

University of Yamanashi "University of Yamanashi-China Medical University Exchange Program - Pathology Education and Clinical Pathology"



Group photo of students from the UY and CMU

<Overseas university> China Medical University

<Location> People's Republic of China

<Seminar period> August 4-13, 2009

<Number of participants>

- University of Yamanashi: 6 faculty members, 34 students
- China Medical University: 2 faculty members, 8 students

Seminar detail

The seminar was implemented as an exchange program between the University of Yamanashi (UY) and China Medical University (CMU). It was held at the UY with ten members from the fourth-year Japanese language class at CMU, including teachers, visiting between August 4 and 13 for studies centering on the discipline of pathology offered in Japan.

The students of CMU, who were fluent in the Japanese language, listened to the same level of lectures at the UY Faculty of Medicine as the Japanese students, and deepened their knowledge of pathology. In a tour of the University Hospital, they learned the medical system and operation method of Japanese hospitals. And in an exchange session, they and the Japanese students gave presentations about the differences in their countries' medical systems and introduced each other to school life in the other country.



LEFT: Classroom lecture



RIGHT: Students' discussion session

The students also held exchanges through sporting activities, took an outdoor bath in a Japanese hot spring, and climbed to the fifth station of Mt. Fuji by bus, although unfortunately clouds hid the peak from view. The visiting students even experienced the ordinary Japanese lifestyle through homestays.

Through their ten-day stay in Japan, the students from China deepened their knowledge of pathology, gained an understanding of

not only the differences in the medical system but also the similarities and differences in campus life between the two countries, and were presented with a firsthand view of Japanese culture as well as the ordinary, dressed-down way of life in Japan. These experiences have enabled them to broaden their horizon; and they certainly had the same effect on the Japanese students who interacted with their guests. The exchange program was covered by the local media and introduced throughout Yamanashi Prefecture.



LEFT: A tour of the UY Hospital



RIGHT: Climbing Mt. Fuji

From the participating students



Mr. Aoki Tadashi , Senior student, University of Yamanashi

"The students from China Medical University who participated in this seminar experienced on- and off-campus life in Japan, and appeared to fully enjoy interacting with Japanese medical students. Watching them was encouraging; they spurred my enthusiasm toward daily studies and the prospect of studying abroad. Thank you for this valuable experience."

Mr. Nan Hai tian, Senior student, China Medical University

"Anyone can live a happy life in China as long as they have money. Yet the most important thing in life is the Japanese people's attitude to be 'kind to the environment and kind to others.' People exist as individuals that make up one large group and are blessed with individual obligations and responsibilities. I was motivated to work even harder and participate in further exchanges with the Japanese academic field of medicine in the future."

