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NEWSLETTER

Assoc. Prof. Soodkhet Pojprapai traveled to Hirosaki University, Japan, from 14 to 27 July 2025, where he collaborated with Dr. Takaaki Ishikawa from the Graduate School of Health Sciences under the project "Investigation of the Improvement of Physiotherapy Interventions in Ankle Sprain Patients Using Smart Insoles with AI as a Portable Gait Analysis System." The research visit yielded fruitful results, and Dr. Takaaki and Assoc. Prof. Soodkhet will continue their collaboration in 2026.



The visit took place during Hirosaki's renowned cherry blossom season, adding a uniquely memorable touch to the experience. With Hirosaki Castle and Hirosaki Park surrounded by Sakura trees in full bloom, the scenery was breathtaking. Combined with the warm hospitality of the local community, the trip became truly unforgettable.



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Both universities will sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) in November 2025 to formalize the collaboration. The partnership aims to advance the use of smart insole and AI technologies in physiotherapy and healthcare.