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What is VIS ?

The International Relations Division of the Faculty of Medicine issues VIS to send out the live messages from International Students of Graduate School of Medicine, Graduate School of Biomedical Science and School of Medicine, and to promote the exchange of intercultural information. We hope VIS helps to cultivate intercultural communications and boost international exchanges.

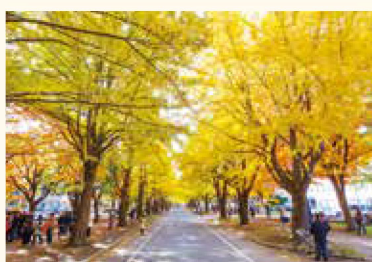
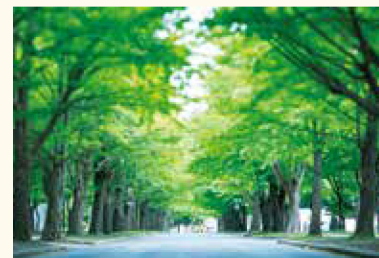
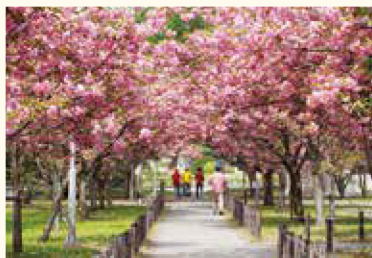
VIS の発行の目的は、医学院・医理工学院・医学部医学科の学生の生の声を発信することと、異文化間の情報交換を促進することです。VIS が異文化間のコミュニケーションを養い、国際交流を実行していくうえで役立つことを望みます。

WELCOME TO HOKKAIDO UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

Clinical / Research Electives at Hokkaido University



Hokkaido University School of Medicine accepts medical students around the world for clinical or medical electives during each academic year. Students would take clinical electives at Hokkaido University Hospital which is located next to the School of Medicine.



We Support Your Elective

Our division is dedicated to support student exchange, starting from application process to the completion of the electives, and providing helping hand regarding housing, visa, etc. To our delight, many students say it's one of their most memorable experiences.

Four seasons of Hokkaido University Campus

WELCOME EXCHANGE STUDENTS

From Gyeongsang National University, Korea



Sangcheol Yoon (second right)

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I stayed two weeks at Renal and genitourinary surgery and two weeks at Cardiovascular medicine. I was interested in renal transplantation and angiography, and that is the reason I applied to those departments.

During the two weeks of Renal and genitourinary surgery, I was able to observe many cases of operations, even renal transplantation. I was pleased to attend all the conferences, and found out the atmosphere of the conferences was very academic. Plus, seeing the relation-

I practiced at Hokkaido University Hospital in Sapporo for a month from January 22 to February 16. I was able to experience the atmosphere and education of a Japanese university hospital through cardiovascular medicine and genito-urinary surgery department.

I could feel the difference of atmosphere between hospitals in Korea and hospitals in Japan. In Hokkaido University Hospital, it was impressive that doctors and patients had good

relationship between doctors and patients, I was surprised that both of them were very polite to each other.

During the last two weeks in Cardiovascular medicine, I observed many cases of angiography, and I was very satisfied.

I especially thank the staffs of Renal and genitourinary surgery to take so good care of both of us.

rapport formation.

Although my English skills were not that good, I could adapt well to the Hokkaido University Hospital and have a good time thanks to the friendly professors and students. While practicing at Hokkaido University Hospital, I was also very happy that I was able to have good friendship with many friends as well as studying. This experience has been a memorable experience for me. And I hope that I also want to help.



Ji Sung Kim (right)

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It was a good opportunity to learn Japanese medicine for a month. Since the approach to diagnosis and the treatment plan are standardized globally, there is no big difference from Korea, but Japan has excellent technology. These techniques enable more accurate diagnosis and treatment.

All the professors, staff and students in the hospital were really friendly. So even if I did not speak Japanese well, it was easy to adjust. However, the dormitory cost seemed to be expensive, but considering the price of Japan, it was reasonable.

WELCOME EXCHANGE STUDENTS

From Taipei Medical University, Taiwan

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The time I spent in the Hokkaido University Hospital has been an amazing experience. This is my first time to enter an exchange program abroad, so everything was new to me. However, to my surprise, I didn't have to put much effort to fit in the different environment. Everybody, from the students to the doctors, was really nice and enthusiastic. I am very grateful for their guidance.

