

<2025 [13th News]> UOEH students awarded “Japan Association for the 2025 World Exposition” at ILO Youth Congress, EXPO2025 (Posted on Jul. 28, 2025)

As part of activities under the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the International Labour Organization (ILO), 23 volunteer students (five teams) both from the School of Medicine and the School of Health Science participated in the ILO Youth Congress “Call to Action Pitch Contest for health, safety and well-being at the workplace” at EXPO2025. The final selection event took place on Thursday, July 17, at the Expo venue.

Among the five teams, Team A from UOEH consisting of two third-year students from the School of Medicine and two third-year students from the School of Health Sciences participated in the final selection. Their proposal entitled “Ignite a change-resilient workplace through workstyle reforms”, aligned with the Expo’s theme “Designing Future Society for Our Lives,” was awarded the “Japan Association for the 2025 World Exposition Prize”

Eight teams from Japan and abroad presented their ideas during the final selection, which were evaluated based on effectiveness, feasibility, and sustainability. The Grand Prize was awarded to Mahidol University (Thailand), while Special Prizes went to Brigham Young University (USA) (Japan ILO Council Prize) and our university (2025 Japan World Expo Association Prize).

The confident English presentation by the two representatives of Team A left a strong impression. After months of preparation, including creating slides and presenting in English, the students’ hard work paid off in a truly meaningful experience.

We would like to take this opportunity to express our sincere gratitude to Prof. Masayoshi Zaitzu (Center for Research of the Aging Workforce), who served as the students’ supervisor, to everyone who supported the team on-site, and to all those who kindly facilitated the students’ participation.



Presentation by Team A



Members of Team A with the award



8 finalists (Mahidol University, Brigham Young University, National Taiwan University, the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, Daido University, Okayama University, the University of Osaka and UOEH) and organizations and companies involved