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Faculty administrators attend opening of new Mie University Hospital

▶▶ **Between November 25, 2011, Professor Pisake Lumbiganon (Dean, Faculty of Medicine), Associate Professor Charnchai Panthongviriyakul (Director, Srinagarind Hospital), Associate Professor Witoon Prasertcharoensuk (Associate Dean for Special and International Affairs) and Associate Professor Puangrat Yongvanit (Vice Director of the Liver Fluke and Cholangiocarcinoma Research Center) attended the opening ceremony for the new hospital at Mie University, Japan. Our Faculty was one of only four foreign institutions invited.**

The new Mie university hospital is a 685-bed facility, which provides modern, high-tech healthcare in Mie Prefecture. The hospital is also a center for training medical and nursing students.

During the visit, Professor Pisake Lumbiganon and the team paid a courtesy visit to **Professor Atsumasa Uchida (President), Professsor Hye-Sook Park (Executive Vice President for Environmental and International Affairs), Professor Hiroshi Ehara (Vice President), Professor Tsutomu Nobori (Dean, School of Medicine) and Professor Kan Takeda (Director of Mie University Hospital).** Khon Kaen University was also honoured as the first institution among its foreign partnerships held by Mie University.

On November 24, 2011, Professor Pisake Lumbiganon gave a special lecture on **"Evidence-based Practices: the Role of Research Synthesis"** to many Japanese medical students and doctors.



Courtesy visit to Professor Atsumasa Uchida, President of Mie University; Professor Hye-Sook Park, Executive Vice President for Environmental and International Affairs, and Professor Hiroshi Ehara, Vice President



Exchanging opinions with Professor Atsumasa Uchida, and colleagues



Courtesy visit to Professor Tsutomu Nobori, Dean, School of Medicine (left) and Professor Kan Takeda, Director of Mie University Hospital (right)



(Left-right) Associate Professor Witoon Prasertcharoensuk, Professor Pisake Lumbiganon, Professor Tsutomu Nobori and Associate Professor Charnchai Panthongviriyakul



Professor Pisake Lumbiganon giving a special lecture on "Evidence-based Practices: the Role of Research Synthesis" to Mie University students



Medical students attending the lecture

Faculty Signs MOU with Aichi Medical University for Student and Staff Exchanges

▶▶ On November 22, 2011, Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signed between Aichi Medical University, Japan and Faculty of Medicine, Khon Kaen University

Professor Pisake Lumbiganon (Dean, Faculty of Medicine), Associate Professor Charnchai Parthongviriyakul (Director, Srinagarind Hospital), Associate Professor Witoon Prasertcharoensuk (Associate Dean for Special and International Affairs), Associate Professor Puangrat Yongvanit (Vice Director of Liver Fluke and Cholangiocarcinoma Research Center) and Associate Professor Surapon Wiangnon (Chair, Cancer Committee of Srinagarind Hospital) attend MOU signing ceremony between the Faculty and Aichi Medical University held at Aichi Medical University, Japan.

Associate Professor Surapon Wiangnon and Professor Masahito Tsurusawa, Vice President of Aichi Medical University, initiated the collaboration between our two institutions.

Professor Naohisa Ishikawa, President of Aichi Medical University presided over the ceremony. Professor Masahito Tsurusawa, Vice President of Aichi Medical University, Professor Shinsuke Saga, Dean, School of Medicine, Professor Hideto Watanabe, Chair of International Exchange committee and Professor Yoshitaka Hosokawa, Head of Academic Affairs Department were in attendance.

After the ceremony, Professor Pisake and the team visited the university hospital guided by Professor Masahito Tsurusawa and Professor Hideto Watanabe.

In March 2013, our Faculty will send its first group of medical students to participate in an exchange program at Aichi Medical University. The first group of medical students from Aichi Medical University will visit our Faculty in August 2013.



(Left-right) Professor Naohisa Ishikawa (President of Aichi Medical University) and Professor Pisake Lumbiganon (Dean, Faculty of Medicine, Khon Kaen University)



Front (left-right): Professor Shinsuke Saga, Professor Pisake Lumbiganon and Professor Naohisa Ishikawa
Back (left-right): Associate Professor Witoon Prasertcharoensuk, Associate Professor Puangrat Yongvanit, Professor Masahito Tsurusawa, Associate Professor Charnchai Parthongviriyakul, Professor Hideto Watanabe, Associate Professor Surapon Wiangnon, and Professor Yoshitaka Hosokawa



Professor Masahito Tsurusawa giving information about Aichi Medical Hospital to Professor Pisake Lumbiganon and team.



