A medical team from the Kingdom of Thailand came all the way to Fukushima to support medical care in the wake of the March 11th earthquake and subsequent tsunami. They comprised two groups: Dr. Naris Waranawat and Ms. Rungtiwa Aswinanomh (registered nurse) in the first group and Dr. Suthipong Pangkanon and Ms. Kim Sakulnoom (registered nurse) in the second. The teams made the rounds of refugee centers across Fukushima along with FMU pediatric specialists and infectious diseases specialists. Our Thai colleagues provided insightful consultation and advice regarding health management for infants and children.

The first group worked from May 9th until May 19th, assisting at 15 refugee centers, and the second group from May 23rd until June 2nd, assisting at 16.

A farewell ceremony was held on June 2nd, the last day of their four-week service, as a token of gratitude for their invaluable dedication to refugee care.

We sincerely appreciate medical support from the Kingdom of Thailand.
1. FMU welcomes Ms. Rungtiwa Aswinanonh (third from left) and Dr. Naris Waranawat (sixth from left), the first medical team members to arrive from the Kingdom of Thailand.

2. Joint briefing of the first Thai medical group and their FMU colleagues, before visiting refugees

3. Farewell ceremony on May 19, 2011, for Dr. Waranawat and Ms. Aswinanonh.

4. Joint briefing of the second Thai medical group and their FMU colleagues (Ms. Kim Sakulnoom, second from left; Dr. Suthipong Pangkanon, far right)

5. Farewell ceremony on June 2, 2011, for Dr. Pangkanon and Ms. Sakulnoom