

# International Summer Program 2011 was Successfully Held & Announcement of ISP2012

TMDU is continuously working to increase its international profile and serve the international community. In addition to sending students and faculty members to partner institutions such as Harvard and Imperial College and to our research centers in Ghana, Thailand and Chile, a key part of our internationalization effort is the recruiting of top students and researchers worldwide.

FOR THE PAST three years the TMDU International Summer Program has been an increasingly important part of our international outreach, as it annually brings approximately 25 students and young researchers to the TMDU campus for four days of lectures, lab visits, cultural introductions, social events and other activities. As of May 1, 2011, there were 211 international students studying at TMDU, and several of them are ISP alumni. Many ISP2011 attendees are in process of applying to one of our PhD programs, so we look forward to the ISP and its alumni having an even deeper integration with our graduate schools and university community as a whole in the coming years.

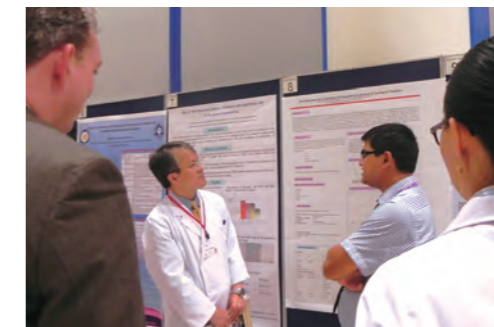
In late 2010, a working group to organize the 3rd International Summer Program, ISP2011, was convened and then managed under the leadership of Professor Sei Sasaki and Professor Kikuo Ohno, the outgoing and incoming Trustees of Planning/International Exchange, respectively. Professor Tetsuya Taga of the Department of Stem Cell Regulation chaired the ISP2011 Working Group, which included representatives from several departments, especially those involved with stem cell science and organ/tissue development and regeneration. The faculty and staff members of the International Exchange Center also participated actively in the planning of ISP2011. The working group finalized the theme, "Organ/Tissue Development and Regeneration: Fundamentals and Clinical Applications" and invited leading researchers such as Dolly's creator, Sir Ian Wilmut of the University of Edinburgh. We were very glad that all of the invited researchers and attendees decided to attend ISP2011, even though the situation in Japan was very problematic after the horrific earthquake and tsunami of March 11 and the consequent nuclear disaster. Despite the challenging situation, ISP2011 was successfully held from August 28 to 31, 2011 and was highly eval-



Assoc. Prof. Kevin Cleary assists Prof. Tetsuya Taga at the ISP2011 Orientation.



Two participants visiting Prof. Hajime Karasuyama's laboratory as part of their campus tour.



Prof. Ichiro Sekiya listening to a presentation by a participant at the ISP2011 Poster Session.

uated by the attendees.

As with previous ISPs, ISP2011 consisted of a two-day Lecture Course, a Poster Session and an International Symposium. In addition to the lectures, participants particularly enjoyed a campus tour with laboratory visits to researchers whom the participants hoped to meet and the various social functions on offer, which afforded the opportunity for getting to know other invitees and presenters. In addition to Sir Ian Wilmut, featured speakers included Dr. Johan Hyllner of Cellartis, (from Sweden), Professor Jing Xiao of Dalian Medical University (China), and a full retinue of Japan-based researchers who are conducting leading-edge research in the field. ISP2011 also featured newly expanded lab visits, which allowed the participants and TMDU faculty/students to interact more freely than at previous ISPs.

Applications to ISP2011 were very strong, in quantity and quality. We received 69 applications from students and young researchers, who represented 16 countries throughout Asia. Happily, many previous ISP participants recommended this program to their colleagues. From all these applications, we selected 23 students and young researchers. We are also glad to report that the feedback from these participants was very positive; for example, 18 out of the 23 participants report-

ed that "their interest in studying at TMDU became stronger" as a result of ISP2011.

At the Social Hour, which was held on the third evening of ISP2011, the invited participants, invited speakers and TMDU faculty and students gathered together at the Faculty Lounge on the top floor of M&D Tower. After President Takashi Ohyama officially welcomed the participants to the reception, the window shades were raised, revealing the stunning night view from the 26th floor. Everyone enjoyed a night of talking, eating and snapping pictures.

