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## International relations of Keio Urology-History and future perspective

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Department of Urology of Keio University, School of Medicine was established in 1926, six years after the foundation of Keio University, School of Medicine. This department was third urological department in Japan, which followed Jikei University and Kyusyu University founded in 1922 and 1924, respectively. Keio Urology has been the most active urological department in Japan. After 1960's, many urologists of Keio University, School of Medicine has been abroad to study Urology as residents and fellows not only in USA but also Europe. Drs Akira Osawa, Hiroshi Tazaki, Yorio Naide and Hiroshi Nakamura were pioneers who followed Dr Hideyuki Tohfukuji. Those pioneers had later become chairpersons of many Urological Department at such as National University of the Ryukyus, Keio University, Fujita Health University School of Medicine and National Defense Medical College. Twelve urologists who were graduate from Keio University before 1966 had experience to study Urology abroad. The number of urologists who joined the Department of Urology, Keio University between 1967 and 1998 were one hundred. Sixty one young urologists out of 100 have had chances to study Urology abroad in USA, France, England, Denmark or Sweden. Most of them spent for more than two years as residents or fellows. Scientific achievements as papers from the department have been published in many peer-reviewed international journals. Many papers have been accepted to present at the prestigious qualified international meetings. Several international collaborative studies such as urothelial cancer have been conducted including Keio. In my presentation, the history and future perspective of Keio Urology will be present from my experience as the fifth Chairman of the Department as well as Board member of Society of International Urology, vice-Chair of International Consultation of Urological Diseases and past Secretary-General of Urological Association of Asia. The future international development of the department will be strongly emphasized and encouraged to the younger colleagues.