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# **SCU NEWSLETTER**





## 1. Classes

#### 1a. Student exchanges with universities in Singapore and the Philippines. (School of Rehabilitation Sciences)

On Friday, August 19, students in the International Rehabilitation Course and the School of Rehabilitation Sciences minoring in the International Health and Welfare Program participated in a virtual exchange program with Singapore Institute of Technology (SIT).

During the exchange event, students deepened their knowledge in the field of healthcare and rehabilitation, student life, and cultural differences between Japan and Singapore by attending lectures given by SIT faculty and interacting with SIT students. They also engaged in a lively discussion where they shared opinions in the Zoom Meeting breakout room.

On Thursday, September 1 and Friday, September 2, second-year students of the International Rehabilitation Course held a student exchange program with students of the Department of Physical Therapy, College of Health Sciences, Mariano Marcos State University (MMSU), Philippines, to improve their English communication skill and to learn about cultural differences. On the day, the students were divided into six groups for group work, where they discussed and made presentations about cultures in Japan and the Philippines, the impact of COVID-19 on the medical professionals, and support for people with diverse backgrounds.

Original article in Japanese: https://www.seirei.ac.jp/information/20220928n1/

#### 1b. Interprofessional Work in Community Care was held.

Original article in Japanese: https://www.seirei.ac.jp/information/20221004n3/

# 2. On-campus Events

#### 2a. We had Homecoming Day 2022.

Homecoming Day 2022 was held on Saturday, November 5. We welcomed graduates and alumni to our campus and invited them to use their alma mater as a base for work, research, and training, and as a center for exchanging the latest information on healthcare and social welfare. This event is an opportunity for the alumni to meet with old friends and interact with faculty and staff.

Many alumni participated in this year's 16<sup>th</sup> event. In addition, as a precaution against COVID-19, those living outside of the prefecture and those who were not feeling well on the day were able to participate online via Zoom.

We held study sessions and social gatherings for each field, divided into nursing, social work, and rehabilitation sciences. Afterwards, we prepared playback videos and quizzes for each age group, which were provided by the committee members, and the audience enjoyed the time.

Please visit the website: <u>https://www.seirei.ac.jp/for-alumni/homecomingday/</u>

Original article in Japanese: https://www.seirei.ac.jp/information/20221107c1/

#### 2b. Handbell circle "Handbell Ringers" performed at university worship service on Wednesday, October 26.

Original article in Japanese: https://www.seirei.ac.jp/information/20221026n1/

## 3. International Relations and Research

#### 3a. Conclusion of MOU on International Exchange and Commemorative Ceremony

On November 1, 2022, we concluded a memorandum of understanding with Chiang Mai University (CMU), Thailand. A virtual ceremony was held online, and our President Shohei Ohgi and CMU's President Pongruk Sribanditmongkol delivered remarks expressing their expectations for academic collaboration and student/faculty exchange in future.

The exchange with CMU's Faculty of Associated Medical Sciences first began when we welcomed seven graduate students in December 2018, followed by an International Occupational Therapy Practicum in the School of Rehabilitation Sciences in February 2019.

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We held an international exchange 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary ceremony with Samuel Merritt University (SMU), U.S. SCU and SMU began exchanges in 2011 and signed a Memorandum of Understanding in 2013. Since then, we have been actively engaged in student and faculty exchanges.

The first nursing program in the U.S. was held in March 2015, and students from SMU began their visit to SCU in May 2015. We also continue to conduct virtual exchanges even though travel has been difficult due to COVID-19.

The presidents and deans of both university expressed their gratitude for the wonderful collaboration so far and expectations for the future engagement between the two universities, as well as for the promotion of student exchange.

A video reviewing the past exchanges was shown, and the participants pledged to continue to promote further exchanges between SCU and SMU, to grow together through student exchanges and training at hospitals and facilities, and to become active globally as healthcare professionals.

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# **3b.** Associate Professor Sayori Fujita received the Best Presentation Award at the 56th Japan Occupational Therapy Conference.

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**3c.** Associate Professor Hiroki Yabe, Department of Physical Therapy, Faculty of Rehabilitation Science, gave a public lecture at the "25th Annual Meeting of the Japanese Society of Nephrology Nursing".

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3d. An article by Ren Takahashi, a student in the Master's Program of the Graduate School of Rehabilitation Science, was published in the international journal "Journal of Renal Nutrition (IF 4.35)".

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