

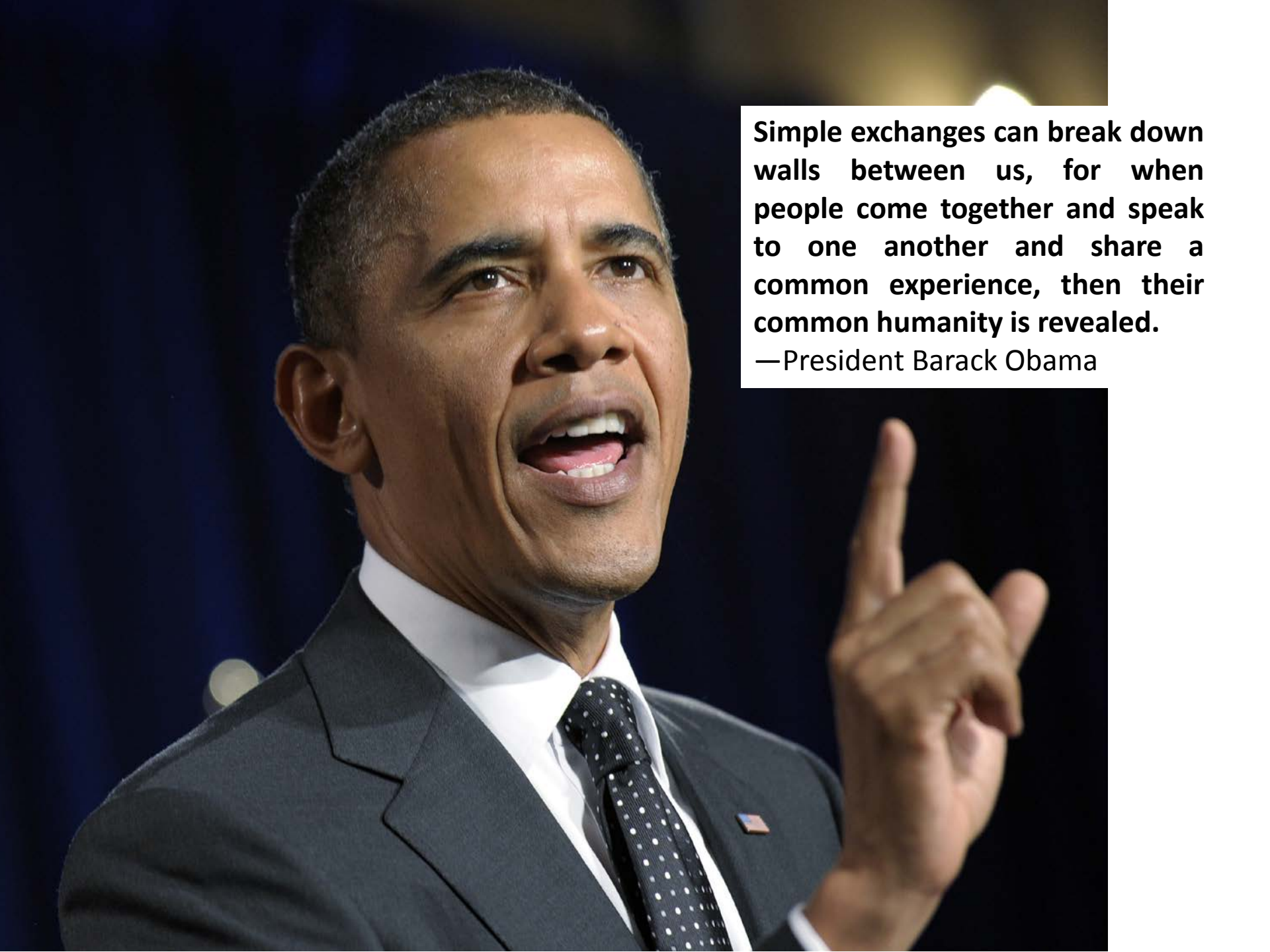
# **THE ROLES AND ISSUES OF STUDENTS EXCHANGES IN ASIAN UNIVERSITIES**

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# Warmest Greetings

Faculty of Odonto-Stomatology, University of Medicine and Pharmacy, Ho Chi Minh city, Vietnam has established since 1967, is one of the most highly ranked and oldest dental schools in Vietnam

A close-up photograph of Barack Obama speaking. He is wearing a dark suit, a white shirt, and a dark tie with white polka dots. He has a small American flag pin on his lapel. He is gesturing with his right hand, pointing upwards with his index finger. The background is dark with some blurred lights.