To maintain the momentum that the first three ISPs have created, it has been decided that ISP2012 will be held from August 26 to 29, 2012, with the theme "Brain and Mind: Neuroscience Up-to-date". ISP2012 is organized under the leadership of Professor Kikuo Ohno, the Trustee for Planning/International Exchange, and Professor Hidehiro Mizusawa of the Department of Neurology and Neurological Science, the chair of the ISP2012 Working Group. Detailed information on this, our 4th annual International Summer Program, is available from the website of the International Exchange Center. The website has full information on the first three ISPs, which helps students and young researchers across Asia learn more about this international outreach program.

**ISP2011 Working Group**  
 Prof. Tetsuya Taga (Chair), Prof. Yuichi Izumi, Prof. Hajime Karasuyama, Prof. Akinori Kimura, Prof. Noboru Mizushima, Prof. Emi Nishimura, Prof. Ikuo Morio, Prof. Ichiro Sekiya, Prof. Akira Yamaguchi, and Prof. Kenji Yasuda.  
 Observers: Assoc. Prof. Kevin Cleary, Assoc. Prof. Matsu Izutani, Assoc. Prof. Koji Masuda, Assoc. Prof. Yoko Okita, Prof. Yoshihiro Takemoto, Prof. Takashi Yoshida.



## Tokyo Medical and Dental University International Summer Program (ISP2012) August 26th - 29th at the TMDU campus, Tokyo, Japan

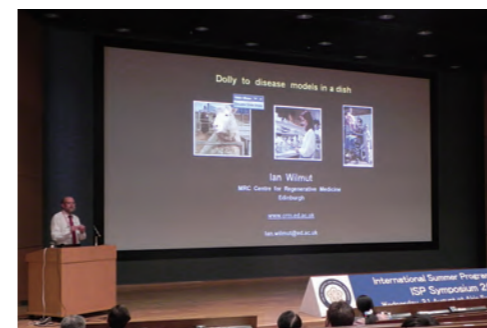
**Brain and Mind: Neuroscience Up-to-date**  
 Bringing together students and young scientists from Asia to study with leading international researchers in the field  
 We will provide support to selected students and young scientists from Asia to attend ISP2012 (including airfare and onsite accommodation). Please visit the website for more information.

Organized by: Tokyo Medical and Dental University  
 To register: Please apply via the International Exchange Center (IEC) website

<http://www.tmd.ac.jp/TMDU-e/isc/isp2012>

Aug. 27 - 28 (Mon & Tue)  
 Lecture Course

Aug. 29 (Wed)  
 ISP Symposium



Sir Ian Wilmut, Dolly's creator, addressing the International Symposium at ISP2011.



ISP2011 speakers and invited participants.



# International Symposium with Specially Invited TMDU International Student Alumni

Education of international students is a key function of any university that desires to make an intellectual contribution to the global community. As of May 1, 2011, TMDU had 211 international students from 33 countries and regions. We can take great pride in our contribution to the cultivation of so many individuals from around the world through our international education efforts.

**OUR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS** and alumni are both invaluable assets to TMDU. It is always a great pleasure and an honor to know of the active roles in research, education and service in medicine and dentistry that our international alumni are taking in their countries of origin or residence. In addition, we are fully aware that our international education efforts would not be complete without continuously supporting our international alumni throughout their careers. Based on our recognition of the importance of providing support for research collaboration, continuing education, and the establishment of a network of researchers and educators, TMDU has implemented various follow-up programs for our international alumni.

One of these programs is the “Young Researchers’ Project in Medicine and Dentistry – Establishing a Network of Health Care Professionals in Southeast Asia”, a program that has been supported by the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS). Fortunately, we have succeeded in obtaining support from JSPS for this program since 2009, and in the past three implementations of this project, we were able to invite 42 young researchers, including those who earned their

PhD degrees from TMDU, for stays of 15 to 90 days at our university.

Through these programs we were able to supply these young researchers with valuable opportunities for continuing instruction and research collaboration with our faculty. We also held seminars in Thailand on current topics in dental research and education through this program in 2009 and 2010.

In 2011, the third implementation of the program was held in close coordination with a project funded by TMDU that supported the invitation of alumni who graduated from TMDU but were not able to be supported by the previous JSPS programs. This implementation also featured an international symposium, entitled “Toward networking dental professionals in Asia”, which was held at TMDU on October 6, 2011. More than 100 participants, including 29 dentists and researchers from seven foreign countries – Malaysia, Vietnam, South Korea, Republic of Indonesia, Mongolia, China and Thailand – attended the symposium. The researchers who were invited to this program are leaders who are playing an important role in dental education or in a dental society in their home country.

