

TMDU: Tokyo Medical and Dental University

[Chulalongkorn University- Tokyo Medical and Dental University Research and Education Collaboration Center]



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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, dental hygienists or dental technicians; 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 both university agreed to establish the CU-TMDU Research and Education Collaboration Center at the CU Faculty of Dentistry on November 23, 2009.



Mission of the Center

- 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

Current Activities

- The Joint Degree Program (JDP) in Dentistry between CU and TMDU was launched in August 2016. Every year three Thai students are selected by a strict admission examination. This is a 5-year program and in the 2nd year they spend a whole academic year at TMDU to pursue their study and research work.
- In November 2017, at Siriraj Hospital, Mahidol University (MU), "TMDU - MU Partnership Siriraj Office" was established.
- There were lots of student exchange programs between TMDU and Thai universities in fiscal year of 2018. A total of forty-two Thai students came to TMDU and twenty-five TMDU students visited Thailand. Active and fruitful student exchange programs or research projects in many health field was conducted. The students learned a lot about each country and contributed to make medical and dental network.