

# Feedback meeting, Congratulation and Farewell party for 2017-2019 Master's Double Degree Program in Public Health



On February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019, Kyoto University School of Public Health (KUSPH) hosted a Feedback meeting, and a Congratulation and Farewell party for the students of 2017-2019 Master's Double Degree Program (DDP) in Public Health. Students received a certificate of recognition in their partial fulfillment of the DDP from the Dean of KUSPH.



**(Seated from left to right):**

Assistant Professor Teeranee Techasrivichien (KUSPH International Office),  
Professor Kihara Masahiro (Head of KUSPH International Office and Supervisor of Yang Chih-Chi, Peng Chu-Yun,  
and Agari Takahiro),

Associate Professor Masako Ono-Kihara (Supervisor of Yang Chih-Chi, Peng Chu-Yun, and Agari Takahiro),  
Professor Nakayama Takeo (Dean of KUSPH),

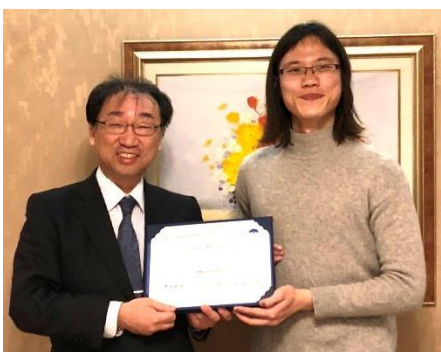
Associate Professor Harada Kouji (Supervisor of Chen Yan-Da and Chung Yun-Shan)

**(Standing from left to right):**

Chen Yan-Da, Yang Chih-Chi, Chung Yun-Shan, Peng Chu-Yun, Wu Meng-Chun, Agari Takahiro

There were constructive exchange of opinions and feedback on the Master's Double Degree Program at KUPSH. Selected significant comments are listed as followed:-

- Since this is a new program for National Taiwan University College of Public Health (NTUCPH), there is a lack of guidelines. There should be clearer instructions about degree, classes, credits, etc. The students did not know what to expect before coming to Japan.
- Students had difficulties communicating with their KUSPH supervisors to plan their studies before coming to Japan.
- Similar comments from Agari Takahiro, since he was the first DDP student that Chulalongkorn University College of Public Health Sciences (CUCPHS) hosted, there was a lack of clear guideline. Information provided by CUCPHS was limited. Furthermore, due to the differences in supervisor system and culture between Japan and Thailand, he had difficulties developing a clearly defined research proposal prior to travelling to Thailand.
- Classes and research in one year were challenging but rewarding.
- The DDP was surely a once in a lifetime excellent learning opportunity in all aspects; technical expertise in public health, that is unique to each university and country, that were learned not only from faculties but also from peer-to-peer, cross-cultural understanding and communication, research project management, etc.
- It is worth mentioning that the students' supervisors of NTUCPH and KUSPH are now connected and have initiated the discussions on future collaborative research.



The list of students for 2017-2019 Master's Double Degree Program

Student	Home University (degree, period)	Host University (degree, period)	Department at KUSPH	KUSPH-MPH's thesis title	Poster presentation (during the DDP period)	Peer-reviewed publications as a result of DDP
Agari Takahiro	KUSPH (MPH, April 2017-March 2019)	CUCPHS (MPH, August 2017-July 2018)	Global Health and Socio-epidemiology	<i>A Qualitative Study on Bat-Borne Diseases in Nakhon Pathom Province in Thailand: Knowledge, Risk Perceptions, and Behaviors</i>	<i>Misconceptions Can Increase the Risk of Bat-Borne Disease: A Qualitative Study on Knowledge and Perceptions regarding Bat-Borne Diseases Among Population in Semi-urban Area in Central Thailand at the 4th International Conference on One Medicine One Science "One World, One Medicine, One Science: The way forward for better health" Chiang Mai, Thailand February 11 - 14, 2019</i>	<i>Knowledge and Practice Regarding Bat-borne Disease Among Population in Semi Urban Area in Central Thailand. Journal of Health Research, Vol. 32, Suppl.2, 2018, pp. S177-S185, doi: 10.14456/jhr.2018.20</i>
Chen Yan-Da	NTUCPH (MSc, August 2016~)	KUSPH (MPH, October 2017-September 2019)	Health and Environmental Sciences	<i>PM2.5 Exposure Characterization Based on Mobile Air Sampling During Rush Hour in Osaka City</i>	<i>Pretreatment and PMF Results Evaluation for Insufficient Air Monitoring Data from Roadside Station in Taichung, Taiwan at the Kyoto Global Conference for</i>	

					Rising Public Health Researchers Kyoto, Japan, December 6-7, 2017	
Cheng Ya-Chih	NTUCPH (MSc, August 2017~)	KUSPH (MPH, October 2017- September 2019)	Ecology with emphasis on the environment	<i>Evaluation of the possibility of *Aedes albopictus*-mediated dengue fever transmission from international travelers in Kyoto City</i>		
Chung Yun- Shan	NTUCPH (MSc, August 2017~)	KUSPH (MPH, October 2017- September 2019)	Health and Environmental Sciences	<i>The possible effects of evacuation after the 2011 Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Plant disaster on the incidence of diabetes among the non-diabetic residents in Kawauchi Village, Fukushima.</i>		
Peng Chu-Yun	NTUCPH (MSc, August 2017~)	KUSPH (MPH, October 2017- September 2019)	Global Health and Socio- epidemiology	<i>A Qualitative Study of Shift Work Related Dietary Intake, Physical Activity and Sleep Quality as Potential Risk Factors of Overweight/Obesity among Shift Workers in Taiwan</i>	<i>A Qualitative Study of Shift Work Related Dietary Intake, Physical Activity and Sleep Quality as Potential Risk Factors of Overweight/Obesity Shift Worker in Taiwan at the Kyoto Global Conference for Rising Public Health Researchers Kyoto, Japan, December 3-4, 2018</i>	

Wu Meng-Chun	NTUCPH (MSc, August 2017~)	KUSPH (MPH, October 2017-September 2019)	Genome Epidemiology	<i>Causal Inference of Total Bilirubin on Hypertension: Using Mendelian Randomization</i>		
Yang Chih-Chi	NTUCPH (MSc, August 2017~)	KUSPH (MPH, October 2017-September 2019)	Global Health and Socio-epidemiology	<i>Risk Perception and Behavioral Change Intention of People with Prediabetes in Taiwan: A Qualitative Study</i>	<i>Prediabetic people knows well about "diabetes" but not "prediabetes"-A qualitative study in Taiwan at the Kyoto Global Conference for Rising Public Health Researchers Kyoto, Japan, December 3-4, 2018</i>	

Abbreviations in the table

Kyoto University School of Public Health (KUSPH)

National Taiwan University College of Public Health (NTUCPH)

Chulalongkorn University College of Public Health Sciences (CUCPHS)

Master of Public Health (MPH)

Master of Science (MSc)

Double Degree Program (DDP)