

## Medical officials in Chiang Mai province in Thailand visit Kagawa prefecture.

Now, the project to improve maternal mortality rate and fetus mortality rate and newborn mortality rate in the Thailand's mountainous areas where are absence of doctors and scarce of transportation in a JICA technical cooperation project is progressing. This project is composed of Kagawa University, Kagawa Prefecture, Melody International Ltd. (Kagawa University Certified Venture Company) and NPO e-HCIK. The project leader is Kazuhiro Hara, Specially Appointed Professor of Seto Inland Sea Regional Research Center Kagawa University.

So far, in collaboration with Chiang Mai University in Thailand, which has an agreement to promote education and research with Kagawa University, the project has introduced Mobile CTGs(Cardio Tocogram) at three remote medical facilities in mountainous areas in Chiang Mai province and the project had confirmed its effectiveness.

Based on the results, the project developed a new Petit Mobile CTG that is easier to use, and the project with Chiang Mai Province made a plan to expand it to whole remote medical facilities in Chiang Mai Province.

So, twelve Medical officials in Chiang Mai prefecture (health department manager, director of hospital, doctor, nurse, etc.) came to Kagawa prefecture on November 25. And they visited Kagawa Prefecture and Kagawa University as Courtesy Call. After that, they will visit Kagawa University Medical faculty affiliated hospital, Sanuki Municipal Hospital, JICA Shikoku, etc. to learn the situation of perinatal care in Kagawa.

Courtesy Call to Kagawa University. (November 25, 2019)

