Short-term Visiting Training Program at Tohoku University Graduate School of Medicine cooperated with Tohoku Tabunka Academy supported by Japan-Asia Youth Exchange Program in Science

(SAKURA Science Program in Tohoku University)

1. Project Overview

Asia is undergoing a period of dramatic progress. Promoting science and technology is a key engine to realize a bright future of Asia and it is vitally important to enhance the exchange of Japanese and Asian youths who will play a crucial role in the field of science and technology. This program is for short-term visiting program of Tohoku University Graduate School of Medicine.

2. Qualifications of the Youth to be invited

Eligible youths must be a student of university or graduate school, who is under 40 years old, and has never stayed in Japan before basically. We will give priority to candidates intending to enter masters/doctorial course at Tohoku University, Graduate school of medicine (TUM).

3. Countries and Regions Eligible for Invitation

 The following 15 countries and regions are expected to be eligible for invitation for the SAKURA Science Program. They are: Brunei Darussalam, Kingdom of Cambodia, Kingdom of Thailand, Lao People’s Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Mongolia, People’s Republic of China, Republic of India, Republic of Indonesia, Republic of Korea, Republic of Singapore, Republic of the Philippines, the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Socialist Republic of Viet Nam, and Taiwan (alphabetical order)

4. Flow of Implementation (course C of SAKURA Science Program)

1) To participate in this program, sending organization (universities or institutes in Asian countries) must be registered as cooperative sending organization through the receiving organization (Tohoku Tabunka Academy: TTA ) to JST.

2) After registration, the receiving organization (TTA) submits online the exchange plan application to JST.

3) The sending organization listed in the exchange plan application submitted by TTA is registered as a cooperative sending organization.

If JST finds an appropriate sending organization during the process of promoting this program in the Asian countries, there may be cases where JST registers it as a sending organization with its consent. Even in cases where no exchange plan application is submitted, an organization can apply for registration as either a sending organization or TTA if it thinks that there is a future possibility of cooperation.

4) Exchange plans which have been approved by JST are implemented.

5) Applicants for this program send all of necessary forms to TTA.

6) If total number of applicants are more than scheduled (max=20), then TTA and TUM select students to join this program. Students receive notification of selection results to the applicants. TTA supports arrangement for visiting Japan with students and the sending organization.

7) Exchange plans which have been approved by JST are implemented

(*Details in application form*).

8) After the exchange plan has been implemented, the receiving organization follows up, among others, by submitting a report to JST including the results of a questionnaire sent to all participants.

5. Outlines of Program

(1) Duration of the Program: 16 August, 2015 – 25 August, 2015

(2) Total number of the participants: 20 persons

(3) Program and activity in Japan

- Visits to laboratories of Tohoku University Graduate school of Medicine to experience cutting edge of medical research.

- Visits to provincial areas of Sendai to enhance understanding of disaster-hit area by the Great East Japan Earthquake, local cultures and values.

【For Students】

(1) Applicants are students of undergraduate, graduate school or post-doctors under 40 years of age who have never stayed in Japan, as a basic principle.

(2) Applicants must have strong interest in medical research and master’s/doctorial courses at Tohoku University Graduate school of Medicine

(3) Applicants must understand and agree to the aims of SAKURA Science Program.

(4) Applicants must be in good health conditions, capable of walking long distances and climbing stairs. Applicants with medical conditions which may impede full participation in physical activities should not be considered.

(5)After a notification of selection results to the applicants, the participants sufficiently prepare for the participation in the program.