Introduction

About TMDU
Tokyo Medical and Dental University is the only specialized life science university in Japan that has both undergraduate and graduate programs in medicine and dentistry. Undergraduate programs prepare students to be medical doctors, nurses, lab technicians, dentists, or dental hygienists; graduate programs abound in Medical and Dental Sciences, Health Sciences, and Biomedical Sciences (Education Division and Research Division). Graduates typically go into research), education, government work or private practice.

Many TMDU faculty members teach at one of our specialized research institutes, such as the Medical Research Institute and the Institute of Biomaterials and Bioengineering.

Major activities

Background
Tokyo Medical and Dental University (TMDU) and Chulalongkorn University (CU) have a long history of friendship and close mutual cooperation, starting with the signing of an academic collaboration agreement between the TMDU Faculty of Dentistry and the CU Faculty of Dentistry in 1991. Before the initiation of the project entitled “Core University Program in Dentistry (1996-2005)”, the universities cooperated in a training program for young professors (JSPS, 1992-1994), a symposium at CU on cutting-edge biomaterials research at TMDU (1993), and an international academic research study on serious maxillofacial defects (MEXT, 1993-1995). In 2002, the TMDU Faculty of Medicine and the CU Faculty of Medicine signed their own academic collaboration agreement. In furtherance of these agreements, and to promote integrated academic collaboration and scholarly exchange between the two universities, the presidents of each university agreed to establish the CU-TMDU Research and Education Collaboration Center at the CU Faculty of Dentistry on November 23, 2009.

Mission
The mission of the Center is to support the following activities:
- Promote Collaborative research based on the needs of the respective countries and regions
- Supply information on research and education at TMDU and studying in Japan
- Provide continuing education opportunities in medicine and dentistry to Thai’s TMDU alumni.
- Provision of medical and dental information to Japanese residents in Thailand

Research Excellence
As a concrete measure of our research excellence, we are proud to say that in recent years TMDU has been the top or second-ranked university in Japan as measured by the Thomson Reuters citation index for academic publications.

Major activities in 2012
[Distance Education]
A video conferencing system has been installed in the Center. We have used this conference system to relay a series of endodontics lectures in post-graduate courses held at TMDU to the Center for students at Chulalongkorn University, in October 2012.

[Dental Seminar and Consultation in 2012]
We held a dental seminar and consultation event for students and parents of the Japanese School in Bangkok in cooperation with the Japan Dental Alumni of Thailand (JDAT) at Imperial Queen’s Park Hotel, in Bangkok on 9th September 2012. Many Japanese parents and children attended the seminar and took counsel from Japanese and Thai dentists. They appreciated that how useful and meaningful it was for Japanese residents in Bangkok. We intend to continue to have this seminar and consultation event every year.