Juntendo University - Peking University International Academic Joint Symposium
The First International Academic Joint Symposium

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Juntendo University held the 1st Juntendo University - Peking University International Academic Joint Symposium on February 26, 2010 on the 17th floor of Juntendo University Century Tower.

This joint symposium was sponsored by the Juntendo University International Center (JUIC) according to the MOU between both universities, aiming for further development of collaborative research through international academic exchange. In this symposium, a simultaneous interpretation service was offered.

The MOU was signed on December 6, 2007, and the signing ceremony was held at the Office of International Relations, Peking University Health Science Center (PUHSC). The CEO (and also President of JUIC), Professor Hideoki Ogawa, signed on behalf of Juntendo University, and Peking University Executive Vice President Professor Ke Yang signed on behalf of Peking University. Although the exchange based on the MOU started three years ago, the relationship between the two universities has had a much longer history; the beginning of Juntendo's strong connection with Peking University can be found in 1982. When belonging to the Department of Dermatology, Professor Ogawa visited various places in China, including Peking University, as the Secretary-General of the Japanese Dermatology Association delegation. Since then, Juntendo's quality of medical education, research works, and number of Chinese students have been highly regarded by people from Peking University, leading to lively collaborative works with many other Chinese universities, and encouraging more Chinese students to study at Juntendo.

Professor Ke expressed her great respect and gratitude to Professor Ogawa, who was also an executive committee chairperson of this symposium, by accepting his invitation and arranging a special delegation of members for the discussions.

The symposium’s theme was: “Practice of basic and clinical research and treatment of digestive tract cancer in Japan and China”, and took place with the following program:

<<Program>>
Moderator: Prof. Yasuhiro Tomino, Dean of Graduate School of Medicine, Juntendo University
13:30 Opening Remarks
Prof. Hideoki Ogawa, Juntendo University CEO, President of Juntendo University International Center
Prof. Ke Yang, Peking University Executive Vice President
14:00-14:30 Overview
Prof. Sumio Watanabe, Juntendo University
“Gastric Cancer in Japan and in Juntendo Hospital —up-to-date—”
Prof. Ke Yang, Peking University
“A prospective cohort study of human papilloma virus infection associated with esophageal cancer tumor”
14:30–16:30 Panel Discussion
Prof. Yoshiaki Kajiyama, Juntendo University
“Surgical treatment of esophageal cancer”

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A total of 141 participants joined the symposium, allowing valuable feedback and communication. Some examples included: **Participant**: “It was easy to understand the presentations by both the Chinese and Japanese lecturers. I found it quite interesting to know the current situation of the gastric cancer in China.” **Japanese Lecturer**: “The presentation session was well-organized.” **Chinese Lecturer**: “I think the contents were satisfactory, but the interpretation could have been improved. It was really helpful to understand the differences and similarities between Chinese and Japanese cases. I think it was successful as the first collaborative symposium. If we had similar conferences frequently, to make presentations on advanced research, the significance of international exchange would be enhanced.”

We also offered some extra hospital tours for the delegation. On the morning of February 26, the delegation toured the Juntendo Main Hospital, guided by Professor Hiroyuki Kobayashi, followed by a tour of Urayasu Hospital the next day. At Urayasu Hospital, the delegation had a discussion with Hospital Director Professor Kenji Takamori, Vice Hospital Director Professor Masahide Maruyama, and Professor Masaki Fukunaga.

Furthermore, we were pleased to receive Professor Ke’s letter of thanks addressed to Professor Ogawa:

“The symposium was very successful. It provided a unique opportunity to share experiences 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 of your hospital operation and management, as well as your operating facilities. Both the symposium and the hospital visit are perfectly organized, skillfully run and smoothly coordinated.”

In addition to the Chinese lecturers mentioned above, Professor Liu Yu-lan, Vice Director of the PUHSC Office of International Relations Professor Zhang Lei, Director of the PUHSC Department of Planning and Finance Zheng Zhuang, and Vice Director of the PUHSC Department of Personnel Dai Qing also attended the symposium.

On behalf of the organizers, we would like to extend my sincere thanks to JUIC in Juntendo University. This was the JUIC’s first time to run an executive secretariat office for such an international conference. We would like to also give thanks to Professor Ogawa, President Eiki Kominnami, Dean of the Graduate School of Medicine Professor Tomino, as well the faculty members, hospital staff and officers, international students at Juntendo, administrative staff from Peking University, and Ms. Li from the JUIC office, for helping make the symposium such a great success. We would like to express our sincere gratitude for everyone’s support and cooperation.

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Figure 1  Opening remark by Professor Ogawa

Figure 2  Presentation by Professor Ke, from Pekin University

Figure 3  Welcome speech by Professor Ogawa before the symposium