

PHAM NGOC THACH UNIVERSITY OF MEDICINE OFFICIALLY BECOMES A MEMBER OF THE ASIAN HEALTH LITERACY ASSOCIATION (AHLA)

In the afternoon of August 4th, 2023, with the consent of the Chairman of the People's Committee of Ho Chi Minh City, Pham Ngoc Thach University of Medicine (PNTU) solemnly held an event to receive the official membership certificate into AHLA organization and to sign a collaboration agreement to host the 10th AHLA International Conference in 2024 at PNTU. During this same event, Rector of PNTU presented the official certificate for Prof. Peter Chang to become a senior advisor of PNTU and proceeded to sign The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Meribank Biotech Co., Ltd. (Taiwan), a limited liability biotechnology company.



Representatives from PNTU included Assoc. Prof. Nguyen Thanh Hiep - Rector; Dr. Nguyen The Dung - Former Director of Ho Chi Minh City Department of Health; Assoc. Prof. Tran Cong Toai - Director of the Biomedical Research Center at PNTU; Dr. Nguyen Ngoc Van Phuong - Head of International Collaboration Office; Dr. Nguyen Minh Ha - Deputy Director of the Biomedical Research Center; Assoc. Prof. Nguyen Thanh Binh - Head of the research unit at the Biomedical Research Center; Dr. Tran Quoc Cuong - Administrative and Management Department; Dr. Nguyen Huu Ngoc Tuan - In charge of management and operation of the Medical Testing Center; and the management staff of PNTU.



From the Taiwan delegation, directly participating were Prof. Peter Chang - Member of the AHLA organization; Mr. Wu Shi-Yang - CEO of Meribank Biotech Co., Ltd., a limited liability biotechnology company and Mr. Pan Chi-Ming - CFO of Meribank Biotech Co., Ltd. Attending online was Prof. Duong Van Tuyen - Taipei Medical University, Taiwan - Vice President of the AHLA organization.



Starting the program, Prof. Peter Chang expressed his delight at the PNTU becoming an official member of the AHLA organization. He mentioned that AHLA was established in 2015, and the 4th AHLA International Scientific Conference was taken place in 2016 in Hai Phong, Vietnam. Additionally, the 7th AHLA International Scientific Conference was organized at Thu Duc District Hospital, Ho Chi Minh City, in 2019. He was thrilled that PNTU had become an AHLA member and was hosting the 10th AHLA International Scientific Conference with the support of Chairman of the Ho Chi Minh City People's Committee, Mr. Phan Van Mai. This also presented an opportunity for AHLA to assist PNTU in training programs, scientific research and academic exchanges in the field of Health Literacy, serving not only Ho Chi Minh City's healthcare sector but also extending throughout Vietnam and other countries interested in Health Literacy.



During this same ceremony, the Rector of PNTU officially presented the certificate to recognize Prof. Peter Chang as a Senior Advisor of PNTU. In this new role, he will provide expertise and support to PNTU in the areas of teaching, training, and scientific research in the future.



On this occasion, the Biomedical Research Center of PNTU also signed MOU with Meribank Biotech regarding the transfer of MSC and Exosome technologies. Meribank Biotech Co., Ltd., a limited liability biotechnology company, is a leading company in Taiwan specializing in biotechnology and stem cell technologies.



Concluding the ceremony, Assoc. Prof. Nguyen Thanh Hiep expressed his joy at PNTU becoming a member of the AHLA organization. He expressed confidence that the university will successfully host the 10th AHLA International Scientific Conference and swiftly initiate collaborative activities with Meribank Biotech, Taiwan.

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