



MEDICAL  
UNIVERSITY  
OF LODZ

**The Medical University of Lodz** has the honour to be the host of this year's **Asia-Europe Foundation University**, that will be focused on the issues of public health.

The Medical University of Lodz is the biggest state medical university in Poland implementing the following basic tasks: educating students in medicine, dentistry, pharmacy and medicine allied disciplines; educating research staff and conducting research work; conducting postgraduate training of highly qualified health care system staff; participating in health care programs set by the social health care system. The concept of up-to-date and comprehensive professional training of medical staff is being improved all the time. The process of education has been focused on preparing specialists for work in various communities and national health care systems. Our educational offer has been adjusted to requirements laid down in the resolutions validated by our Government within the European Union co-operation. Following the entry of Poland into the European Union on May 1, 2004 the University offers a chance of an automatic recognition of the Diploma of most of the faculties within all 25 countries of the European Union. High interest in studying at our University confirms attractiveness of our educational programs.

Currently, over 8000 Polish students are getting their education within medical and medicine-related areas at various faculties. Medical teaching in English was initiated in 2003/2004. Presently over 300 foreign students from various countries (USA, Canada, Taiwan, Sweden, Norway, Great Britain, Spain, Kenia, Nigeria, Zambia) attend medical and dental courses. The quality of our teaching remains one of the highest among Polish universities, which is reflected by official inspections and rankings. Students of the Faculty of Medicine are the winners of the most prestigious scientific awards.

Medical University of Lodz is one of the leading medical research centers in Poland. In one academic year over a hundred research grants are awarded, as well as numerous research contracts. At present substantial number of individual research projects are being conducted.

Medical University of Lodz has been carrying extensive international scientific cooperation with many foreign academic and research centers. Within this co-operation over 500 short official visits of research and teaching staff to 46 universities took place, 22 staff members received foreign scholarships and 49 foreign scientists representing leading European and world-famous teaching and research centers were invited to our University. Furthermore, the majority of University chairs, clinics and departments directly co-operate with foreign centers through staff Exchange programs.

At present, Medical University of Lodz has over 1600 hospital beds in Teaching Hospitals that provide medical services for patients, being the essential base for research work and undergraduate and postgraduate teaching. University Teaching Hospitals and University-affiliated departments constitute a basic source for highly specialized diagnostic and treatment services provided by professors, associate professors and specialists of various medical disciplines who take care of health needs of the Lodz region community and promote health-related programs.

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