Clinical Experience in the UK Gives Taylor’s University Medical Student a New Perspective on Doctor-Patient Communication

Gaining international experience is something that students at Taylor’s University are encouraged to do. One student from the School of Medicine recently completed his clinical elective in the UK, spending time in two hospitals and attending three conferences.

Chor Yun Hung had always wondered what it would be like to be a medical professional in a Western country. He had also always wondered if the treatment plans and communication between patients and doctors in such countries would differ from what is done in Malaysia. As part of his fourth-year studies in the School of Medicine at Taylor’s University, he was given the opportunity to find out. Yun Hung was able to do his clinical elective in the UK and at two hospitals – the University Hospital of Coventry & Warwickshire and also at Rugby’s Saint Cross Hospital. He was assigned to a consultant, Dr. Asgar Ali, who works as an orthopedic surgeon sub-specialising in hip, knee and ankle surgery.
Reflecting on his time in the UK, he said that, "I was able to assist in surgeries such as total hip replacement, total knee replacement, hallux valgus correction, in growing toe nail surgery and others. It was a very fulfilling experience to be able to assist in surgery". He observed that, "In the UK, doctors are more patient and friendly......Patients will get to decide on their treatment and doctors are there to give their opinions and suggestions. Detailed explanation of the treatment are given before surgery so that patient can go back and read up on them. The patients also get to join a class before surgery so that they can mentally and physically prepared to undergo surgery".

He also had the opportunity to attend three UK medical conferences during the 6-week clinical experience period. They included the Society of Acute Medicine conference in Manchester, the British Orthopedic Association Annual Congress in Liverpool and the Hematology Conference of the Royal College of Physician in Edinburgh. In conclusion he added, "I would like to implement all the professionalism and skills I learn in the UK into my practice in the future. It was indeed a very fruitful lifelong learning experience that I will treasure and never forget. I do encourage more medical students to be adventurous and do their medical electives out of the Malaysia". To find out more about the Taylor's School of Medicine Click here.

Taylor's Alumnus Wins Both Best PhD Paper Award and Bursary Award at the Tourism Research Conference in Australia

Ms. Elaine Chiao Ling Yang, an alumnus from the School of Tourism, Hospitality & Culinary Arts is now studying at Griffith University for a PhD. She was recognised with two awards at the CAUTHE annual research conference.

The 2016 Council of Australasian Universities for Tourism & Hospitality Education (CAUTHE) annual conference was recently held in Sydney. The conference always begins with the 1-day Bill Faulkner Workshop for PhD Scholars and Early Career Researchers and this year it attracted 65-participants.
A number of Best Paper Awards are awarded annually during the Gala Dinner, and the 2016 Best PhD Paper Award went to Ms. Elaine Chiao Ling Yang who is an alumnus of the Masters in International Hospitality & Tourism Management from the School of Tourism, Hospitality and Culinary Arts (HTCA) at Taylor's University. She is now studying for her PhD at Griffith University. The topic of her PhD is on "Risk-Taking on Her Lonely Planet: Exploring the Risk Perception of Asian Solo Female Travellers".

One of her supervisors, Dr. Catheryn Khoo-Lattimore is also from Malaysia. She is also a former academic staff member from the School of Tourism, Hospitality & Culinary Arts (HTCA). The Award was given to them by Dr. Judith Mair, the Chair of CAUTHE, and also by Dr. Scott Richardson, the Chair of the CAUTHE 2016 conference. In yet another Taylor's connection, Dr. Richardson is an Australian who was used to be an academic staff member at Taylor's University for a number of years before returning home. Finally, Elaine Yang was also recognised with a sponsored PhD Bursary Award that was given to her by Mr. Russell Goss from Tourism and Transport Forum (TTF), Australia's leading advocacy body for tourism. For more about the School of Tourism, Hospitality and Culinary Arts click here.

Taylor's School of Engineering Broadens Its Links with University of Adelaide

Taylor's University has over 40 articulation agreements with top QS-ranked universities. The university is now deepening such relationships, such as the growing link between the School of Engineering and the University of Adelaide.
The School of Engineering (SoE) at Taylor’s University offers students top QS-ranked outbound articulation partners in Australia and UK. The SoE is now broadening and deepening its link with colleagues at the University of Adelaide, and the two schools of engineering are now collaborate in a number of other areas - including joint teaching of modules and joint research grants. Dr. Zonghan Xie, the Associate Dean (International) within the Faculty of Engineering at the University Adelaide, visited Taylor’s University in August 2015. His visit has subsequently led to a number of visits by colleagues from their Departments of Mechanical and Chemical engineering. Dr. Zhao Feng Tian came to Taylor’s University as a Keynote Speaker at the 5th Engineering Undergraduate Research Catalyst Conference (EURECA). This conference is held twice a year, and provides final year undergraduate engineering students with an opportunity to experience a research conference environment. Dr. Zhao’s visit also led to discussions on joint teaching of two Mechanical Engineering modules and joint supervision for PhD in the area of Computational Fluid Dynamics. More recently, Dr. Sheng Dai came up from the University of Adelaide to Kuala Lumpur. His visit looked into the ways possible to increase mobility options for students from both universities via long term student exchange and short term summer programmes. Dr. Veena Doshi the Assoc Dean International (ADI) for SoE commented that, “we’re pleased to be finding ways to engage further with the University of Adelaide as we identify and work with a number of key strategic partners in the UK, Japan and Australia”. To find out more about the School of Engineering click [here](#).
Taylor’s University Summer Programme Sees Korean Students Improving their English and Experiencing Malaysia

