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The College of Pharmaceutical Sciences at Ritsumeikan University and The Hospital for Sick Children (SickKids) signed a Memorandum of Understanding on March 31, 2016 for the "Special Study Abroad Course" that offers fifth year pharmacy students an opportunity to join a study abroad program in Toronto, Canada.

The "Special Study Abroad Course" is a two week long program that offers students from the College of Pharmaceutical Sciences the opportunity to learn about the health-care system and pharmacy practices in Canada by observing clinical case conferences and clinical ward experiences at SickKids along with lectures at the University of Toronto. The program was specifically developed to give pharmacy students aiming to be clinical pharmacists in hospitals, as well as pharmacists in dispensaries and industry, the opportunity to acquire a greater global perspective. Students are able to practice their previously acquired English language skills and build upon the specialized medical knowledge they developed through their "Clinical Clerkship in Hospital/Community Pharmacy" in Japan.

The College of Pharmaceutical Sciences and SickKids is committed to providing pharmacists with a global perspective and to developing their capability to play an active role in society and the world.

About The Hospital for Sick Children

The Hospital for Sick Children (SickKids) is recognized as one of the world's foremost paediatric health-care institutions and is Canada's leading centre dedicated to advancing children's health through the integration of patient care, research and education. Founded in 1875 and affiliated with the University of Toronto, SickKids is one of Canada's most research-intensive hospitals and has generated discoveries that have helped children globally. Its mission is to provide the best in complex and specialized family-centred care; pioneer scientific and clinical advancements; share expertise; foster an academic environment that nurtures health-care professionals; and champion an accessible, comprehensive and sustainable child health system. SickKids is proud of its vision for Healthier Children. A Better World. For more information, please visit www.sickkids.ca.

SickKids invites health-care professionals and researchers from all over the world to study and train at the hospital. In 2015-2016, there were 863 medical affairs residents and fellows and 259 research fellows who trained at SickKids.

About College of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Ritsumeikan University

Ritsumeikan University (RU), a private university founded in 1900. RU has 32,581 students who

study and research across the University's four campuses; Kinugasa Campus and Suzaku Campus located in Kyoto, the ancient capital of Japan, Biwako-Kusatsu Campus located in neighboring Shiga Prefecture, and Osaka Ibaraki Campus located in Ibaraki City, Osaka Prefecture. RU offers undergraduate and postgraduate programs across a wide range of academic disciplines including humanities, social science, arts, science and engineering.

RU attaches a great deal of importance to international education offering a range of study abroad opportunities to its students through the links with over 435 overseas universities. In order to promote the internationalization of education and research, RU is actively accepting international students from many different countries and regions throughout the world. As of May 1st, 2016, 1622 international students from Asia, America, Europe, Oceania and Africa are studying at Ritsumeikan University.

The College of Pharmaceutical Sciences, which is located on Biwako-Kusatsu Campus, established the Department of Pharmacy in 2008 in order to cultivate the next generation of pharmacists. In 2015, the College also established the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences to develop researchers concerned with the discovery of new medicines. Through this dual-department system, the College is dedicated to conducting education and research that contributes to human happiness and health through the field of medicine and develops talented individuals that are able to excel globally.