

Welcome Messages



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Message from the President

Tokyo Medical and Dental University (TMDU) is an institution well-known for its dedication to the education of health care professionals and the pursuit of bioscience research. The guiding principle for our university is the mission statement, “*Cultivating Professionals with Knowledge and Humanity, thereby Contributing to People’s Well-being.*” This powerful idea motivates our faculty and staff to help our students become world-leading health care professionals and bioscience researchers.

A critical part of our mission since the inception of our university has been the teaching of international students, who have helped the progress of medicine and dentistry in their home countries after returning to practice and teach. For our part, we have found the experience of educating international students to be invaluable in appreciating different cultures and cultivate intellectual sympathy, which is increasingly necessary for medical professionals worldwide. Furthermore, it is a great honor and pleasure for us to learn that our international student alumni have continually encouraged their friends, colleagues and students to join us in our academic endeavors.

In terms of international outreach, we are especially proud of our three overseas education and research collaboration centers in Ghana, Chile, and Thailand. The purpose of these centers is to promote collaborative research and advance the professional development of medical and dental professionals in each local area. For example, we sponsor the exchange of students and faculty members with our partner institutions, support training programs, and manage other outreach activities with and through these research centers.

As an important part of our international activities based here in Japan, we are very pleased to be able to organize our seventh annual International Summer Program, ISP2015. This program will provide students with excellent opportunities to summarize past successes and to embark on pathbreaking research in the future. I hope that you are as excited as we are about ISP2015. I am confident that this year’s program will help you develop professionally, stimulate your academic curiosity, and encourage you to explore the unique features of our university.



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Welcome to ISP2015

It is our great pleasure to welcome you to ISP2015, our seventh annual International Summer Program. A total of 161 young researchers and students have attended ISP over the last six years. This year we are welcoming 31 excellent young researchers and students from Asia to ISP.

This year we extended and diversified our activities. As requested by former participants, we extended laboratory visits this year. We have arranged for visits to local Japanese companies to increase ISP participants' exposure to Japanese science-related industries. We organized a Student Symposium to give all participants an opportunity to present their work and research, exchange ideas and information, and expand their network socially and professionally.

ISP2015 will also feature the "ISP Special Selection" program. First initiated in 2012, this program gives selected ISP participants the opportunity to take the entrance exam for a TMDU PhD program. The number of ISP participants who have been admitted to TMDU has reached a total of 77 since ISP2009.

At TMDU we are putting a great deal of effort into not only educating our students, at both the undergraduate and graduate levels, but also into the promotion of interdisciplinary research in medical and dental science. As a reflection of these efforts, it was recently reported that TMDU ranked second in the category for citations per paper in the 2014 QS Asian University rankings. I believe TMDU is becoming increasingly attractive to promising students and young researchers from Asia and beyond, as evidenced by the 235 international students currently enrolled, primarily in our graduate schools, as of April 2015.

As the chairperson of the ISP2015 working group, I would like to express our sincere gratitude to everyone who is participating in ISP2015. I am confident that this program will yield many fruitful results and will also help build bridges of friendship between all of the participants.