Established in 1966, Teikyo University has been a rapidly advancing university in Tokyo. In 2016, Teikyo University celebrated its 50th Anniversary and has already achieved a strong presence in undergraduate and professional education. Also, it has connections with universities throughout the world.

The success of Teikyo is on its educational guidelines: Open mindedness, Practical learning, and International perspective. Following the guidelines, the Teikyo University Graduate School of Public Health, was founded in 2011, as the 4th School of Public Health (SPH) in Japan. Its unique strengths include the fact that it is:

- The first SPH in Japan to follow the global standard educational criteria including the five basic courses of public health in its curriculum
- The first SPH which targets competency based training in Japan
- The only SPH which emphasizes training of public health professionals in addition to academicians

Teikyo offers comprehensive facilities through its hospitals and university buildings in Itabashi, Tokyo. In May 2009, a new 1,000 bed hospital was dedicated, featuring cutting-edge design and technology. The health and welfare of patients and staff as well as students are reflected in these new facilities.

The Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health (HSPH) celebrated its centennial in 2013. Since its founding, this School has sought to improve the health of populations. The School’s mission is to advance the public’s health through learning, discovery, and communication. The School’s objectives are:

- to provide the highest level of education to public health scientists, practitioners, and leaders
- to foster new discoveries leading to improved health for the people of this country and all nations
- to strengthen health capacities and services for communities
- to inform policy debate, disseminate health information, and increase awareness of health as a public good and fundamental right

The Teikyo-Harvard Program, established in 1993, links Teikyo University in partnership with the Harvard University. The collaboration seeks to advance the study of biomedical sciences and health in Japan, the United States, and the world. Elements of the Program include:

- Collaborating in academic activities in public health and medical sciences in Asia and the Pacific region
- Co-sponsoring international symposia
- Providing graduate courses on public health and medical sciences in Teikyo University taught by Harvard faculty
- Supporting the annual HSPH students’ Japan Trip
- Supporting the Okinaga Visiting Professors, and fostering faculty exchanges between HSPH and Teikyo University
- Supporting the Teikyo University Okinaga Laboratories at HSPH

Teikyo-Harvard Symposium is one of the most important elements of the Teikyo-Harvard Program. Every two, three years, Teikyo University and Harvard University have organized a symposium with various themes on health most relevant at the time. From the beginning, Universities of Oxford and Cambridge have participated and later, Cambridge and Durham Universities in U.K. had been the host universities. Among the nine symposia held until 2014, the third symposium in 1998, “Evaluation in Medicine and Health Care: Towards Evidence Based Medicine in Clinical Practice and Prevention”, was a landmark which introduced evidence-based medicine into Japan, and led to the establishment of the Evidence-based Research Center in Teikyo University.
---Past Symposia---
I. 1994 (Tokyo): Environment, Health, and Medical Care for the 21st Century
II. 1996 (Boston): Health and the Work Environment
III. 1998 (Tokyo): Evaluation in Medicine and Health Care: Toward Evidence Based Medicine
IV. 2000 (Cambridge, MA) Aging and Health: Environment, Work and Behavior
V. 2002 (Cambridge, UK) Genetic Science, Policy and Public Health
VI. 2006 (Boston): Preventing Disasters and Minimizing Their Consequences
VII. 2009 (Tokyo): The Healthy Hospital: Maximizing the Satisfaction of Patients, Health Workers, and the Community
VIII. 2012 (Durham, UK): The Roles of the Doctor: Past, Present and Future
IX. 2014 (Boston): Training the New Generation of Public Health Professionals for the 21st century

Every January since 2012, Teikyo SPH has invited five professors from HSPH, the Universities of Cambridge and Oxford, and Durham University to provide intensive courses of lectures for the graduate program of public health. The courses cover the five core areas required by the US Council of Education for Public Health, viz. Epidemiology, Biostatistics, Environmental Health Sciences, Health Policy and Management, and Social and Behavioral Sciences.

The winter session courses attract students from the United States and Asian countries including Thailand, the Philippines, and China, in addition to other Japanese university students.

The session exemplifies the commitment of Teikyo SPH to the training of the global public health workforce.

48th APACPH CONFERENCE and 10th TEIKYO-HARVARD SYMPOSIUM

Launched in 1984, the Asia-Pacific Academic Consortium for Public Health (APACPH), comprises over 81 member institutions in 23 countries throughout the Asia-Pacific region. The APACPH is dedicated to improving education for public health professionals, and its 48th conference will be held in Tokyo in 2016 in conjunction with the 10th Teikyo-Harvard Symposium. Teikyo University is organizer of this conference/symposium, with the theme of “Creating a healthy future with competent professionals”

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