

<2026 [24th News]> UOEH provided lectures at the International Conference hosted by Mongolian National University of Medical Sciences and conducted a survey on a mine (Posted on Oct. 13, 2026)

On September 13, Prof. Tomohiro Ishimaru (Dept. of Medical Humanics) and Prof. Chinatsu Nishida (Dept. of Occupational Pneumology) participated in an international conference entitled “*Occupational and Environmental Lung Diseases and Interstitial Lung Diseases*” held at Mongolian National University of Medical Sciences (MNUMS) in Ulaanbaatar. They delivered lectures alongside experts from The Catholic University of Korea, the National Institute of Occupational and Environmental Health, Vietnam (online), and the Asbestos and Dust Diseases Research Institute (ADDRI) in Australia (online).

The conference was organized by MNUMS with support from the WHO Western Pacific Regional Office and the Mongolian Society of Respiratory Diseases. As a WHO Collaborating Centre, the UOEH supported this event. Prof. Nishida delivered a lecture on Japan’s pneumoconiosis screening system, while Prof. Ishimaru presented findings from epidemiological studies on pneumoconiosis that he has conducted in Mongolia. Approximately 80 participants, including respiratory physicians, other healthcare professionals, and medical students from across Mongolia, attended the conference.

On September 14, Prof. Ishimaru gave a lecture on occupational health and participatory workplace environment improvement to approximately 20 doctoral students at MNUMS. Prof. Nishida also visited the university’s Occupational Health Center and exchanged information on local occupational health activities.

From September 15 to 17, Profs. Ishimaru and Nishida, together with faculty members from MNUMS, visited state-owned mining enterprises engaged in iron ore and fluorspar mining and processing in rural Mongolia. They conducted health surveys on pneumoconiosis among mine workers. The collected data will be comprehensively analyzed to jointly investigate the prevalence of pneumoconiosis and occupational risk factors associated with its development among Mongolian miners.



Conference participants

Lecture by Prof. Ishimaru



Lecture by Prof. Nishida



Prof. Ishimaru with attendees of his lecture