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## Celebrating the 30th anniversary of the sisterhood relationship between Hokkaido University Dental School and Jeonbuk National University Dental School

On behalf of all members of Dental School Jeonbuk National University, I warmly welcome Prof Amizuka, the dean of Dental School Hokkaido University, and a group of visitors.

The two schools have expanded their understanding through exchanges in education and research through regular exchanges since the first shovel of friendship in 1990. They have worked hard to foster future generations and eventually worked toward a common goal of contributing to the health of the people of the two countries.

There had to be a meaningful mutual visit to mark the 30th anniversary of our friendship in 2020, but unfortunately, due to COVID-19, we had to promise the next time.

Fortunately, we restored the student exchange in January 2023 in a face-to-face manner, and today's 30th anniversary event is new to be held with the dean and colleagues of Hokkaido University. Taking a special time to visit even though Dean Amizuka and colleagues are busy will be a time to continue the long friendship between the two schools once again, and an opportunity to share the direction of productive and

practical exchanges that paint a picture of the relationship after 30 years, albeit in a short time.

At a time when the paradigm is changing historically, I hope both schools of Hokkaido University and Jeonbuk National University look forward to finding answers to the following changes together.

First, in Korea, the area of dentists' treatment has been expanded from the oral and jaw to the face by the Supreme Court's ruling in 2016. After this ruling, dentists were added from previous doctors and oriental doctors to the obligation to diagnose and report infectious diseases. This will require a stronger education on the condition of the whole body and systemic disease in the dental school curriculum.

Second, Japan is already experiencing a super-aged society, but Korea will enter a super-aged society next year. This requires more education and research on the oral health of the elderly.

Third, after COVID-19, the demand and changes for digital dentistry are growing. Schools should provide students who are the main players of the future to fully recognize and prepare for the changes of the times.

As we seek answers to the above questions, absolute cooperation between the two schools of Hokkaido University and Jeonbuk National

University are needed. I hope that today's meeting will serve as a new starting point to strengthen cooperation between the two schools and open the door for practical help in improving the health of the people of both countries.

Thank you again to Dean Amizuka for taking the courage to visit our university during a busy time, and I think this meeting time will be another important milestone in the long history of the two schools.

I sincerely express thanks to everyone who attended this 30th anniversary event, and I wish for the endless development of both schools.

Finally, I would like to borrow Dr. Clark's words to tell the students of both schools "Boys (and Girls), be ambitious! Be ambitious not for money or for selfish aggrandizement, not for that evanescent thing which men call fame. Be ambitious for the attainment of all that a man ought to be."

Thank you very much and good luck!



**Norio Amizuka DDS, PhD**  
Dean  
School of Dental Medicine,  
Hokkaido University



## Congratulations on the 30th Anniversary Celebration of Sister School Affiliation between Jeonbuk National University and Hokkaido University

I would like to extend my heartfelt congratulations on the 30th anniversary of the sister school affiliation between the School of Dentistry, Jeonbuk National University, and the School of Dental Medicine, Hokkaido University. The School of Dentistry, Jeonbuk National University, is the most important international exchange partner of the School of Dental Medicine, Hokkaido University, and the schools have forged deep trust and friendship through long-standing exchanges between faculties, alumni associations, and undergraduate students. Although it was unfortunate that the exchange programs were suspended in recent years due to the COVID-19 pandemic, starting in the winter of 2019, it is our utmost pleasure to preside over the 30th anniversary project this October, and I would like to express my deepest and special appreciation to Dean Prof. Suh Bong-Jik, as well as other faculty members and alumni associations of the School of Dentistry, Jeonbuk National University, for providing such a great opportunity.

The sister school and faculty-level exchange partnership were established between the schools on November 22, 1990, and since then the schools have formally visited each other every five years to deepen the partnership. On October 23, 1999, faculty members of Hokkaido University, visited Jeonju and those of Jeonbuk National University visited Sapporo on October 11 the following year to give a presentation at the commemoration

ceremony for the 10th anniversary of the international sister school and faculty-level exchange partnership. Furthermore, on July 21, 2006, and February 2, 2007, respectively, the 15th anniversary commemoration ceremony was held at Jeonbuk National University and Hokkaido University. Faculty members and alumni association members of both schools again gathered at Hokkaido University on October 14, 2010, and on Jeju Island from June 30 through July 3, 2011, for the 20th anniversary project and the signing ceremony for renewal of the faculty-level exchange agreement. On October 18 and 19, 2015, 15 faculty members of Jeonbuk National University including Dean Prof. Lee Kwang-Won, visited Hokkaido University for the signing ceremony for the agreement renewal and the commemoration ceremony for the 25th anniversary of the sister school partnership. In the following year, the then faculty members of Hokkaido University—Dean, Prof. Atsuro Yokoyama, Prof. Satoshi Inoue, Prof. Takanori Domon, Prof. Junichiro Iida, Prof. Kanchu Tei, Assistant Prof. Dairo Takahashi, Assistant Prof. Koichi Nakamura, Assistant Prof. Kazunari Kume, Assistant Prof. Shigeaki Abe, and an instructor Taro Arima—stayed in Jeonju from October 9 through 12, 2016 to deepen the friendship with Jeonbuk National University. We are extremely grateful for the significant devotion and contributions made by Prof. Shin Hyo-Keun, Prof. Lee Kwang-Won, Prof. Bae Tae-Sung, Prof. Ahn Seung-Geun, Prof. Suh

