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■Preventive Dentistry Seminar at Mahidol University, Thailand

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On February 24, 2023, I gave a lecture on preventive dentistry at Mahidol University, Bangkok, Thailand. In 2019, Japanese Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry conducted a Public-Private Mission in Thailand as part of the International Healthcare Base Construction Promotion Project. In the Dental Seminar, I gave a lecture on "Preventive Dental Care and Maintenance". After the seminar, Associate Professor Pornpoj of Mahidol University proposed to hold a seminar to explain the method in more detail.

Soon after that, international exchanges were suspended due to COVID-19, and the event was held 3 years later in February 2023. The subject of the Seminar was, "Preventive Dentistry in Clinical Practice in Japan". A 1.5 hours lecture and a Q&A session were conducted. A Certificate of Recognition was issued to the participants after a small test. A total of 65 people attended the Seminar (30 from Thailand, 7 from Malaysia, 2 from Vietnam, 1 from Laos, 7 from Japan, and 18 staff from 2 supporting companies). It was a successful international seminar with participants from 5 countries.

The lecture was on the "preventive + treatment" dental practice that I have invented 25 years ago, and have been making improvements up to this point. I spoke about the purpose, effect, target patients, scope of treatment, and method of treatment in comparison with the "conventional" and "high-end" dental practice. In addition, I introduced 2 case studies.

Many of the participants were pediatric dentists whose research theme was preventive dentistry, and in the Q&A session, they showed interest in specific materials and methods for caries prevention for children.

Supporting companies of the Seminar were Thai Lotte Co. and Lion Corporation Thailand. Lotte passed out xylitol gum at the reception, and introduced the product after the lecture. Lion distributed samples after the lecture.

In the near future, we are considering conducting a similar clinical seminar in conjunction with the JDAA Meeting (Japan Dental Alumni Asia, an alumni association of dentists from Asian countries who had studied in Japan). We would appreciate the support of our member companies for this event.















■Courtesy Call to Mahidol University Faculty of Dentistry

We paid a courtesy call to Vice Dean Bundhit Jirajariyavej. Associate Professor Atiphan Pimkhaokham (Chulalongkorn Univ.), Chairman of JDAT (Japan Dental Alumni Thailand), kindly joined us as JDAT was the Co-Supporting Organization of the Preventive Dentistry Seminar. Together with Associate Professor Pornpoj Fuangtharnthip, we exchanged opinions on the current state of dental education in Japan and Thailand.



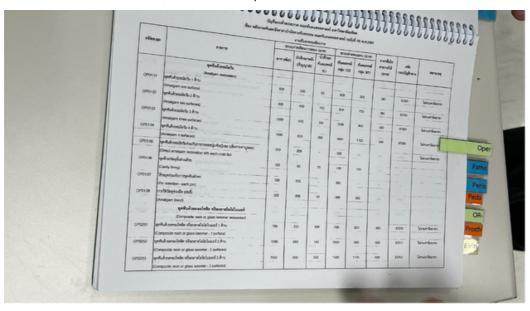
From left: Associate Prof. Pornpoj Fuangtharnthip (Mahidol University School of Dentistry), ADF Executive Director Dr. Akira Suzuki, Vice Dean Bundhit Jirajariyavej (Mahidol University School of Dentistry), ADF President Prof. Kazuhiro Eto, Associate Prof. Atiphan Pimkhaokham (Chulalongkorn University School of Dentistry)

■The Tour of Mahidol University, School of Dentistry

A Tour of School of Dentistry of Mahidol University was carried out courtesy of Associate Prof. Pornpoj. Staffs from Kaiseikai (ADF member), a Japanese company, and Seminar participants from Vietnam attended the tour. We visited the student clinical practice clinic, laboratory, advanced general dentistry clinic (AGDC), operative dentistry and periodontology clinic, dental microscope center, and geriatric dentistry clinic. Thai national university was very well-equipped, probably better equipped than some Japanese universities.



During the tour, an interesting price chart came into sight. We do not see such a chart in Japan due to our universal insurance system. The fee for treatment at the affiliated hospital was determined according to the rank of the dentist (instructor, specialist, GP dentist, resident, and student).



■ Upcoming Schedule

- June 12, 2023
 Sino-Dental Japan Seminar (in Peking, China)
- June 2023 (date unfixed)
 General Meeting of ADF Members
- May 2024 (details unfixed)
 JDAA (Japan Dental Alumni Asia) Meeting in Bangkok, Thailand



■Notice from the Member Organization



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Editors Note: We would like to thank Associate Prof. Pornpoj and his staff for the arrangement of a successful seminar.

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