The interaction among the invited researchers and TMDU faculty, staff members and students at this symposium was very fruitful. In particular, the panel discussion allowed us to draw out and discuss new ideas and get hints on how to best grow as an international education provider and as a member of the global academic community. This kind of event also refreshes our relationships with our international alumni and provides momentum for the establishment of a network of dental professionals in Asia, both of which are conducive to attaining the goals of TMDU’s international activities and strategies.

**Ikuko Morio**  
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Director, International Exchange Center, TMDU



Greetings from President Takashi Ohyama.

Invited alumni and organizers of the “Toward networking dental professionals in Asia” symposium.



## Toward networking dental professionals in Asia

Organized by TMDU Faculty of Dentistry, Graduate School of Medical and Dentistry Research-ers’ Project in Medicine and Dentistry  
– Establishing a Network of Health Care Professionals in Southeast Asia – (3)

Date

October 6, 2011 (Thursday) 10:00 – 17:00

Venue

Tokyo Medical and Dental University, Faculty of Dentistry Auditorium & Seminar Room (Poster Presentation), Dental Hospital South, 4F

Language

English

### Program

10:00 – 10:30	Poster mounting, equipment display (Seminar Room)
	<b>Opening</b> MC: Yoshiaki Ono
10:35	<b>Greetings</b> Takashi Ohyama (President, TMDU)
10:40	<b>Greetings</b> Akihiko Satomi (Head, Overseas Fellowship Division, International Program Department, JSPS)
10:45	<b>Greetings</b> Junji Tagami (Dean, Graduate School of Medical and Dental Sciences, and Dean, Faculty of Dentistry, TMDU)
10:50	<b>Commemorative Photograph</b>
11:00	Presentation 1: “Challenges in international education at TMDU” Ikuko Morio (Director, International Exchange Center, TMDU)
11:30	Presentation 2: “Future direction of TMDU: Integration of medical and dental education” Kazuki Takada (Deputy Director, Center for Interprofessional Education, TMDU)
	<b>Lunch Break</b>
13:10 – 15:30	<b>Panel Discussion</b> Chair: Yoko Kawaguchi/Jun Tsuruta
13:10 – 13:20	Panelist 1: Haslina Rani From Malaysia; studied dentistry at TMDU at the undergraduate level
13:20 – 13:30	Panelist 2: Thi Hong Nguyen From Vietnam; was a short-term international student at TMDU Head of Department of Oral Pathology, University of Medicine and Pharmacy at Ho Chi Minh City
13:30 – 13:40	Panelist 3: Innim Park From South Korea; studied dentistry at TMDU at the graduate level Director, Goodface Dental Clinic, Seoul, Korea
13:40 – 13:55	Panelist 4: Sri Angky Soekanto From Indonesia; studied dentistry at TMDU at the graduate level Former Dean, Faculty of Dentistry, Universitas Indonesia
	<b>Coffee Break</b>
14:15 – 14:30	Panelist 5: Amarsaikhan Bazar From Mongolia; studied dentistry at TMDU at the graduate level Dean, School of Dentistry, Health Sciences University of Mongolia
14:30 – 14:45	Panelist 6: Weidong Niu From China; studied dentistry at TMDU at the graduate level Vice Dean, School of Stomatology, Dalian Medical University
14:45 – 15:00	Panelist 7: Narongsak Laosirisin From Thailand; studied dentistry at TMDU at the graduate level Dean, Faculty of Dentistry, Srinakharinwirot University
15:00 – 15:30	Q&A Session
15:30 – 16:30	<b>Poster Presentation on dental research, education, and service in each country</b> (Seminar Room)
18:00 – 20:00	<b>Information Exchange &amp; Networking</b> (Building No.1 West 9F “Grill Saints”)

Information Exchange & Networking session



Toast by Prof. Ikuko Morita (Trustee in charge of Research)



Dr. Harnirattisai from Thailand



Dr. Niu from China



Dr. Park from Korea



Dr. Luong from Vietnam



The Panel Discussion featured seven alumni.



The display area for the Poster Presentation session.