

TMDU to Open a Joint Degree Doctoral Program in Cooperation with Mahidol University

The Graduate School of Medical and Dental Sciences at TMDU will be launching a Joint Degree Program, named the "Joint Degree Doctoral Program in Medical Sciences between Tokyo Medical and Dental University and Mahidol University (MU)," in April 2020 with Mahidol University, which has its origin in the establishment of Siriraj Hospital in 1888, and is one of the most prestigious public universities in Thailand.

This program is a four-year doctoral program. It aims to develop medical personnel:

- who are highly specialized surgeons with expertise particularly in the field of cancer treatment,
- who have the research skills to respond promptly to the diversification of medical needs,
- who can be leaders in medical and healthcare science both in Japan and the ASEAN region.

The most distinctive feature of this program is the practical education surgeons can receive due to the advanced research skills and knowledge to train cancer treatment specialists available at TMDU, and the abundant clinical research results based on the large number of cases at MU. Surgeons who have completed this program are expected to work internationally to resolve common issues found throughout Japan and the ASEAN region. Recruiting will begin at both universities from this fall, and the first students will be enrolled in April 2020.

On August 7, a signing ceremony for the Academic Cooperation Agreement was held at the Faculty of Medicine Siriraj Hospital, MU. In attendance were Prof. Banchong Mahaisavariya, Acting President (MU); Asst. Prof. Somchai Trakarnrung, Deputy Dean for Faculty of Graduate Studies (MU); Prof. Dr. Prasit Watanapa, Dean, Faculty of Medicine Siriraj Hospital (MU); and President Yasuyuki Yoshizawa (TMDU).

On Aug 8, President Yoshizawa gave a keynote speech titled "Japan-Thailand Education and Research Cooperation" at Princess Chulabhorn International Oncology Conference. Surgeons from all over Thailand had an active exchange at this conference. Following the lectures, the Opening Ceremony was held and international speakers including President Yoshizawa received a commemorative gift from Princess Chulabhorn.

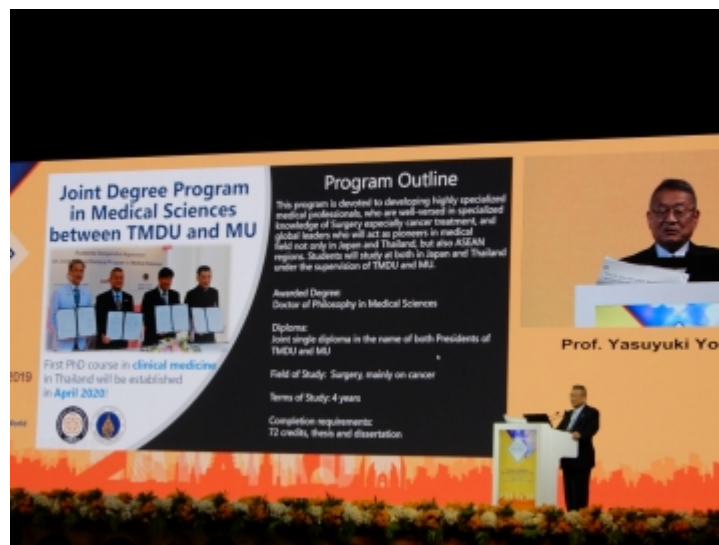
During his stay in Bangkok, President Yoshizawa awarded TMDU alumnus Dr. Thiravud Khuhaprema, Hospital Director of Wattanosoth Cancer Hospital at Bangkok Hospital, and Prof. Dr. Prasit Watanapa, Dean, Faculty of Medicine Siriraj Hospital, the title of TMDU Visiting Professor. Dr. Issareeya Ekprachayakoon also received the title of TMDU Visiting Assistant Professor.



From left Prof. Prasit, President Yoshizawa, President Banchong, and Deputy Dean Assis. Prof. Somchai



With faculty members concerned of Siriraj after the signing ceremony



Keynote lecture by President Yoshizawa