

# International Summer Program 2010 Report Announcement of ISP2011

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**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 2010, there were 206 international students studying at TMDU. To attract an even greater number of promising young minds from around the world, TMDU needs to make its strengths as a center for education, research and health care services better known.**

**UNDER THE LEADERSHIP** of Professor Sei Sasaki, Trustee of Planning/International Exchange, a working group to organize the 2nd International Summer Program 2010 (ISP2010), was convened. Professor Miyuki Azuma chaired the group, which had representatives from several departments, especially those involved with immunology, and which worked in close cooperation with the International Exchange Center to plan ISP2010. As a result of everyone's dedication and collaboration, ISP2010 was successfully held from Sep. 5 to 8, 2010, and built upon the

experiences and successes of the first International Summer Program, ISP2009.

Under the main theme of "Infection and Immunity," ISP2010 consisted of a two-day Lecture Course and an International Symposium held in conjunction with the 9th Surugadai International Symposium held by the Medical Research Institute. Participants also enjoyed a poster presentation session, a campus tour with laboratory visits to researchers whom the participants hoped to meet, and social functions. The Lecture Course featured two invited speakers, Dr. James W. Kazura of Case Western Reserve University, U.S.A. and Dr. Nawarat Wara-aswapati Charoen of Khon Kaen University, Thailand, and also included TMDU professors who are conducting leading-edge research in infectious diseases and immunity. ISP2010 also featured newly organized group discussion sessions and targeted lab visits, which allowed the participants and TMDU faculty/students to interact more freely than at ISP2009. These new features introduced in ISP2010 were very popular with participants.

Lecture course



Tokyo Medical and Dental University  
**International Summer Program (ISP2011)**  
**August 28th - 31st at the TMDU campus, Tokyo, Japan**

**Organ/Tissue Development and Regeneration  
Fundamentals and Clinical Applications**

Bringing together students and young scientists from Asia,  
to study with leading international researchers in the field

**Aug. 29 - 30 (Mon & Tue)  
Lecture Course**

**Aug. 31 (Wed)  
ISP Symposium**

We will provide support to selected students and young scientists from Asia to attend ISP2011 (including airfare and onsite accommodation). Please visit the website for more information.

Organized by: Tokyo Medical and Dental University  
<http://www.tmd.ac.jp/TMDU-e/isc/isp2011>

Applications to ISP2010 were very strong, both in quantity and quality. We received 96 applications from students and young researchers, representing 16 countries throughout Asia. Happily, many of the applicants for ISP2010 were recommended by their colleagues who had participated in ISP2009. A total of 24 students and young researchers were selected from the list of applicants. Fortunately, we were also able to accept two young researchers from the Noguchi Memorial Institute for Medical Research in Ghana, an institution with which TMDU has been engaged in re-



Social Hour



Group discussion

search collaboration, making a total of 26 participants from 14 countries. We are also glad to report that the feedback from these participants was very positive. For example, 20 out of 26 participants reported that "their interest in studying at TMDU became stronger" as a result of ISP2010.

To commemorate this event, we held a Social Hour on the night of the third day of ISP2010. The invited participants, invited speakers and TMDU faculty and students gathered together at the Faculty Lounge on the top floor of the 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 of M&D Tower, and all enjoyed a night of talking, eating and snapping pictures.

To maintain the momentum that ISP2009 and ISP2010 have provided to our international education and outreach efforts, we have decided to organize ISP2011 under the theme "Organ/Tissue Development and Regeneration." ISP2011 will be held from Aug. 28 to 31, 2011 at our main campus in Tokyo. Detailed information on this, our 3rd annual International Summer Program, is available from the International Exchange Center website.

## ISP2010 Working Group

Prof. Miyuki Azuma (Chair), Prof. Kazunari Akiyoshi, Assoc. Prof. Kevin Cleary, Prof. Yuichi Izumi, Assoc. Prof. Matazo Izutani, Prof. Mari Kannagi, Prof. Hajime Karasuyama, Prof. Akinori Kimura, Assoc. Prof. Koji Masuda, Prof. Ikuko Morio, Assoc. Prof. Yoko Okita, Prof. Nobuo Ohta, Prof. Tetsuya Taga, Prof. Yoshihiro Takemoto, and Prof. Takeshi Tsubata.

## Externship Students from Overseas Dental Schools

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Every year, the Faculty of Dentistry receives many requests from dental students who would like to visit us and experience how dentistry is taught in Japanese dental schools. These requests have been increasing year after year, partly because some renowned dental schools now require an externship program be completed domestically or internationally within their regular curriculum. Dental schools that do not have formal, international externship programs still often encourage their students to broaden their horizons by visit-

ing dental schools in other countries and learning how dentistry is taught and practiced elsewhere in the world. Unsurprisingly, most of the externship students who visit TMDU are from schools with which we have an exchange agreement. Externs typically visit for one or two weeks, observe activities at several clinics at the University Hospital of Dentistry and have many chances to exchange opinions with our Japanese and other international students. Sometimes, a student who visited us many years ago as an extern returns as a full-fledged dentist, often bringing their spouse and children with them. Other externs return so that they can begin formal studies at our graduate school.

For our Japanese dental students, interacting with externs is an ideal opportunity to participate in international exchange and be exposed to dentistry as it is practiced abroad. International officers, 4th or 5th year dental students, volunteer their time to facilitate this most important interaction between TMDU students and visiting externs.

Visiting students from  
University of Pennsylvania

