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Dr. Bernardino Ramazzini, known as the "father of occupational medicine," was a professor at the University of Padua (Padova), Italy, from 1700 to 1714. Padua located 30 km west of Venice in northern Italy. University of Padua is the second oldest university in the world, founded in 1222, and Galileo Galilei was a professor there.

On May 22, 2024, I was invited by Professor Andrea Doria, Department of Internal Medicine, University of Padua, to give a seminar (graduate school lecture) on the "Recent progress in treatment of systemic lupus erythematosus," a representative systemic autoimmune rheumatic disease. During the lecture, our university UOEH, Ramazzini Hall and Ramazzini Statue were also introduced to the audience.

Despite the long history, I was very happy to see that young doctors also knew Prof. Ramazzini. The Ramazzini Memorial Room is still used as a lecture room and was being used for lectures on biochemistry at the Faculty of Medicine. His grave was enshrined in a church on the University grounds. I thought that it would be magnificent if we could conclude an MOU to collaborate between the University of Padua and the UOEH in the future.