Bong-Jik and many other faculty members of Jeonbuk National University for realizing such active international exchanges.

Currently, besides the mutual international exchanges held every five years, there are short-term exchange programs for faculty members and undergraduate students of the schools. Particularly, accompanied by Prof. Bae Tae-Sung, undergraduate students of Jeonbuk National University, have warm exchanges with those of Hokkaido University at the Sapporo campus. In September 2016, I visited the School of Dentistry at Jeonbuk National University with Assistant Prof. Tomoka Hasegawa and three students from Nitobe College. Nitobe College is a special undergraduate education program at Hokkaido University that was initiated in 2013. On that occasion, Dean, Prof. Ahn Seung-Geun extended us his warm welcome and hospitality, and I deeply appreciate the thoughtfulness of Prof. Ahn and people of the school. I was also greatly impressed with the amazing buildings and campus with beautiful nature of the School of Dentistry, Jeonbuk National University, through the campus tour guided by Prof. Suh Bong-Jik, who is now the present Dean of Jeonbuk National University. I would also like to express my appreciation to Prof. Bae for his introduction of dental clinics in Jeonju to students of our school.

Later, in the commemoration project for the 50th anniversary of the School of Dental

Medicine, Hokkaido University, held on September 30, 2017, Prof. Ahn Seung-Geun generously delivered a special lecture titled "Prosthodontic treatment for orderly patients with complex problems." For the Special issue: in commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the School of Dental Medicine, Hokkaido University of Hokkaido Journal of Dental Science, Dr. Lee Young-Hee, Dr. Bhattarai Govind, Dr. Park Il-Song, Dr. Kim Ga-Ram, Dr. Kim Go-Eun, Dr. Lee Min-Ho, Dr. Kim In-Ju, Dr. Seo Jae-Min, Dr. Ahn Seung-Geun, and Dr. Yi Ho-Keun contributed an article titled "Bone Regeneration around N-acetyl cysteine-loaded nanotube titanium dental implants." We sincerely thank our supporters in the Jeonbuk National University, for their contributions to the successful staging of the 50th anniversary project.

As mentioned, Prof. Bae accompanied his students on the tour around the School of Dental Medicine, Hokkaido University, which included seminars of different courses, in February 2020. As I remember, it was soon after the tour that the worldwide spread of COVID-19 began, which suspended the international exchanges between the two schools. In the winter of 2023, in consideration of the fading impact of COVID-19 and the desire of undergraduate students to study abroad at Jeonbuk National University, Associate Prof. Taro Arima visited Jeonbuk National University, with two of our students. We deeply thank Dean, Prof. Suh

Bong-Jik, Prof. Ahn Seung-Geun, Prof. Bae Tae-Sung, Prof. Lee Seung-Youp, Prof. Kim Dongyeop, and Prof. Jang Sungil for their hospitality and kind treatment on that occasion.

Those international exchanges through the sister school and faculty-level exchange partnership between the schools mentioned above are fruits of commitment and devotion of many doctors, and we sincerely appreciate the doctors of Jeonbuk National University, particularly Dean Prof. Park Charn-Woon, Dean Prof. Shin Hyo-Keun, Dean Prof. Lee Kwang-Won, Dean Prof. Ahn Seung-Geun, and Dean Prof. Suh Bong-Jik of the School of Dentistry. A very sound relationship has also been established between the alumni associations of the schools thanks to the substantial efforts of Dr. Choi Byong-Son, Dr. Seo Young-Seok, Dr. Kim Hyun-Chul (the current president of the association) of the Jeonbuk National University alumni association, as well as Dr. Kiyohiko Murai (the former president) and Dr. Takeaki Watanabe (the current president) of the alumni association of the School of Dental Medicine, Hokkaido University. For the next year, we are really looking forward to holding the commemoration project for the 30th anniversary of the sister school affiliation in Sapporo along with the commemoration project for the 50th anniversary of the alumni association of the School of Dental Medicine, Hokkaido University, on September 28, 2024.

Last but not least, we believe the principal actors of international exchanges are people, and mutual trust is the fundamental basis thereof, while the dominant means of international exchanges may change in the future due to advancement of Internet technologies, artificial intelligence and digital transformation. In this respect, international exchanges between the School of Dentistry, Jeonbuk National University, and the School of Dental Medicine, Hokkaido University, are based on deep trust and friendship and we expect them to advance further in the future.