**Simple exchanges can break down walls between us, for when people come together and speak to one another and share a common experience, then their common humanity is revealed.**

**—President Barack Obama**

# Student Exchange program at the Faculty of Odonto-Stomatology, UMPH

- Summer rotation of International students  
Bordeaux, Marseille, Lille, Strasbourg...
- Residency in Oral cancer and Maxillo-facial Surgery UBC residents in Hospital Dentistry
- Japanese students attending short exchange program at the FOS (TMDU, Niigata U...)
- Vietnamese students attending short exchange program: 10 days to 6 months (Hiroshima, TMDU, Mahidol)
- “Sandwich program” with HU:  
Hiroshima international dental course for undergraduates with 1<sup>st</sup> year in VN; 2<sup>nd</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> years in HU and 6<sup>th</sup> year in VN)



# Student Exchange program

## *Hiroshima University:*

*“Sandwich program” with HU: Hiroshima international dental course for undergraduates*

1- International Dental Course (IDC) with 1-4-2 format

- First year at UMP HCMC
- 4 years at Hiroshima University
- Last 2 years at UMP HCMC

2- Transfer of credits (to be approved by UMP) and DDS degree granted by UMP HCMC

3- Achievements: 4 dental students in the program **???**

(2011, 2012, 2013, 2014)

# Student Exchange program

## *Tokyo Medical Dental University:*

One of three member schools of TMDU Student Exchange Program (2012-2017):

**Tokyo Medical Dental University**

**Faculty of Dentistry  
University of  
Chulalongkorn, Thailand**



**Faculty of Dentistry  
University of Indonesia**

**Faculty of Odonto-Stomatology  
University of Medicine and Pharmacy at HCMC, VN**



# Student Exchange program

## *Tokyo Medical Dental University*

### Activities of TMDU Student Exchange Program (2012-2017)

- Every member school : 10 dental students participating in the program
- 2 weeks/academic year: visiting, learning and cultural understanding
- Workshop of exchange student program between member schools.



# Student Exchange program

*Tokyo Medical Dental University:*

## TMDU Student Exchange Program (2012-2017)

- Academic year 2012 to 2017: 8-10 dental students/YEAR
- First Price for the best school
- 2 student awards





# Hosting foreign students

- Getting an overview about dental education and dental care system in Vietnam
- Joining activities under the school based dental program
- Acquiring clinical experience in maxillo-facial pathologies and oral cancer
- Providing oral health education and basic dental care in the faculty dental clinic setting.
- Sharing cultural experience and making friends



Global Retreat 2015:

- Thailand
- Indonesia
- Japan
- Vietnam

# Graduate training

- Master and Ph.D training

TMDU, Hiroshima, Marseille, Chulalongkorn, Mahidol, Kon Khaen...

- Short stay in international laboratory during PhD course

TMDU, Hiroshima, Chulalongkorn, ....

- National fellowship program 911 opens new opportunities for teaching staff training abroad.

*Number of trainees in Master program : 02*

*Number of trainees in Ph.D program: 02*

# Roles of student Exchanges in Asian Universities



**ASEAN SECURITY COMMUNITY (ASC)**

**ASEAN SOCIO-CULTURAL COMMUNITY (ASCC)**

**ASEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY (AEC)**

- Free flow of goods, services and investment;
- Equitable economic development, and reduced poverty and socio-economic disparities; and
- Enhanced political, economic and social stability

# Roles of student Exchanges in Asian Universities

*“Student exchange offers broad based benefits and outcomes for students keen to embark on this international adventure”*

## **Exchanges change student’s minds**

- Be Self-development and awareness leading to enhanced self-confidence and self-esteem.
- Be Maturity and social poise,
- Be Regional Integration
- Develop independent opinions, make informed decisions and strive to attain fresh goals.
- Be better impression of their region and its people



# Roles of student Exchanges in Asian Universities

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## **Exchanges create lifelong benefits for students**

- Students find themselves more comfortable in ‘foreign’ environments.
- International learning and knowledge propels students towards acceptance and understanding of an array of different cultural and community perspectives.
- Language acquisition is achieved through practical immersion.
- Analytical and problem solving skills improve
- Students enhance interest in regional issues as well as a broader general knowledge.

# **Roles of student Exchanges in Asian Universities**

*“Student exchange offers broad based benefits and outcomes for students keen to embark on this international adventure”*

**Exchanges develop new potential dental practitioners to Asian communities**

***MRA on Dental Practitioners, 2009***

***“A Foreign Dental Practitioner may apply for registration in the Host Country to be recognized as qualified to practise dentistry in the Host Country in accordance with its Domestic Regulations and requirements from the AJCCD”***

# Issues of student Exchanges in Asian Universities


## For undergraduate Students:

- Program requirements and Curricula
- Transfer of course credit
- Language of instruction and learning environment
- Academic Achievement Requirements (Minimum GPR scores)
- Availability funding to support the exchanges
- Timing of courses offering
- Cultural and academic learning experiences

# Issues of student Exchanges in Asian Universities

## For graduate Students:

- Existing research collaboration
- Graduate program compatibility
- Compatible research language and culture
- Availability funding to support the exchanges
- Agreement between Supervisors
- Barriers of Local languages
- Timing Issues
- ...



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THAT...**

**Roles and  
Issues  
of student  
Exchanges in  
Asian  
Universities**





*Thank you for your kind attention!*