



International Pharmaceutical Students' Federation

Project Accreditation Form Report

Introduction

IPSF Member Organisation	APS-Japan, Japan 
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Name of the activity	3rd International Medical Tour in Vietnam
Date	03/19/2018-03/25/2018
Portfolio	Other

Summary of the Activity

<Aims>

- To broaden participants' minds
- To provide a chance to go abroad for the pharmacy students who are afraid of international fields.
- To know the country better by leaning from not only medical view but from multiple views like history, tradition, social system and so on.



<Planning>

We started planning from September, cooperating with the travel agency.

We started the registration from November.

Detailed schedule had been discussed until March.

<Implementation>

2018/3/19-2018/3/25

<Results>

We could learn a difference of medical situation between Japan and Vietnam.

Beside the medical situation, we could also learn about Vietnam war, what the local university students think, and how to do a volunteer work.



Part A: Planning

Organising Team	8 Individuals
Who were involved?	Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences Students
Partner Organisations, Stakeholders and Supporters	H.I.S. (Travel Agency)
Audience Reached	14 Individuals
Target Audience	Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences Students

Aims of the Activity

This tour is for Japanese pharmacy students to visit not only medical institutions but also local universities and historical museums. The good point for Japanese students is we can study in our mother tongue (Japanese) almost all the time during the tour. Our aim was to compare the medical situation deeply and welfare services between Vietnam and Japan, and to think what can we do to improve the situations in both countries and then make action to achieve them.

Another aim was to encourage the Japanese pharmaceutical students to study abroad and to provide a chance to broaden their minds. We also wanted the participants to know they can study a lot in other countries even if they are not confident in English.

This activities was held in 2016 for the first time and since then, the slogan of International Medical Tour is "See differences, Think widely, Make actions!!" Our biggest aim is to make the participants act in their own ways as a future pharmacist, as a pharmacy student, or as a person.

Plan of procedure of the Activity

<Timeline>

Sep: We decided the tour-country and maximum number of participants

Oct: We started PR via APS-Japan mailing lists and facebook

Nov: We started the registration

Mar: We had an pre-meeting for participants, visited vietnam

Apr: We're going to publish Participants' voice on APS-Japan facebook page.



We had a lot of discussions which institutions to visit with the travel agency from September to just before the departure day.

<Registration fee>

131,710 yen/person

Registration fee was fixed by the travel agency.

Registration fee covered airplane fare, transportation fee in Vietnam, all of the breakfast, and salary for the local tour guide (who can speak Japanese).

After the registration, we asked the participants to pay 3,000 yen for the gift to the staffs in the institutions we visited.

<Materials>

Pens, Papers, Souvenirs for staffs in institutions we visited



Part B: Report

Statistics

Theoretical Hours	168 hours (7 days)
Practical Hours	168 hours (7 days)

Organization of Activity

<Timeline>

Day1

AM- Left for Vietnam

PM- Dinner with the HIS Vietnam staffs

Day2

AM- FV Hospital visit

PM- Bach Viet Junior College visit;

We discussed about the countries customs and medical situations

Day 3

AM- Vietnam Traditional Medical Museum visit

Medicine Merchandise Mart Visit

War Remnants Museum visit

PM- Tu Du Hospital visit; Peace Island

Interviewed to Mr. Nguyen, who was born as a Siamese twins because of the Vietnamese war

Had the middle-term meeting

Day 4

AM- Family Medical Practice visit

PM- University of Social Sciences and Humanities visit

Dinner with Dr. Nakajima, the Japanese doctor in Raffles Medical

Day5

AM- Open University visit;

We discussed about the countries customs and medical situations

PM- Que Huong Charity Center visit;

We did a volunteer work



Day6

Whole day-Free time for broaden about Vietnam

(ef, visited pharmaceutical university's festival)

PM- Left for Japan

Day7

AM- Arrived at Japan

<Resources>

131,710 yen/person for travel expenses

*All the expenses except lunch and dinner were covered

3,000 yen/person × 14 participants = 42,000 yen for token of thanks

Implementation

Same as the timeline above.

Results/Outcomes of the Activity

Through the hospitals and pharmacies visits, we could learn a lot of differences between Japanese medical situations and the county's one, especially the typical diseases and medical business.

As the University of Social Sciences and Humanities is run by Japanese organization, students there can speak Japanese. We had a workshop with them and we ourselves could learn about Japanese culture in the different way we learned in Japan.

In Open university and junior college, we could share our cultures with the students in the almost same generations. It is our honor that we could share our ideas not only as pharmacy students but also as Japanese.

Of course we could feel the Vietnamese atmosphere by meals, coutumes, musics, everything we saw and heard in there. It's one of the important parts to know about the country well when we visit the other countries.

The slogan of this tour is "See differences, Think widely, Make actions!!" By comparing the situations, we realized that Vietnam has many problems in medical fields. We think all of the participants could see differences and could think a lot. We hope after the tour, each participant will make their actions.

Evaluation of the Activity

We should have made schedules more in depth, especially when we visit the



other countries because the situation always could have been changing at any time.

What should be avoided or carefully prevented:

You should plan the schedule in early stage and discuss it with the travel agency staffs in detail before the departure. It was hard for IMT staffs that the travel agency could not fix the schedule until just before the tour started.

Final remarks

This study tour must have let students broaden their minds and ideas so that it should be continued in the future though IMT is the newer project compared with the others. We visited Cambodia and Myanmar for the 1st and the 2nd tours, and this year, we chose Vietnam to visit. As we mentioned, we could learn a lot other than pharmacy, like volunteer work and welfare services. We hope to organize the wonderful tour next year too and to gather more and more passionate participants from pharmacy schools.

Annexes



Day 2 at Bach Viet Junior College



Day 3 at Vietnam Traditional Medical Museum



Day 4 at Family Medical Practice (Hospital)

