

Editorial

Marking the 102nd Anniversary of Chulalongkorn University

“The name bestowed upon this university is “Chulalongkorn” – it will forever remain with you wherever you go and in whatever you do – good or bad. For this reason, each time you perform any deed make sure you do so with discernment and have the foresight to weigh the benefits and losses...” Speech of His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej delivered at the commencement ceremony for graduates of Chulalongkorn University, May 21, 1950.⁽¹⁾

Chulalongkorn University, as the country’s first university, continues to uphold the royal intent of HM King Chulalongkorn (RAMA V) and HM King Vajiravudh (RAMA VI) to be the “cornerstone of the capital city,” while aspiring towards sustainably becoming a world-class university. The university was originally founded during King Chulalongkorn’s reign as a school for training royal pages and civil servants in 1899 (B.E. 2442) at the Grand Palace of Thailand. It was later established as a national university in 1917, making it the oldest institute of higher education in Thailand. During the reign of Chulalongkorn’s son, King Vajiravudh, the Royal Pages School became the Civil Service College of King Chulalongkorn. The Rockefeller Foundation was instrumental in helping the college form its academic foundation. On 26 March 1917, King Vajiravudh renamed the college “Chulalongkorn University”.⁽²⁾

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This third issue of Chulalongkorn Medical Journal comprises eight original articles, one case report, and one letter to editor, published as follows:

1. Correlation between trans rectal ultrasound guided prostate biopsy and radical prostatectomy specimen

and risk factors for upgraded Gleason score in prostate cancer

2. Cytotoxicity and apoptotic mechanisms of different solvent extracts from *Ipomoea pes-caprae* on human nasopharyngeal cells

3. CT appearance of acute pancreatitis using multiphase Multidetector Computed Tomography and correlation between CT Severity Index and clinical outcomes

4. Depression in patients with type 2 diabetes attending at Chao Phya Abhaibhubejhr Hospital

5. Comparison of lower extremity range of motion during walking between children with cerebral palsy and normal children

6. Characteristics and physical outcomes of kratom users at a substance abuse treatment center

7. Effects of general obesity on heart rate variability in Thai people with physical inactivity

8. Prevalence of hypertension and associated factors among healthcare workers: A cross-sectional study

9. ECMO support after arterial switch operation: A case report series from a single institution

10. Reduction of leukocyte mitochondrial DNA copy number in knee osteoarthritis

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