

Opening Ceremony for Interprofessional Medical and Dental Education Starting in Fiscal 2012

AN OPENING CEREMONY was held on April 19, 2012 to mark the start of interprofessional medical and dental education in fiscal 2012. It was attended by 156 second year students from the School of Medicine and the School of Dentistry as members of the inaugural class, as well as by many executives.

Interprofessional Medical and Dental Education is an initiative that makes use of the distinctive features of a medical university with a Faculty of Medicine and Faculty of Dentistry. Over six years, students of both schools learn by teaching each other some of the knowledge and skills required at graduation through joint study which enhances the learning effect, and lays the foundation for providing future comprehensive medicine at various learning stages. TMDU established the Center for Interprofessional Education in February 2009. A curriculum for interprofessional medical and dental education was designed with advice and cooperation from Harvard University.

At the opening ceremony, President Ohyama made a speech, noting, "We hope to contribute to society by fostering medical professionals with a comprehensive perspective and knowledge, through an educational curriculum that integrates medicine and dentistry." Next, Yoshinori Murata, Director of

the Medical Education Division, the Higher Education Bureau of the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology gave a congratulatory message, saying, "I have strong expectations of the students who will be the first class to undertake interprofessional medical and dental education, in order to pursue comprehensive medical education in response to the aging of society." Then Yujiro Tanaka, Director of the Center for Interprofessional Education at TMDU explained the background to the development of the curriculum for the interprofessional medical and dental education and its purpose. This was followed by a symposium on the future of interprofessional medical and dental education.



In addition to the 156 inaugural students, many other people from related fields attended the opening ceremony.

Event to Mark the Anniversary of the University Founding and Homecoming Day

TMDU HELD an event to commemorate the anniversary of its founding on October 12, 2012, and its 3rd Homecoming Day on October 14. On the 12th, the anniversary of the founding, as with the previous year, executives of the university cleaned the campus and surrounding streets as part of the My Campus Project to promote school spirit. From early in the morning, many executives, including President Ohyama and Trustees Itou and Suda, arrived in the same T-shirts specifically designed for this project to cut grass and pick up rubbish.

In addition, as part of the project to increase the greenery on the Yushima Campus, alumni of the tenth class who graduated fifty years ago donated two cherry trees. Under a clear autumn sky, President Ohyama and three representatives of the tenth class planted the trees on the campus. In the afternoon, a length of service award ceremony for fifteen academic staff who have contributed to the development of the university over many years was held.

For Homecoming Day, on the 14th, Tamotsu Aoki, Director of The National Art Center, Tokyo, gave a lecture in the Akio Suzuki Memorial Hall entitled "The Age of Cultural Power — Japan and Asia in the 21st Century." The lecture was attended

with great interest by executives, emeritus professors, alumni and students. Next, in order to heighten the motivation of university staff, President Ohyama presented a certificate and plaque to two teachers as the Best Teacher Award for outstanding achievements in education, and the Outstanding Research Award to two researchers for excellent research outcomes. Then, following a presentation of certificates of appreciation to donors who contributed to the university fund and a tour of the campus, a social gathering was held in the M&D Tower Faculty Lounge for emeritus professors and graduates from fifty years ago or more.



President Ohyama and other executives doing campus cleanup.

Lecture by Tamotsu Aoki, Director of The National Art Center, Tokyo



EDITORIAL SUMMARY

WE ARE PLEASED to send you Vol. 5 of TMDU Annual News, with highlights of TMDU's international activities and campus events for the 2012 academic year. President Takashi Ohyama leads off this issue in **Message from the President** by introducing TMDU's international activities in light of the school's mission of "Cultivating Professionals with Knowledge and Humanity." In line with the thoughts expressed by President Ohyama, it can be seen throughout this issue that TMDU is continuously promoting the development of its students, faculty members, and staff with an eye to contributing to the increasingly international world of health care. To be sure, many of our students study abroad at one of the universities or research institutes with which we have exchange agreements, and this issue features a history of our **Medical Education Alliance Agreement with Harvard University**. In addition, we have three reports from each of our **International Collaboration Centers**, where TMDU faculty, staff, and students interact with international colleagues: the Ghana-TMDU Research Center at the Noguchi Memorial Institute for Medical Research in Ghana, reported by Prof. Nobuo Ohta; LACRC in Chile, reported by Prof. Yoshinobu Eishi; and the Chulalongkorn University—TMDU Research and Collaboration Center in Thailand, reported by Prof. Yoko Kawaguchi.

In addition, we have two reports from the TMDU **International Exchange Center**. First, Prof. Hidehiro Mizusawa and Assoc. Prof. Kevin Cleary report on the 4th TMDU International Summer Program (ISP2012), which attracted 24 students who are keen to study at TMDU, and Prof. Ikuko Morio reports on the Workshop on Dental Education, where representatives from 15 dental schools in Southeast Asia discussed dental curricula and related issues with each other and TMDU faculty and staff.

This issue also features nine glowing **Reports on Study Abroad Programs** from TMDU students and seven inspiring **Letters from Overseas Alumni** from graduates who tell us about their careers after graduation. Rounding out this issue of TMDU Annual News are three **Press Releases**, in which Prof. Mamoru Watanabe, Prof. Yoshinobu Eishi, and Associate Prof. Kyoko Ohno-Matsui and Prof. Ikuo Morita report on recent research successes.

THE EDITORIAL OFFICE expresses many thanks to those who took special time in preparing articles for this issue. If you have any suggestions and news to be included in the future issues of TMDU Annual News, please feel free to contact the Public Relations office by e-mail (kouhou.adm@tmd.ac.jp).

Newsflash!

The Nature Publishing Index 2012 has just been published. TMDU's feature is available on tmd.ac.jp, and the entire Index is can be viewed at the Nature website:

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