Juntendo University International Center

The 1st Joint Symposium
Peking University and Juntendo University

Recent Advances in Gastrointestinal Cancer Research from Bench to Bedside in Japan and China.

Peking University and Juntendo University made an international exchange contract on December 6, 2007 at the Peking University’s Office of International Relations, in the Haidian District of Beijing, China. Although the official signing of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was conducted in 2007, the original international exchange between the two universities began 27 years ago when Juntendo University CEO OGAWA Hideoki visited Peking University and other institutions in China as the Executive Officer (Head of the Secretaries) of the Japanese Dermatological Association. Since then Juntendo University has received high appraisal from Peking University for its education and research standards in medicine and its achievements in hosting and teaching of Chinese college students. The relationship with Peking University later led to the expansion of Juntendo University’s international exchanges with many of the excellent colleges in China. Now a lot of Chinese college students and doctors visit Juntendo University to study and conduct internships.

The Joint Symposium between Peking University and Juntendo University was hosted by Juntendo University, on February 26, 2012, based on the MOU between the two universities. The purpose of the symposium was to promote further collaborative research through the academic exchange of internationally top-level researchers from both universities. For this symposium, Peking University Executive Vice President KE Yang selected outstanding speakers from Peking University, although she had been extremely busy due to the Quánguó Rénmín Dàibiǎo Dàhuì (The Standing Committee of the National People’s Congress). Executive Vice President KE Yang thought not attending the symposium would be rude to CEO OGAWA, therefore she arranged the slog visit.

A planning committee was organized for the symposium and CEO OGAWA appointed himself as the chairman. The main theme for the symposium was: “Recent Advances in Gastrointestinal Cancer Research from Bench to Bedside in Japan and China.”

The planning committee members included Faculty of Medicine Dean TOMINO Yasuhiko, Professor WATANABE, Professor KAJIYAMA, Professor SAKAMOTO, and Professor FUKUNAGA. Many meetings for the symposium were held, including a meeting with Peking University the day before the symposium. Discussions covered the presentation slides and comments for the speakers and topics.

One hundred and forty one participants attended the symposium. The following are some of their comments: “Both of the lectures were very easy to understand,” “The conditions of stomach cancer in China are very interesting to me,” and “All of the speakers seemed well prepared for the symposium.” A comment from a Juntendo University speaker: “The presentations were all insightful.” Comments from Peking University speakers: “The content of the symposium was very good, but the translations were a little bit difficult to understand,” “I realized the similarities and differences between Japan and China,” “I think this was...”
a great success for the first symposium,” and “I think our international relationship will proceed further if we are able to hold more academic symposiums like this more.”

After the symposium Executive Vice President KE Y Yang sent a thank you note, “The symposium was very successful. It provided a unique opportunity to share the experience in digestive tract cancer between Juntendo University and Peking University Health Science Center. Tours of your main hospital and the hospital at Urayasu left us with a deep impression on your hospital operation and management, as well as your operating facilities. Both the symposium and the hospital visit were perfectly organized, skillfully run and smoothly coordinated.”

Due to the help and cooperation from CEO OGAWA, President KOMINAMI, Dean TOMINO, Ms. Lee Li, and professors, staff and international students of Juntendo University, the symposium was successfully completed. We would like to take the opportunity to express our sincere thanks to all the people involved in the symposium.