

International Medical Exchange Newsletter

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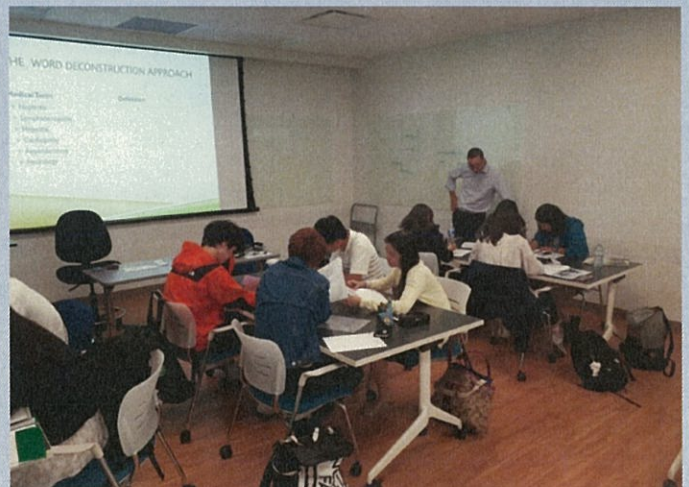
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■ Language study

12 students (School of Medicine: 9; School of Health Sciences: 3) 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 the simulation facility at Department of Nursing and other facilities.

- Dispatch period: August 5th (Sun.) – 26th (Sun.)
- Study period: August 7th (Tue.) – 25th (Sat.)



■ 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

Koki Togesaka and Ayaka Sunaga, 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.

- Dispatch period: November 18th (Sun.) – December 1st (Sat.)
- Clinical training period: November 19th (Mon.) – November 23th (Fri.):
Department of Surgical Oncology (Togesaka); Department of Respiratory Medicine (Sunaga)
- Clinical training period: November 27th (Mon.) – November 30th (Fri.):
Department of Dermatology (Togesaka); Department of Gastrointestinal medicine (Sunaga)



2. Students from China Medical University

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

- Receiving period: January 13th (Sun.) – January 26th (Sat.)
- Clinical training period: January 14th (Mon.) – January 18th (Fri.):
Department of Gastroenterology and Hepatology (Yu); Department of Dermatology (Zhang)
- Clinical training period: January 21th (Mon.) – January 25th (Fri.):
Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology (Yu); Department of Diagnostic Radiology (Zhang)



3. Students to the Catholic University of Korea

Miyu Fujino and Yuya Kawakami, 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.

- Dispatch period: November 18th (Sun.) – December 15th (Sat.)
- Clinical training period: November 19th (Mon.) – November 30th (Fri.):
Department of Cardiology (Fujino, Kawakami)
- Clinical training period: December 3rd (Mon.) – December 14 (Fri.):
Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology (Fujino); Department of Neurology (Kawakami)



4. Students from the Catholic University of Korea

Min Kyung Hyun and Cho Min Ah, 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.

- Receiving period: February 17th (Sun.) – March 16th (Sat.)
- Clinical training period: February 18th (Mon.) – March 1st (Fri.):
Department of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery (Min, Cho)
- Clinical training period: March 4th (Mon.) – March 15th (Fri.):
Department of Medical Oncology (Min, Cho)



■ 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 2018 academic year, Ryo Nishikawa, research fellow, received practical training in medicine at Northwestern University, Department of medicine, Division of Cardiology. During the program, he studied such topics as treatments of severe heart failure, including catheter therapy for structural heart disease, and strategies for translation of basic research into clinical research and practice from March 2nd (Sat.) – March 31st (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 2018 academic year, six researchers visited four of these foreign institutions and four researchers from three of these institutions visited our university.

1. Visits from Sapporo Medical University

1) University of Massachusetts

- Researcher: Ryoko Kyan, Instructor, Department of Emergency Medicine, School of Medicine
- Period: August 26th (Sun.) – September 7th (Fri.)

2) Paulo Foundation (University of Tampere)

- Researcher: Ayako Sumi, Associate Professor, Department of Hygiene, School of Medicine
- Period: September 1st (Sat.) – September 30th (Sun.)

3) Jiamusi University

- Researcher: Kuniko Sato, Professor, Department of First Division of Nursing, School of Health Sciences
- Researcher: Hidekazu Saito, Instructor, Department of First Division of Physical Therapy, School of Health Sciences
- Period: November 17st (Sat.) – November 25th (Sun.)

4) University of Alberta

- Researcher: Yumi Kuwabara, Associate Professor, Department of Second Division of Nursing, School of Health Sciences
- Period: February 11th (Mon.) – February 24th (Sun.)
- Researcher: Haruyuki Tatsumi, Professor, Department of Anatomy(I) , School of Medicine
- Period: February 20th (Wen.) – March 30th (Sat.)

2. Visits from foreign institutions

1) Jiamusi University

- Researcher: Chen Yu, Nurse in charge
- Researcher: Sun Ruixue, Occupational therapist
- Host department: Department of Nursing, School of Health Sciences (Chen)
- Host department: Department of Physical therapy, School of Health Sciences (Sun)
- Period: November 3rd (Sat.) – November 17th (Sat.)



2) Paulo Foundation (Helsinki University)

- Researcher: Varilo Teppo Tapio, Associate Professor
- Host department: Department of Medical Genetics, Molecular Biology, Medical Genome Sciences, School of Medicine
- Period: January 6th (Sun.) – February 23th (Sat.)



3) China Medical University

- Researcher: Cui Wanlin, Doctor
- Host department: Department of Pediatrics, School of Medicine
- Period: March 3rd (Sun.) – March 16th (Sat.)



■ 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 2018 academic year, the university was entrusted by the Association of Nikkei & Japanese Abroad to host Diana Ayumi Nakamura (Bolivia) as a JICA trainee of Japanese origin for ten months from May 22th to March 1st.

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



■ Exchange with Korea University

Sapporo Medical University concluded the memorandum of understanding with Korea University that established exchanges between universities and the student exchange agreement to cooperate in the field of community medicine training and clinical training on Monday, March 11th. This is the first time in 8 years that Sapporo Medical University has concluded the memorandum of understanding with overseas universities to promote international exchange.

The exchange period will be five years, and future exchanges will be made in the fields of researchers and students (including graduate students), joint research, joint lectures, symposiums, community medicine training, clinical training, etc.



■ 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.

President as well as 32 faculty members and students attended the session in the 2018 academic year.

• Period:

January 30th (Wen.)

• Place:

Education and Research Building D102

• Reports:

Mitsuo Nakamura, Assistant Professor; International Medical Exchange Program (University of Alberta)

Ryoko Kyan, Instructor; International Medical Exchange Program (University of Massachusetts)

Ayako Sumi, Associate Professor; International Medical Exchange Program (University of Tampere)

Kumiko Sato, Associate Professor; International Medical Exchange Program (Jiamusi University)

Hidekazu Saito, Instructor; International Medical Exchange Program (Jiamusi University)

Yuichiro Nishimura; Visiting students (University of Alberta Language Study Program)

Koki Togesaka and Ayaka Sunaga; Visiting students (The clinical training program at China Medical University)

Yuya Kawakami and Miyu Fujino; Visiting students (The clinical training program at the Catholic University of Korea)



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