

Dr. Kida receives award from the State of Vermont

One of our senior faculty members, Dr. Masatoshi Kida, received an honor for his efforts in establishing and supporting a substantial international exchange in medical education and training. On July 18th, 2018, at the statehouse in Montpelier, the state of Vermont and Tottori Prefecture of Japan signed a sister state agreement. At this special ceremony, Dr. Kida and his wife, Mrs. Reiko Kida, received a Certificate of Commendation by the Consul-General of Japan in New England to celebrate their efforts and in recognition of “their distinguished service in contributing to the deepening of mutual understanding and friendship between Vermont and Japan.” Very powerful and meaningful words.

Since his arrival to Vermont in April of 2000, Dr. Kida has been an enthusiastic and dedicated supporter of international educational activities, and has single-handedly created many important international programs at the Robert E. Larner College of Medicine and the UVM Pathology and Laboratory Medicine department. Known for his creative acronyms, Dr. Kida apply named the parent program “Affiliated Programs in Pathology Learning and Education (APPLE)”. Within “APPLE”, he has started the “Pathology International Education (PIE)” which is made up of 4 sub-groups of programs: “Vermont Spring/Summer Visiting Program (VS/SVP)”, “Pathology Ultimate Field trip for Fellows (PUFF)”, “Pathology Resident Exchange (P-Rex)”, and “Vermont Visiting Program (VtVP)”. Through the Vermont Spring/Summer Visiting Program, an impressive 140 medical students, from 6 different Japanese medical schools, have visited us here in Vermont since 2001. The students are in Vermont for 4 weeks to observe/experience our daily patient care activities. Through the “PUFF” program, 31 pathology student fellows have visited Japan since 2004. To date, 15 Japanese pathology residents and 1 Vermont pathology resident have visited Vermont through the “Pathology Resident Exchange (P-Rex)” and 6 faculty members from 4 Japanese medical schools have visited through the “Vermont Visiting Program”.

No doubt, Dr. Kida’s dedication to these international exchange efforts has supported many individuals, the department and the College of Medicine, and has very importantly promoted diversity here and across the seas. With this recent recognition, it is clear that his impact is not only restricted to our community in medicine, but is now being recognized on a more global level with positive impacts on the human condition.

Thank you for all that you do, Dr. Kida!

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