



Decision:

The Hungarian Accreditation Committee (HAC) grants accreditation to the Tsukuba University Hospital clinical training site in Japan until **31 December 2024** as it meets the accreditation criteria specified in HAC decision no. 2010/10/VI.

Annexes:

Annex 1: Report on the site visit to the Tsukuba University Hospital clinical training site

Visit of the HAC Accreditation Committee to the Tsukuba University Hospital

23 January 2019

Members of the HAC Visiting Committee:

Prof. Dr László Hunyady (SU, HAC)
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Prof. Dr Attila Jenei (DEOEC)

The HAC Visiting Committee established the following about the Tsukuba University Hospital:

The hospital was established in 1973. Actually, Tokyo University Hospital was moved to Tsukuba, as the city is about 60 km from Tokyo with excellent transportation links. The hospital building was completed in 1976. It comprises 22 clinics and has an annual budget of 400 million USD. Departments are headed by qualified university professors with extensive experience.

We met the following professionals during the meeting:

Dr Makoto Tanaka, dean
Dr Yoshihiko Hosokawa (head of the Obstetrics Department)
Dr Azusa Akiyama (head of the Gynaecology Department)
Dr Akira Matsumura (head of the Department of Neurosurgery, emeritus)
Dr Tetsuro Wada (head of the Department of Otorhinolaryngology)
Dr Yukiko Aihara (head of the Plastic Surgery Department)
Dr Hiroko Fukushima (head of the Department of Paediatrics)
Dr Takeji Sakae (head of the Department of Radiotherapy)

The Visiting Committee was welcomed by Prof. Dr Makoto Tanaka, who described the operations of

the teaching hospital and the training of medical students (in both theoretical and clinical subjects) in 15 minutes. Their training is similar to ours. He accompanied the Visiting Committee throughout the hospital in person.

The Committee was shown the surgical theatre, the Obstetrics Department and then separately the Gynaecology Department, the Department of Neurosurgery, the Otorhinolaryngology Unit, the Department of Plastic Surgery, the Department of Paediatrics, and finally the Department of Radiotherapy and its state-of-the-art equipment.

The Tsukuba University Raining Hospital is very well equipped, with many medical staff helping to provide medical care for the patients. It has 16 very modern surgical theatres equipped with CT and MRI. The hospital also has three years' worth of experience with the Da Vinci robot. In addition to the surgical theatres, it has a huge Emergency Care Department and Intensive Paediatric Care Department, as well as a High Care Unit for patients requiring special medical attention but not intensive care.

At all departments, medical care is provided in a distinctly patient oriented manner. The atmosphere is friendly and calm. In the foyer there are signs to inform the patients. Due to the co-payment system we did not meet any patient who did not need to be there. Stress burden on medical staff is lower than in Hungary. The Medical University teaches a total of **140 students** a year, even though it is considered the largest university clinic in Japan.

They focus greatly on learning in small groups and through simulation. For psychological reasons, many life situations and patient situations are enacted by professional actors. Students learn how to react to unusual situations. Oncology treatment is a focus area for the hospital. This is in line with the fact that the average age of the Japanese population is increasing and the prevalence of cancers is increasing with it. The Departments of Neurosurgery, Otorhinolaryngology and Radiotherapy, as well as the Department of Paediatrics were also excellently equipped. The head of the Department of Radiotherapy showed us their proton therapy equipment and the proton accelerator as well. Their level of equipment in this area is outstanding and also enviable.

It is especially important that **they have 70 English-speaking foreign students** from all over the world, so they are happy to receive not only Japanese-speaking medical students but also English-speaking as well. They can arrange **cheap accommodation for medical students** near the university hospital.

They are satisfied with medical training in Hungary. Not only the leaders of the hospital but also the leaders of the Ibarak Prefecture consider it important to establish relations with Hungarian universities, as shown by the fact that their leader visited Hungary in November and attended a working lunch with the senior local government official responsible for healthcare.

Summary: Tsukuba University Hospital has all the departments relevant to sixth-year medical studies (internal medicine, surgery, paediatrics, neurology, psychiatry, obstetrics and gynaecology). Based on the quality of its equipment, and the proficiency and English language



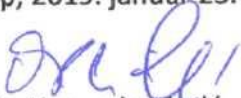
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skills of the physicians working there, we recommend that it is granted full accreditation. It is an important consideration that they are willing to provide training in English, which means that Hungarian students can spend their practice periods in the 6th year at this hospital.

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