

## Activity Report of Asia-Pacific Medical Network Project in Kyushu University Hospital : Vol.3

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# 1. Preface

We are pleased to have summarized our activity between April 2006 and March 2007 as the 3<sup>rd</sup> volume of “Activity Report of Asia-Pacific Medical Network Project” here. All our staffs are happy to know that our activity is growing and our broadband system is being standardized in telemedicine by providing with non-compressed, high-quality moving images. No need for further investment of specialized equipments but only for friendly equipments like personal computers and digital videos also attracts many doctors and medical people.

We have achieved many new things within this one year period. We performed 37 times of teleconferences in a year, which was by far the largest number. We have established the new medical link to Vietnam, Indonesia, India, Malaysia, and the Philippines, in cooperation with TEIN2 (Trans-Eurasia Information Network 2). There are numbers of hospitals and medical institutions which newly joined our network, including Seoul National University Hospital, Peking University, National Taiwan University Hospital, Chulalongkorn University, University of Indonesia, National Hospital of Pediatrics (Hanoi), Australia National University, Stanford University, and Nagasaki University Hospital. Many live demonstrations are commemorative, especially Japanese Urological Congress in Fukuoka, Siriraj-Ramathibodi Medical Congress in Fukuoka, Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM) in Ha-Long, and Endoscopic Laparoscopic Surgeons in Asia (ELSA) in Seoul. Teleconference on bird influenza connecting eight countries with DVTS was also impressive.

In the coming fiscal year, main themes are as follows. First, we will further extend our medical network to many other hospitals not only in Asia-Pacific but also to United States and European countries. Second, we will further improve and simplify our local settings to make them more user-friendly and more comfortable for the audience. Education of newly attending engineers is also important. Third, we will start planning to make regular seminars or programs by organizing attractive and useful contents with live demonstrations. Fourth, we will explore the usage of high-definition images for even better quality than DVTS (digital video transport system).

We would like to express our sincere appreciation for all engineers and medical staffs to make our activity expanding and more and more interesting.

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