

8th TMDU International Summer Program (ISP2019)

TMDU's 8th INTERNATIONAL Summer Program (ISP 2019) was held from July 8th to 13th, 2019. This year's program was planned and prepared by the ISP2019 Work Group under the leadership of Chairperson Professor Hidenobu Shigemitsu. The topic of ISP2019 was "Medical Innovation Beyond 2020." The purpose of the program is to promote international exchange and strengthen relationships with overseas affiliated universities in the United States, Thailand, and Taiwan. Twenty-three participants and three faculty members were invited from overseas affiliated universities, and various events were held during ISP2019.

Work group members held an orientation which included an introduction of TMDU and ISP2019 and an exciting icebreaker activity that required the participants to introduce one another. Then the participants followed Professor Yasuhiro Otomo to the heliport at TMDU Medical Hospital, where they could have a full view of the location, scale and function of TMDU Yushima Campus and the Medical Hospital.

A welcome party was held. After a commemorative photo was taken, President Yasuyuki Yoshizawa officially welcomed the participants, and Professor Akinori Kimura made a toast.

Prominent researchers and scholars were invited to give lectures at ISP2019. After the lectures, participants were invited to join a Clinical Rotation or a Lab Visit in clinical departments or laboratories at TMDU.

Professor Kazuki Takada held a workshop in which participants, including participants from TMDU, were invited to give a presentation to introduce their universities. Afterwards, participants were divided into six groups and took part in a group discussion on a common topic.

During the closing ceremony, Professor Hidenobu Shigemitsu shared a few closing remarks and Professor Tetsuya Taga presented a ISP2019 certificate to each participant and a Group Discussion Award to each group. Afterwards a commemorative photo was taken and a Farewell Party held. President Yoshizawa made closing remarks and Professor Ikuko Morio made a toast. Program participants spent the rest of the farewell party eating, talking, laughing, and, sadly, saying their goodbyes after a week of bonding over new professional experiences at TMDU.



ISP2019 Commemorative Photograph



Lecture Course



Group Discussion



Farewell Party Commemorative Photograph



Clinical Rotation



Participants introducing each other (Orientation)

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

THE GRADURATE 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 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 available at TMDU to train cancer treatment specialists, 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 Trakarn-



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rung, 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 engaged in 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 Khuaprema, 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.

Master of Public Health in Global Health (MPH) Course

TMDU LAUNCHED THE Master of Public Health in Global Health (MPH) course to develop global leaders who can "think globally and act globally" and thereby find concrete solutions to pressing public health issues around the world

We invite renowned professors from Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health (HSPH) and Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health (JHSPH), two of the world's top schools of public health, to collaborate with us in offering MPH course students a world-class public health education in Tokyo. In 2019, we invited the following three professors to join us: Professor Ichiro Kawachi (HSPH) Professor Brian Schwartz (JHSPH), and Professor Pamela Surkan (JHSPH).

The MPH Course welcomes individuals with a bachelor's or

higher degree who wish to go into public health academia and/or become a public health officer at international organizations such as WHO or UNICEF.



Lecture by the visiting professor from JHSPH.