

the team of TMU facilitated hospitals and later also became one of TMU internship hospitals for students of the seventh year.

#### Distinctive Feature of Education

For the first and second year we focus our curriculum planning on general medical education with diverse elective courses in attempt to foster our students' humanities to care about people, in the third and fourth year, integration of medical courses with clinical relevance, case discussion and related humanity issues are stressed to enable our students to acquire substantial knowledge of basic medicine and motivate their interest in clinical medicine and research as well as their humanity.

Clinical medicine curriculum, clinical teaching and internship are the emphases for the fifth, sixth and seventh year in order to leading students on their way to becoming medical doctors with professional clinic skills and quality of caring patients.

In the meantime, with the aim to strengthen students' clinical medical or medical research experience, voluntary courses of clinical teaching are offered especially for students in the sixth year that can willingly decide their internships in different institutions including TMU facilitated hospitals, renowned domestic or international teaching hospital, medical administrations, as well as participate in research institutes, local or overseas medical service works.

Students in their seventh year are allowed to apply for international internship such as in the U.S., Japan, Korea, Hong Kong or other well-known medical centers for 4–8 weeks of practice to help enlarge their international view. In addition, with the development of the Internet and information, the School of Medicine also actively promotes distance education; students can learn without restricted time and space and thus are able to learn more independently. To

improve both students' professional and research skills, medical research courses are designed to support their research interest and experiment skills. Those interdisciplinary courses like neurology, medical information and medical ethics are offered to supplement student to have a second professional area of expertise.

#### Faculty

Currently there are 189 faculties in the School including 36 professors, 45 associate professors, 89 assistant professors, 27 instructors, an assistant and 265 part-time faculties. The School puts its research focus on those researches in reproductive medicine, tumor-related medicine, cardiovascular disease, psychiatrics, and neurological science.

#### Distinctive Feature of Research

The School has formed a research team consisting of various fields of research elites from home and from abroad and has accomplished greatly. Please visit the list of our faculty's research achievements at <http://www.tum.edu.tw/default.asp> for reference.

#### Prospect

The School has been always devoting to educate professional medical doctors who possess humanistic compassion and social enthusiasm. Following the aim set by Taiwan Medical Accreditation Council (TMAC), the school is accelerating its and competition by way of renovation in integration of clinical medicine, all-round promotion of general medicine, the establishment of clinical skill centers, the implementation of Objective Structural Clinical Examination (OSCE), exchange of foreign medical students.

In the future, overall quality control through the system of curriculum examination will be implemented to pursue teaching excellence. Moreover, the MD-PhD double degree is