Now, I would like to close my greeting by offering my deepest gratitude to faculty and alumni association members who have been dedicated to realizing this 30th anniversary project of the sister school partnership. Thank you very much.





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## 1 Overview

- Abbreviated 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of sister school relationship after COVID-19
- Discussion on the future relationship between two schools related to academic research and education
- Explore future strategies to maintain the partnership (faculty & student exchange program, research cooperation, student education, etc)

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## 2 Visit Schedule

- **Date** : From October 13 (Fri) ~ October 15 (Sun), 2023
- **Attendee** : Faculty members and Alumni Association of Hokkaido University Dental School
- **Place** : Conference Room at JBNU School of Dentistry

### 3 Time Table

Date	Time	Content	Note
Oct. 13 (FRI)	15:00	Arrival at Incheon International Airport	
	17:36~19:19	Arrival at Jeonju	KTX(Seoul(17:36)→Jeonju) Best Western Hotel
Oct. 14 (SAT)	09:00~09:20	Departure to JBNU School of Dentistry	
	09:20~09:30	Tea time	Conference Room
	09:30~09:50	Introduction of all attendees/ Dean's Greetings	
	09:50~11:20	Presentation on research and education	Chairperson: Taro Arima & Dongyeop Kim
	11:20~11:50	School Tour and Group Photos	
	12:00~13:30	Lunch & JBNU Campus Tour	Bibimbap/tea time
	14:00~17:30	Hanok Village Tour/Free time	Japanese interpreter (Hanok Village Tour)
	18:30~21:00	Anniversary Dinner	Korean BBQ
	21:30	Hotel	
Oct. 15 (SUN)	~05:30	Departure to Jeonju Station	
	06:00	Farewell at Jeonju Station	
	06:23	Departure to Seoul Station	KTX , Jeonju(06:23)→Seoul(08:21)
	12:25~15:10	Departure to Shinchitose International Airport	



Hokkaido University	
<b>Norio AMIZUKA</b>	<b>Dean and Professor</b>   Dept. of Developmental Biology of Hard Tissue
<b>Atsuro YOKOYAMA</b>	<b>Professor</b>   Dept. of Oral Functional Prosthodontics
<b>Yoichi OHIRO</b>	<b>Professor</b>   Dept. of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery
<b>Kanta KIDO</b>	<b>Professor</b>   Dept. of Dental Anesthesiology
<b>Tomoka HASEGAWA</b>	<b>Associate Professor</b>   Dept. of Developmental Biology of Hard Tissue
<b>Jiwon LEE</b>	<b>Assistant Professor</b>   Dept. of Oral Molecular Microbiology
<b>Taro ARIMA</b>	<b>Associate Professor</b>   Section for International Affairs
Alumni	
<b>Takeaki WATANABE</b>	President of Alumni Association
<b>Isao MITOBE</b>	Vice President of Alumni Association
<b>Kouichi NAKAMURA</b>	Executive Director of Alumni Association



Jeonbuk National University	
<b>Bong-Jik SUH</b>	<b>Dean and Professor  </b> Dept. of Oral Medicine
<b>Kyoung-A KIM</b>	<b>Director of Dental Hospital and Professor  </b> Dept. of Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology
<b>Kyung-Eun LEE</b>	<b>Associate Dean (Academic Affairs) and Professor  </b> Dept. of Oral Medicine
<b>Junghyun KIM</b>	<b>Associate Dean (Student Affairs) and Associate Professor  </b> Dept. of Oral Pathology
<b>Seung-Geun AHN</b>	<b>Professor and International Affairs  </b> Dept. of Prosthodontics
<b>Sungil JANG</b>	<b>Associate Professor and Student Affairs  </b> Dept. of Oral Biochemistry
<b>Dongyeop KIM</b>	<b>Assistant Professor and International Affairs  </b> Dept. of Preventive Dentistry
<b>Tae-Sung BAE</b>	<b>Professor Emeritus  </b> Dept. of Dental Biomaterials
<b>Byung-Keon PARK</b>	<b>Professor  </b> Dept. of Oral Anatomy and Craniofacial Biology
<b>Nam-Pyo CHO</b>	<b>Professor  </b> Dept. of Oral Pathology
<b>Kwang-Won LEE</b>	<b>Professor  </b> Dept. of Conservative Dentistry
<b>Won JUNG</b>	<b>Associate Professor  </b> Dept. of Oral Medicine
Alumni	
<b>Hyun-Chul KIM</b>	President of Alumni Association
<b>Jeong-Seop KIM</b>	Executive Director of Alumni Association
<b>So-Hee MOON</b>	Director of Alumni Association