

Delegation Headed by President Yoshizawa Visits University of Nevada to Discuss International Exchange

FROM MAY 11 to 12, 2015, a delegation consisting of Dr. Yasuyuki Yoshizawa, TMDU President; Dr. Hajime Karasuyama, Executive Director; Dr. Yoshinobu Eishi, Dean of the Faculty of Medicine; and Professor Kazuki Takada, visited the School of Medicine of the University of Nevada for discussions in preparation for an academic exchange agreement on student exchanges.

On the 11th, the delegation visited the University of Nevada, Reno (UNR), for talks with UNR President Dr. Marc Johnson and his administrative team. They also visited the basic research unit of UNR School of Medicine. The following day, they were



UNR Professor of Medicine Hidenobu Shigemitsu (2nd from right) and Executive Associate Dean Melissa Piasecki (third from right) at UNR



Faculty members of UNLV School of Medicine in the clinical field and the TMDU delegation Dr. Hidenobu Shigemitsu, professor of medicine and chief of pulmonary and critical care medicine at UNR, at extreme right

President Yoshizawa and Dr. Thomas L. Schwenk, Dean of UNR School of Medicine



TMDU President Dr. Yasuyuki Yoshizawa and UNR President Dr. Marc Johnson

at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV), for a meeting with faculty of UNLV School of Medicine in the clinical field. They also called at the University Medical Center (UMC), which is the principal facility for clinical practice, for talks with the UNLV administrative team.

The discussions at UNR and UNLV were the brainchild of Dr. Eishi of TMDU and Dr. Hidenobu Shigemitsu, professor of medicine and head of pulmonary and critical care medicine at UNR. It was a valuable opportunity to strengthen the shared recognition of the significance of the contemplated partnership for international exchange, one that promises to be mutually beneficial in terms of the advancement of education and research.

Going forward, TMDU and UNR/UNLV will discuss further to determine whether a partnership agreement should be concluded and to make a concrete plan for international exchange going forward.

Inter-university Academic Exchange Agreement Concluded with University of Ghana

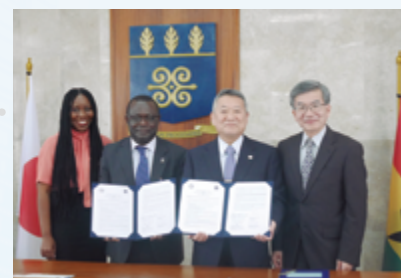
BACK IN 2008 TMDU concluded an exchange agreement with Noguchi Memorial Institute for Medical Research (MMIMR) of the University of Ghana. Based on this agreement, TMDU and MMIMR are conducting collaborative research in the field of infectious and parasitic diseases. Active student exchanges are another aspect of the fruitful relationship between TMDU and MMIMR: fourth-year students from TMDU's Faculty of Medicine study at MMIMR based on TMDU's project semester system, and TMDU welcomes students from Ghana to its doctoral program.

Thereafter, TMDU and the University of Ghana began discussing the possibility of concluding an inter-university academic exchange agreement. Finally, on October 19, 2016, TMDU President Yasuyuki Yoshizawa and the University of Ghana Vice-Chancellor Ebenezer Oduro Owusu signed the agreement at a ceremony at the University of Ghana in Accra, which was attended by many of the people who will be involved in this promising collaborative endeavor.

Specific exchange programs are currently being prepared. TMDU and the University of Ghana intend to further develop the ongoing research on infectious and parasitic diseases that

is currently underway and envisage launching a joint degree program. We will promote exchange so that TMDU becomes a bridge between Japan and Ghana in the academic field.

In addition to the signing of the agreement, the TMDU delegation met Dr. Kwadwo A. Koram, Director of MMIMR, and Professor P. F. Ayeh-Kumi, Provost of the College of Health Sciences, to discuss exchange activities going forward.



(From left) Mrs. Amoa Stella Awukubea, Director - Public Affairs Directorate; Professor Ebenezer Oduro Owusu, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ghana; Dr. Yasuyuki Yoshizawa, TMDU President; and Dr. Hajime Karasuyama, Executive Director / Executive Vice President of University Innovation and Globalization at TMDU



Meeting with Professor Ebenezer Oduro Owusu, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ghana

First year of the Joint Degree Program (JDP) with the University of Chile – The University of Chile and TMDU Joint Degree Doctoral Program in Medical Sciences with mention of a medical specialty

TMDU WAS APPROVED to establish a JDP with the University of Chile (UCH) on June 15, 2015. We began the program in April 2016 together with the first UCh student in a Coloproctological Surgery course. Since then we have conducted a monthly TV conference and tried to recruit more students.



Paying a courtesy call on President Yoshizawa

Lecture by Dr. O'Ryan at Joint Workshop 2016 at TMDU



In October and December, we had some wonderful experiences with UCh doctors here in Japan. Drs. Gómez and Latorre

visited our hospital, and we had fruitful discussions on the medical situation in Chile and feasible research areas for both TMDU-UCh students and institutions. Moreover, thanks to a visit by a delegation from UCh and Clinica Las Condes (Drs. O'Ryan, Poniachick, and Torres), we were able to advance program content and strengthen the relationship between our two schools. During this visit, TMDU and UCh conducted a joint workshop at TMDU for the first time. Many faculty members and students gathered and were able to deepen their knowledge. I sincerely appreciate the active participation of all of the participants and observers and their contributions toward making the workshop a great success. TMDU and UCh will continue to work together to strengthen our JDP.



Lunch Meeting with TMDU and UCh Professors

Joint degree program in dentistry between Chulalongkorn University and TMDU

TOKYO MEDICAL AND Dental University (TMDU) started its first joint degree program in the field of dentistry with Chulalongkorn University (CU) in Thailand. The five-year International Program in Dentistry (Orthodontics) aims to educate and train dentists who will be orthodontic specialists possessing solid research expertise who can compete in the international arena. Three Thai students enrolled in the inaugural program in 2016.

During the first three years of this 5-year program, the students will focus on theoretical study concerning diagnosis and treatment of malocclusions by interceptive and corrective orthodontics. They will also examine multidisciplinary approaches to treatment, take dissertation-related seminars and design a research proposal under the supervision of both CU and TMDU advisors.

They will start their research activities at TMDU toward the end of the first year, and will submit the research results for publication to international journals as part of the program. Finally, in order to enhance their expertise in orthodontics the students will have the opportunity to treat orthodontic patients at the CU clinic for at least 2.5 years. Their treatment methods and results will be evaluated as part of their clinical training.

Joint meeting between CU and TMDU in Bangkok



Thai students enrolled in the joint degree program with a TMDU supervisor, Prof. Moriyama