Students from South Korea enrolled in a month-long Summer Programme at Taylor's University to improve their English and communication skills, and also to learn more about the culture and customs of Malaysia.

Several students from Soongsil University (South Korea) spent 4-weeks at Taylor’s University to improve their English language abilities and to enhance their communication skills. The students were enrolled through the Centre for Languages and went through an experiential and immersive experience that involved them in classroom based-activities within the Lakeside Campus, but also a lot of activities outside of campus. Reflecting on why he chose to come to Malaysia, one of the students, Jung WooIn, noted that, "I wanted to visit a foreign country, and this programme gave me the opportunity to do so. There were other options available including China, Japan, USA and Spain. While all the options were appealing, I chose Malaysia because the English language lessons offered by Taylor’s University were more affordable compared to those offered by varsities in the US. Another plus point was the weather. Right now, Korea is freezing cold and since Malaysia is warm at this time of the year, this summer programme was my winter getaway". During the 4-weeks, the students worked not only to improve their English language skills but also their presentation skills. Another student, Kim Kyu Ri said that "For the past few weeks, we’ve attended English language and Presentation Skills classes. We have at least one presentation every week which means that through the month we’ve spent here, we’ve had the opportunity to present four times, which is great. I am a very shy person and I’ve always hated presenting in front of the class, but I think my confidence and my presentation skills improved a lot thanks to the exposure I have got through this summer programme". Of course, not all the activities were just classroom based. Park Hyunah commented that "Besides the classroom activities we’ve been involved in, we also spent time visiting Putrajaya and KL City Tour. We visited the Putrajaya Botanical Garden and the Mosque at
Putrajaya, as well as Batu Caves, Central Market and China Town for the KL City Tour. Reflecting on his summer school experience, Choi Yun Jeong said that "It's been an absolutely great experience for me. This opportunity allowed me to make new friends with local and other students from Australia who were also participating in the summer programme, travel to a foreign country, and, most importantly, improve my English language and communication skills. The past one month was definitely memorable and invaluable for me. I really treasure it". To learn more about the Centre for Languages click here, and for more about the Summer Programmes click here.

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Former Irish President to Receive U21 Award For Internationalisation Of Higher Education

Former President of Ireland, Mary McAleese, has been announced as the recipient of the 2016 Gilbert Medal of Internationalisation, awarded by Universitas 21, which celebrates internationalisation in higher education. McAleese, who was elected President for two terms beginning in 1997, has been recognised for her commitment to reform and enhancement of international higher education. The Gilbert Medal upholds and celebrates the objectives of U21 network, which is “to increase understanding, trust and partnership between international universities”, and is named after the late founder of the network, David Gilbert. For the full story see The PIE News.

Cambridge University PhD Student from Italy was Murdered in Egypt

Thousands of academics from universities across the world have signed an open letter to the Egyptian President Abdel Fattah al-Sisi concerning the death of an Italian student from Cambridge University who disappeared in Cairo on 25 January while conducting research into how independent trade unions were organised in the post-Mubarak era. The signatories said they were “appalled to hear that there were extensive signs of torture” on the body, which was found on the side of a fly-over on the Cairo-Alexandria motorway, on the outskirts of the Egyptian capital last week. For the full story read the University World News.

How Can Universities Become Partners in Promoting Greater Global Equality?

Do neoliberal conceptualisations of internationalisation – student mobility, increased marketisation and competition, world rankings driven by the Global North, the importance attached to publishing in high impact English language journals – the list goes on. Focusing on such dimensions, we can be forgiven for believing that, rather than being sites for fostering access and developing equity and social justice, universities actually perpetuate inequity. Understanding this
how can it make us question our academic practices and how these are informed? For the full story read the *University World News*.

**Shifting Currencies May Drive Student Demand for More Affordable Study Locations**

Shifting currency values are increasingly being linked to actual and projected shifts in student mobility. Two recent examples are Canada, which is expected to attract more American students in 2016/17, and Russia, which anticipates continued enrolment growth from European and Asian markets in 2016. Both destinations have seen their currencies fall by about 30% against the US dollar. Some prominent Canadian universities are already noting a distinct uptick in inquiries and applications. For the full story read the *ICEF Monitor*. 