Professor Hideto Watanabe (left) describing the lecture room to Professor Pisake Lumbiganon.



Professor Pisake Lumbiganon presenting information about the Faculty of Medicine, Khon Kaen University.



Students attending to Dr Pisake's presentation

IMSUT and the Faculty Sign a Research Collaboration Agreement on Cholangiocarcinoma

► **Memorandum of Understanding signed between the Faculty (MD-KKU) and the Institute of Medical Science, the University of Tokyo (IMSUT), Japan (November 28, 2011)**

Professor Pisake Lumbiganon (Dean, Faculty of Medicine), Associate Professor Charnchai Panthongviriyakul (Director, Srinagarind Hospital), Associate Professor Witoon Prasertcharoensuk (Associate Dean for Special and International Affairs), and Associate Professor Puangrat Yongvanit (Vice Director of Liver Fluke and Cholangiocarcinoma Research Center) visited IMSUT to attend the MOU signing ceremony between IMSUT and MD-KKU. The purpose of this MOU is to foster joint research on "the control of cholangiocarcinoma as associated with liver fluke infection".



Professor Hiroshi Kiyono, Dean of IMSUT (left) and Professor Pisake Lumbiganon, Dean, Faculty of Medicine (right) signing MOU



Professor Hiroshi Kiyono, Dean of IMSUT, University of Tokyo

Professor Hiroshi Kiyono (Dean, IMSUT) presided over the ceremony and welcomed the delegates from Thailand. **Professor Yoshinori Murakami (Vice Dean), Professor Kohzoh Imai (Director of IMSUT Research Hospital)** and **Professor Arinobu Tojo (Deputy Director of IMSUT Research Hospital)** also attended the ceremony.

Professor Arinobu Tojo and Professor Yoshinori Murakami kindly guided the MD-KKU team around the IMSUT Research Hospital—a world-class hospital providing holistic treatment and developing new treatment strategies.

Professor Pisake Lumbiganon (Dean, Faculty of Medicine), Associate Professor Charnchai Panthongviriyakul (Director, Srinagarind Hospital), Associate Professor Witoon Prasertcharoensuk (Associate Dean for Special and International Affairs), and Associate Professor Puangrat Yongvanit

Research on the "**control of cholangiocarcinoma associated with liver fluke infection**" is a joint project between our Faculty and four research institutes in Japan (including the **University of Tokyo, the Tokyo women's Medical University, the Nagahama Institute of Technology and the Aichi Cancer Center**). The head of the Japanese researchers is Professor Yoshinori Murakami while Associate Professor Puangrat Yongvanit is the head of the Thai researchers. The project has received 30 million ? from the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT), Japan, and the Ministry of Education, Thailand. The project is also partly supported by the Japanese Science and Technology Agency. The project will run between 2010 and 2012.



Left-right: Mr. Koichi Fukui (IMSUT Administration Officer), Professor Pisake Lumbiganon, Professor Arinobu Tojo (Deputy Director of IMSUT Research Hospital), Associate Professor Puangrat Yongvanit, Associate Professor Chaimchai Panthongvinyakul, Associate Professor Witoon Prasertcharoensuk, Professor Yoshinori Murakami (Vice Dean), and Ms. Bu-nga Tanprasat



Professor Yoshinori Murakami (left), head of Japanese researchers and Associate Professor Puangrat Yongvanit (right), head of Thai researchers

The research team at the Faculty of Medicine, Khon Kaen University includes: Associate Professor Puangrat Yongvanit (Department of Biochemistry), Associate Professor Chawalit Pairojkul (Department of Pathology), Associate Professor Paiboon Sithithaworn (Department of Parasitology), Associate Professor Sopit Wongkham (Department of Biochemistry), Associate Professor Chaisiri Wongkham (Department of Biochemistry), and Associate Professor Somchai Pinlaor (Department of Parasitology).



Left-right: Professor Chaimchai Panthongvinyakul, Mr. Koichi Fukui (IMSUT Administration Officer), Professor Pisake Lumbiganon, Associate Professor Witoon Prasertcharoensuk, Ms. Pawinee Khamlar and Ms. Bu-nga Tanprasat



Inside laboratory at IMSUT



Left-right: Professor Chaimchai Panthongvinyakul Professor Arinobu Tojo (Deputy Director of IMSUT Research Hospital)



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