

Friendly rivalry among fellow students fosters a global perspective and ambitions

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At the forefront of global human resources development, Nagoya-Yonsei University Research Exchange Meeting on Health Sciences

At Nagoya University Graduate School of Medicine (School of Health Sciences), we aim for the new development of research on healthcare and medicine by promoting graduate school education that develops research ability. In addition, we are fostering the development of global human resources by strengthening alliances with health sciences and medical universities in the Asian region. Collaboration with Asian counterparts started with an academic research exchange program with departments of Health Sciences and Nursing at Yonsei University, a famous private university in South Korea, at the graduate school level in 2010. Since then, we have held academic research exchange meetings in turn between two universities every year, and in 2014, we hosted the 5th Nagoya-Yonsei University Research Exchange Meeting on Health Sciences at our university. This program has grown to a scale at which approximately 200 faculty members and students from both universities participate.

The biggest characteristic of these academic research exchange meetings is the presentation of research in English by graduate students. Because the oral presentations and the Q&A are all conducted in English, this provides students with an opportunity to gain experience in a setting very similar to the presentation of research at global scientific meetings, and it had led to remarkable growth. This is a pioneering effort from the standpoint of the development of global human resources, and it also serves as a new strength driving global exchanges for the entire School of Health Sciences.

5 years of activity bore fruit in expanded exchange with an eye to joint research

Moreover, the circle of exchange is continuing to expand every year as fellow students voluntarily participate in activities such as visiting each other's research laboratories or making joint visits to hospitals and welfare facilities in a spirit of friendly rivalry. Of course, alliances between faculty members also deepen, and each time it is repeated, the exchange grows closer.

This we could say is the fruit of 5 years of exchange. In November of 2014, an Interdepartmental International Academic Exchange Agreement was concluded between the Nagoya University Graduate School of Medicine (Health Sciences) and Yonsei University's Department of Health Sciences. The purpose was to develop joint research, and it marked a big first step from exchange between students to collaboration on the research plane.

Learning from exchange with local staff Pilot "Introductory Program in First-Hand Experience in Thai Healthcare and Medicine"

Another new effort is the pilot program "Introductory Program in First-Hand Experience in Thai Healthcare and Medicine," launched in 2014. Under cooperation with ASEAN Institute for Health Development at Mahidol University in Thailand, a center for human resources development in health sciences, students visit medical facilities and healthcare centers in each part of Thailand. Through exchange with the local healthcare personnel and residents, they deepen their understanding of the healthcare situation overseas. This program has just begun, but as in the academic exchange with Yonsei University, we plan to continue it as our own effort to develop human resources with a high degree of motivation to conduct research and an international perspective.

The School of Health Sciences will go on promoting international exchange in both human resources development and research activities as we promote its growth into a base for health sciences that contributes to advances in global healthcare.



Nagoya-Yonsei University Research Exchange Meeting on Health Sciences

Begun in 2010 at the proposal of Nagoya University. As a forum for academic research exchanges on health sciences between Nagoya University and Yonsei University at the graduate school level, the program cosponsors research presentations in English by students once a year.



Introductory Program in First-Hand Experience in Thai Healthcare and Medicine

Short-term program of training in Thailand, started in 2015. Jointly conducted by the Nagoya University School of Health Sciences and ASEAN Institute for Health Development at Mahidol University in Thailand, with which an Interdepartmental International Academic Exchange Agreement was concluded in 2015. Students visit local medical facilities to learn about medical care conditions overseas.



Scene of training in Thailand

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