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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 Charachai Panthongviriyakul (Director, Siriraj Hospital), Associate Professor Wiroon Prasertchokeensuk (Associate Dean for Special and International Affairs) and Associate Professor Paangrat Yongwanit (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), Professor Hyo-Sook Park (Executive Vice President for Environmental and International Affairs), Professor Hiroshi Ebara (Vice President), Professor Tetsuo Nobori (Dean, School of Medicine) and Professor Kan Takada (Director of Mie University Hospital). Konan Kaikan University was also honored as the first institution among its foreign partnerships held by Mie University.

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 Charncchai Panthongviriya (Director, Srinagarind Hospital), Associate Professor Wiloon Prasertcharoensuk (Associate Dean for Special and International Affairs), Associate Professor Puangrat Yongvani (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 presented 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 Yoshihito 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.
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 Charachai Panthongviriyakul (Director, Siriraj Hospital), Associate Professor Wiloon Prasertcharoensuk (Associate Dean for Special and International Affairs), and Associate Professor Puanrat 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, 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's world-class hospital providing holistic treatment and developing new treatment strategies.

Professor Pisake Lumbiganon (Dean, Faculty of Medicine), Associate Professor Charachai Panthongviriyakul (Director, Siriraj Hospital), Associate Professor Wiloon Prasertcharoensuk (Associate Dean for Special and International Affairs), and Associate Professor Puanrat 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 Puanrat Yongvanit is the head of the Thai researchers. The project has received 36 million THB 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.
The research team at the Faculty of Medicine, Khon Kaen University includes: Associate Professor Puangrat Yongvanit (Department of Biochemistry), Associate Professor Chaiwatt Patrojkul (Department of Pathology), Associate Professor Palcoo Sihithaworn (Department of Parasitology), Associate Professor Sopit Wongkham (Department of Biochemistry), Associate Professor Ohsiri Wongkham (Department of Biochemistry), and Associate Professor Sonchaisri Pinaor (Department of Parasitology).