

Activity Report of Asia-Pacific Medical Network Project in Kyushu University Hospital : Vol.7

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3) Report

The 4th annual Asia Telemedicine Symposium was held at Hanyang University in Korea in late 2010. The day before the symposium the temperature fell to -20°C and flights were delayed because of the snow. However, on the opening day, it was sunny, almost as if the weather were welcoming the delegates.

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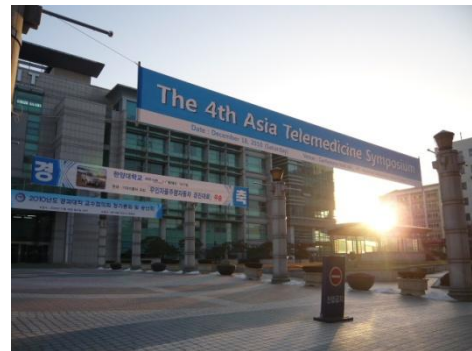
The day before the symposium, we had a committee meeting at the President Hotel, and discussed the upcoming events. The Medical Working Group (WG) participates in the APAN Meeting every six months, and demonstrates teleconferencing at this meeting. In the committee meeting, the Medical Working Group discussed the details of the next APAN meeting, which will be held in Hong Kong in February, 2011.

The Symposium

The symposium was held in the Conference Hall at HIT (Hanyang Institute of Technology). Two session tracks, Medical and Engineering, were held simultaneously in different rooms.

Medical Session

During the Medical Session, presentations were given by participants from each country. Tsinghua University, China, introduced their newest invention, DVDS-Plus. In addition, new fields and new institutions were introduced, and members presented their past year's activities and future plans.



Venue: Hanyang University



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Reception desk



Prof. C Bao (Tsinghua University, China) presenting

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Engineering Session

During the Engineering Session, each institution discussed its own setup and techniques. In addition, methods for improving the audio-visual quality were discussed. Unfortunately, because of the untimely increase in tension between North and South Korea, some participants canceled their visit. However, they still participated in the meeting via teleconferencing. This flexibility of teleconferencing shows the importance of these symposiums.

Closing Ceremony

At the end of the symposium, participants from both tracks gathered for a group photo. Comparing this photo to previous ones, we can see a steady increase in the number of participants.

After the Symposium

After the symposium, a dinner was held. Participants from each country gathered together to continue the discussions, even outside the formal symposium. The main topic for the symposium was teleconferencing, and through events like this, we can appreciate how teleconferencing facilitates the expansion of our activities and leads to face-to-face communication.



An active discussion



Engineering Session



The discussions continued at the after-party



Post-Symposium photograph