Period: December 10(Sun.) – 15(Fri.)

4) University of Massachusetts

•Researcher: Shuji Uemura, Lecturer, Department of Emergency Medicine, School of Medicine

•Period: October 31 – November 11 (Sat.)

5) Jiamusi University

•Researcher: Junichi Yoshino, Professor, Department of First Division of Nursing, School of Health Sciences

•Researcher: Miki Konno, professor, Department of Second Division of Nursing, School of Health Sciences

•Researcher: Naoki Kozuka, Professor, Department of First Division of Physical Therapy, School of Health Sciences

•Period: August 5 (Sat.) – 9 (Wed.)

2. Visits from foreign institutions

1) Paulo Foundation(Tampere University Hospital)

- Researcher: Marko Neva, Head of spine surgery
- Host department: Department of Orthopaedic Surgery, School of Medicine
- Period: February 11 (Sun.) – March 30 (Fri.)
- Seminar: Lumber Spine Fusion Surgery – A Chance or Pitfall – (March 12(Mon.))



2) University of Alberta(Rehabilitation Medicine)

- Researcher: Bernadette Martin, Associate Dean
- Host department: Department of Physical Therapy, School of Health Sciences
- Period: November 4 (Sat.) – 9 (Thu.)
- Seminar: The Doctoral Program for Medicine at University of Alberta's Graduate School, mainly on Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy's specialized education program (November 7 (Thu.))



3) China Medical University

- Researcher: Liu Zhe, Associate Professor
- Host department: Department of Surgery, Surgical Oncology and Science, School of Medicine
- Period: January 8 (Mon.) – 20 (Sat.)
- Seminar: Current situation of China Medical University and study of EMT on pancreatic cancer (January 15(Mon.))



4) Jiamusi University

- Researcher: XueMei, Instructor Doctor
- Researcher: Xiangying Kong, Instructor
- Host department: Department of Physical Therapy, School of Health Sciences(Xue Mei)
- Host department: Department of Nursing, School of Health Sciences(Xiangying Kong)
- Period: December 2 (Sat.) – 23 (Sat.)
- Seminar: Exchange program on Rehabilitation Medicine and Nursing between Jiamusi University and Sapporo Medical University (December 22 (Fri.))



■ Training for people of Japanese origin

Sapporo Medical University has hosted eight 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 2017 academic year, the university was entrusted by the Association of Nikkei & Japanese Abroad to host Sonia Cristina Sato (Argentina) as a JICA trainee of Japanese origin for ten months from May 22 to March 2.

During her time at the Department of Occupational Therapy of the School of Health Sciences, Ms. Sato engaged in research about training centered on Occupational Therapy.



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

As part of the Public Trust Hokkaido-Russian Far East Medical Exchange Foundation's Sakhalin Oblast Doctor-Training Program, Dr. Kalashnikova Maria Vladimirovna from Sakhalin Regional Clinical 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 21 exchanges up to the end of academic 2017.

- Period: February 26(Mon.)— March 2(Fri.)
- Host department: Department of Cardiovascular, Renal and Metabolic Medicine



■ 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 56 faculty members and students attended the session in the 2017 academic year.

•Period: January 29 (Mon.)

•Place: North 1 Lecture Room

•Reports:

Junichi Yoshino and Miki Konno and Naoki Kozuka, Professor; International Medical Exchange Program (Jiamusi University)

Fumimasa Fukuta, Lecturer; International Medical Exchange Program (University of Helsinki)

Shuji Uemura, Lecturer; International Medical Exchange Program (University of Massachusetts)

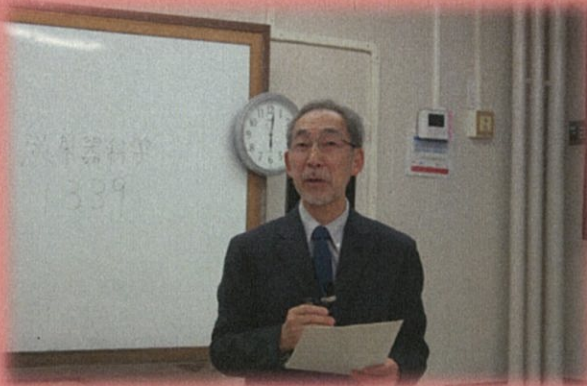
Hiroshi Yamaguchi, Assistant professor; International Medical Exchange Program (China Medical University)

Toshio Gocho, Short-term study abroad program for graduate students/research(clinical) fellows(University of California)

Takehiro Yamamoto and Michiko Fukasawa; Visiting students(The clinical training program at China Medical University)

Keiichiro Takano and Rika Watanabe; Visiting students(The clinical training program at The Catholic University of Korea)

Iori Yamada; Visiting students(The University of Alberta Language Study Program)



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