Juntendo University and Peking University Joint Symposiums first began in February 2010 and since then the universities have held four international academic symposiums. Before the 4th Symposium, Peking University appointed Juntendo University CEO OGAWA Hideoki as an Emeritus Professor. Peking University proposed a presentation ceremony to honor CEO OGAWA and requested CEO OGAWA deliver a special lecture at Peking University. The occasion provided an ideal opportunity for the 4th International Academic Symposium between the universities.

Juntendo University is honored by the appointment of CEO OGAWA as an Emeritus Professor because the position acknowledges his continuous contributions to the education of young educators, extraordinary research achievements in dermatology and sexually transmitted diseases in China and other Asian countries, and vast accomplishments in cultural and medical exchange between Japan and China (Figure-1).

CEO OGAWA Hideoki started his special memorial lecture by reflecting on the exchange history involved with studies of sexually transmitted diseases, which started in the late 70s and the history behind the steps taken to promote friendly exchanges between dermatologists from both countries (Figure-2). CEO OGAWA went on to mention his research achievements in dermatology and his recent appointment as the President of The Japan China Medical Association in November 2015. Finally, CEO OGAWA introduced the principal of “三無主義 (Sanmusyugi)” at Juntendo University. The principal means that there is no discrimination based on gender, nationality or educational background” at Juntendo University.

After CEO OGAWA’s special memorial lecture, the participants were divided into two groups for the Joint Symposium. One of the symposiums focused on brain diseases. Professor AOKI Shigeki, Senior Associate Professor UMEMURA Atsushi, and Associate Professor HATANO Taku delivered lectures on “Advances of Brain MR Imaging”, “Deep Brain Stimulation for Parkinson Disease”, and “Genetics in Parkinson’s Disease and Related Disorders”, respectively. The other symposium, focusing on skin diseases, was held at another venue at the same time. Professor TAKAMORI Kenji gave a lecture on “Mechanisms and Managements of Intractable Itch in Atopic Dermatitis” and Senior Associate Professor NIYONSABA François talked about “Antimicrobial Peptides: an Essential Component of the Skin Defensive Barrier”. Professors of Peking University also gave interesting presentations followed by an active question and answer sessions. Both symposiums were a great success.
The Joint Symposium was another step towards improving the relationship between Juntendo University and Peking University while promoting further student and faculty exchanges and collaborative research in the future.