

Kijimun' s Monologue No.8

Faculty of Medicine • "Monument for body donors" • "Monument for experimental animals"

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I am going to introduce "Monument for body donors" and "Monument for experimental animals" which are constructed in Faculty of Medicine.

Students need to pass many courses in Faculty of Medicine to become a doctor, one of the mandatory courses is a dissection of a human body. In other words, development of medicine depends on people who give their body after death.



In the grounds of Faculty of Medicine, there are a charnel house and a monument for body donors which were built by University of the Ryukyus *Deigo Kai* (it is an association for the people who enroll as body donors.)

"Monument for body donors" was built in October 2006 to acknowledge the people who donated their body and to honor their will forever. And also it is for promoting the body donation and praying for human kind's happiness through the development of medicine. The names of donors are curved in the monument. They are members of University of the Ryukyus *Deigo Kai*, members of Tōkyō Medical University *Tōju kai* and other general public.

In Faculty of Medicine, the memorial service for dissections is held in every November.

Besides, in Faculty of Medicine, experimental animals are used for testing. A monument for the animals is built at the southern side of the Faculty.

When you visit the Faculty of Medicine, please make a stop at the monuments and focus your thoughts on the people who gave their body for the development of medicine or on experimental animals.