The most surprising thing to me is the interaction between the senior doctors and the students. It's not common at all for Taiwanese doctors and medical students to have dinner together after work.

However, I got 4 dinner parties during my stay in Hokkaido. The senior doctors also care more about students. They asked us to introduce ourselves and wanted to get to know us better. We were more like facing a friend rather than a supervisor. Despite my lack of Japanese language skills, I could understand most of them thanks to their translation.

This month in Hokkaido University Hospital undoubtedly has been the most unforgettable time throughout my academic career. Not only did I acquire medical knowledge, but also made some new friends and experienced a different medical environment. Hopefully this will be advantageous to me in the future.

Keng-Sheng Lin, Taipei Medical University

It had been a wonderful experience in Hokkaido University Hospital during this month. Both Dermatology and Rheumatology professors and doctors were very nice and kind. Not only did they explain the patient's condition and diagnosis in English in order for me to understand, but also recommended many amazing sightseeing spots and restaurants, which really made my trip both educational and charming.

The first two weeks in Dermatology, I saw both common and rare skin lesions, some were very typical and unforgettable. I visited both the out-patient, in-patient and surgery room. I learned a lot and deepened the understanding of Dermatology during the two weeks. I also benefited greatly during the two weeks in Rheumatology. They arranged many lectures, which I acquired many basic clinical knowledge. I learned many typical rheumatic diseases as well as knowledge of internal medicine. My horizon was really broadened during the month in Hokkaido University Hospital.

Last but not least, I would like to express my gratitude to every doctor and student who had taken care of me. It had been my pleasure to be able to attend the exchange program and hopefully I'll be able to visit Hokkaido University again!

Chu-Han Cheng, Taipei Medical University

WELCOME EXCHANGE STUDENTS

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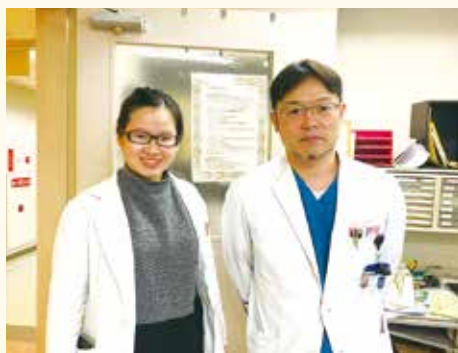
An exchange project of our school with Hokkaido University Hospital brought me to this beautiful city covered in snow.

My first week was at cardiovascular surgery, the whole surgical team cooperated in a fluent and professional manner, which made me feel as if I were at the scene of some famous Japanese medical dramas. During my stay, I got to see a heart transplantation case in person, the whole procedure was handled with great discretion. The touching moment when the transplanted heart started pumping again was way beyond word description.

The teaching program of gastroenterological surgery II was well designed, not only

did I receive CT interpreting lessons, but I also took suture training and laparoscopic operation lessons. While in operation room, I even got the chance to experience the 3D view of Da Vinci Surgery in person! We often have classes together, and the students would explain to me in English when I couldn't understand the exact meaning in Japanese.

During my exchange, I felt grateful that my hospital colleagues cared much about me. I would like to show my deepest gratitude toward Hokkaido University Hospital for offering me the chance to explore the medical environment of a different country, and I really experienced much more than I had expected in the beginning.



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My elective program consisted of 4 weeks' duration. I was attached to breast surgery department for the first two weeks, I am really glad to do elective in Hokkaido University Hospital because Japan is a country that I have always wanted to do my elective placement, as it is known for its beautiful scenery, high technology and good medical services.

In breast surgery, there were many interesting things in the department, for example, 3D mammography, breast sonography, biopsy, out-patient clinic, participating in ward round, morning conference. All the doctors were friendly and teaching. They allowed me to follow them and participated in their work.

I enjoyed at cardiovascular and thoracic surgery in the last 2 week as well. I was given opportunities to scrub in and join the surgeries. The doctors were all very nice and had great enthusiasm toward teaching. They always explained the procedures in English to me. I was very grateful to learn from them.

My off-duty hours were also amazing thanks to friendly doctors, medical students in Hokkaido University Hospital. Doing elective in winter gave me a new life experience. I really loved my elective in Hokkaido University Hospital and highly recommend anyone to come here, which made me feel part of the team from the very beginning.

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