

PREFACE

“Hiroshima Conference on Education and Science in Dentistry” is a clear and strong intentional display that Hiroshima University Faculty of Dentistry’s goal is to become the worldwide research and education center in Dentistry.

Though the education is originally social contribution itself, it is generally difficult to find the effects of the education as contribution to the society in the short term. It seems to constitute the dental education by two parts: innovation and foundation. The foundational part guarantees the educational quality, namely the medical quality in the dentistry education, and the innovative part contributes to the advance of dentistry. The innovative part becomes established knowledge and technology in the long term, and it shifts to the foundational education and results in the improvement in the medical quality. That is to say, it is considered that the advanced research is indispensable to the advanced education.

In the development of the education, both competition and coordination are important. The foundational part in the education should be raised by the coordination among Universities in the world, and it can achieve the long-term and stable contribution for the general society. On the other hand, it is possible that the innovative part is improved by international competition. The competition must be carried out in the widely opened field, because excellent results can be expected for the competition, if it is done in the wider world.

We hope that the education session of “Hiroshima Conference on Education and Science in Dentistry, 2006” greatly contributes to the coordination of the foundational part of the dental education. The research session of the conference is a source of the innovation of the education. In the research session, the many excellent lectures are carried out by worldwide distinguished researchers. It will be a great pleasure, if young students and researchers, who will contribute to the future success, can have greater stimulation for creation of new forms of knowledge in the science session.

For the first time, we invited the deans and faculty members from the universities that have “the agreement of exchanging program” with Hiroshima University. The name of “Hiroshima Conference on Education and Science in Dentistry, 2006” was chosen to represent the cosmopolitan city “Hiroshima” which has contributed in world peace. Naming of the conference is the intentional display of Hiroshima University Faculty of Dentistry for pursuit of peace through education and research.

Since 1965, many faculty and administrative staff have supported the development of Hiroshima University Faculty of Dentistry. The logo of “Hiroshima Conference on Education and Science in Dentistry” has been designed with a motif of “Liquidamber styraciflua” a tree of Hiroshima University Faculty of Dentistry. 40 years ago, the predecessors of Hiroshima University Faculty of Dentistry planted “Liquidamber styraciflua” trees in front of the building of the faculty of dentistry and prayed for its future development. These “Liquidamber styraciflua” trees have observed the development of Hiroshima University Faculty of Dentistry and at present, they are the tallest trees in the Kasumi Campus (Medical Campus). We are deeply thankful for the enthusiastic thought of the predecessors who planted “Liquidamber styraciflua” trees and we have designed the symbol of the Hiroshima conference with a motif of “Liquidamber styraciflua”. We sincerely appreciate all those who understood and cooperated with our activities. Also, personally, I appreciate the strong support of the faculty and administrative staff who encouraged me to organize the present international conference of the 40th anniversary commemoration.

We desire that young students and young faculty members deeply understand the significance of this “Hiroshima Conference on Education and Science in Dentistry” and contribute to the development of Hiroshima University Faculty of Dentistry by continuous self-development.

Thank you.

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