

Joint Degree Program (JDP) in Dentistry between Chulalongkorn University and TMDU

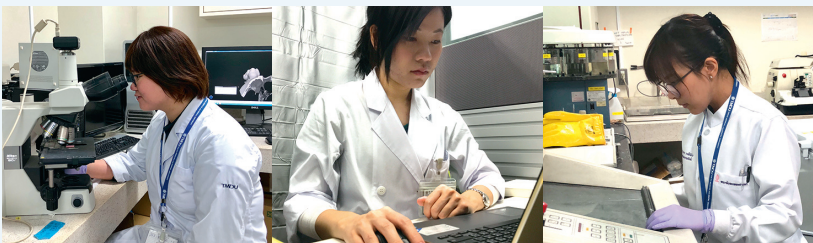
IN THE THIRD year of the Joint Degree Program (JDP) in Dentistry between Chulalongkorn University (CU) and TMDU, which was launched in August 2016, three Thai students were newly matriculated after a strict admission examination. In August, Prof. Ono and Prof. Moriyama held freshman orientation for them, introducing program activities and research life at TMDU. Other students who passed required exams, including the qualifying examination and thesis/dissertation proposal examination, successfully moved on to the next academic year. As 2nd-year students, they will spend a full academic year at TMDU to pursue their studies and research work either

in the labs at the Department of Orthodontic Science or at the Department of Maxillofacial Orthognathics. A liaison council, self/external assessment and faculty development seminar will be held in January-April 2019 and is expected to enhance the program through multilateral review.



Prof. Moriyama with students after the freshman orientation

Prof. Moriyama and Prof. Ono with CU faculty members



Research work at TMDU

Collaboration with Mahidol University (Thailand) Faculty of Medicine Siriraj Hospital

FOLLOWING FY2017, TMDU and Siriraj Hospital Faculty of Medicine, Mahidol University actively continued discussions to launch a Joint Degree Program (JDP). In June 2018, TMDU delegates visited Siriraj Hospital for further consultation and over 200 of Siriraj's young surgeons attended the lectures given by Prof. Minoru Tanabe and Prof. Tetsuya Taga. In August, Dean Prof. Prasit Watanapa and other faculty members visited TMDU in order to exchange opinions with TM-

DU faculty members. Both universities conducted surveys to investigate possible candidates' degrees of interest in the program. The results revealed high expectations both in Thailand and Japan. After MEXT approves the establishment of the JDP, a signing ceremony for the program agreement between TMDU and MU is planned to be held in Bangkok in August 2019 with TMDU President Yoshizawa in attendance.



Prof. Tanabe and Prof. Taga introduced the latest research activities of TMDU



Dean Prasit Watanapa and three faculty members visited TMDU in August 2018

Joint Degree Program (JDP) in Medicine between University of Chile and TMDU

THREE YEARS AGO in April 2016, TMDU started a JDP course in medicine with the University of Chile (UCh), which was established in 1842 and is one of the most historic and renowned universities in Latin America, in academic collaboration with Clinica Las Condes. This program is designed to provide medical experiences and opportunities for investigation in each country, and to develop doctors with global leadership perspectives. JDP students participate in collaborative research work in Japan and Chile, and consequently achieve a Ph.D. degree accredited by both TMDU and UCh, as a "joint degree." The students can earn not only an international diploma, but also medical specialties in Upper Digestive Surgery, Colorectal Surgery or Gastroenterology. From 2016 to 2018, two students from TMDU and two from UCh were enrolled in all three courses and supervisors from both universities support the students at all times. The committee members of JDP

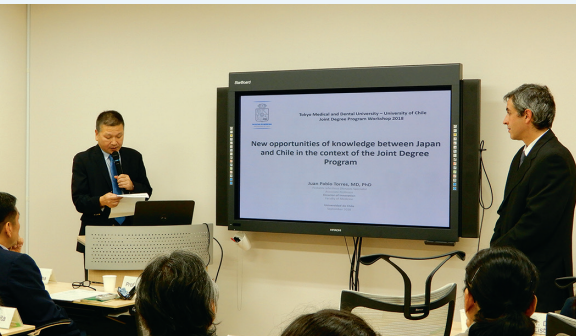


Dr. Matsumiya (JDP student) and CLC laboratory staff

from TMDU and UCh meet frequently to have face-to-face meetings on improving the program, in addition to monthly teleconferences. In September, TMDU and UCh professors gathered at the Joint Degree Program Workshop 2018 at TMDU. Experts from both universities gave wonderful presentations on each field, followed by meaningful discussions with the participants.



Meeting between TMDU and UCh professors



Joint Workshop 2018 at TMDU

Faculty of Dentistry

ON OCT 5, 2018, TMDU and the Faculty of Dentistry, Mahidol University (MU) concluded an MOU with the intention of establishing a Joint Degree Program to develop their cooperative relationship in research and education. This new pro-

gram will be designed for enthusiastic dental scientists who are eager to obtain a doctoral degree. Faculty members from each university will exchange further ideas for the program moving forward.



Dr. Pisol Senawongse, Faculty of Dentistry, Mahidol University and TMDU faculty members in May 2018