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Japanese Students Visit



A group of sixteen students and two faculty members from Azabu University in Kanagawa-Ken, Japan, visited VHUP for one week in August. The students, all in either their fifth or sixth year in veterinary school, were assigned to different clinics at VHUP and joined their American counterparts each day.

There are 15 veterinary schools in Japan, five, including Azabu, are private, while the remaining ten are state schools. Students in Japan enter veterinary school right after high school and the program lasts six years. At Azabu there are about 120 students in each year's class. The first two years at the university are spent in general education courses and the remaining four years are devoted to veterinary subjects. Apparently there is a great emphasis on food animals and horses, with companion animals taking the back seat. At Azabu University a greater emphasis is placed on companion animals and the school is striving to become a center for small animal medicine. The students on the trip all intend to become small animal veterinarians after graduation.

The exchange, the brainchild of Dr. Kenneth Bovee and Dr. Yoshito Wakao of Azabu University, was first talked about two years ago when Dr. Bovee lectured at the Japanese school. The sixteen students, in addition to staying at Penn, also visited the Animal Medical Center in New York for two days and did a bit of R and R in San Francisco. They paid the trip expenses themselves.

Dr. Bovee and Dr. Wakao hope that this was just the first of many exchanges. During a reception given by the Japanese group, gifts were exchanged and Dr. Wakao presented a check to Dr. Bovee. This, according to Dr. Bovee, will provide seed money for further student visits between the two schools.

Computer Link

The Laboratory of Pathology at the University of Pennsylvania Veterinary School evaluates more than 18,000 biopsy samples annually. Practitioners need the results rapidly in order to advise their clients. To speed up the transmission of pathology results to practitioners, the laboratory has installed a computer-based reporting system. Veterinarians can now obtain biopsy results 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

The new reporting system is accessible through any personal computer or most data terminals that are currently used in practice. A dial-in procedure enables the practitioner to access his security-controlled account at any time, and the system is updated once a day with new results. All results are accessible on a repetitive basis for two weeks before being removed from the system. Practitioners however will continue to receive written reports for each specimen/case submitted.

This new automated system is designed to replace the direct phone-in method of obtaining pathology results and to improve the responsiveness of getting these results to practitioners. The direct phone-in method will still be available for any case about which a practitioner may have questions or concerns.

The new procedure was developed and is supported by ID*2000 Incorporated. Practitioners interested in utilizing the reporting system should call the ID*2000 Customer Support Center at (609)768-5525. A representative will explain the system and review the type of equipment the practitioner may currently have. This will enable ID*2000 to send a personalized procedure manual and set up a personal account on the new system with a security password provided by the practitioner.

For those practices that may not have any type of data processing equipment, ID*2000 has put together a specially priced IBM compatible personal computer for this service as well as other practice software a practitioner may wish to use.

This new procedure will be a major enhancement of the School's service to practitioners. In the months to come other new features will be added.

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