

## **Academic Activity in October 2017**

The HBPS Department (Yangon Specialty Hospital) was visited by a prominent Transplant Director from New Zealand on 30 October and 1<sup>st</sup> November.

Professor Stephen Munn is the Director of Abdominal Transplant Service (Liver and Renal Transplant), and Transplant Surgeon of New Zealand Liver Transplant Unit of Auckland City Hospital.

On his first day visit (30<sup>th</sup> October), he watched and discussed on our poster presentation and doctorate candidates paper presentations at Norman Hla Hall. One doctorate candidate presented department profile and about our liver transplant progress where he asked about the recipients we lost and he commented on that one tragic incident and commented that he could be saved if ECMO machine was available. Then, doctorate students and residences presented their problem cases from our ward and he and our team discussed and gave his valuable opinions on the patients' diagnosis, management problems and surgical approaches. Then, he was escorted to operation theatre to observe set up of operation rooms and watched and commented on that day operation of liver resections for HCC.

On second day visit (1<sup>st</sup> November), he watched Whipple operation for head of pancreas cancer during which he gave us valuable comments and his approaches in Whipple operation. He was then escorted back to Norman Hla Hall for doctorate candidate journal reading and presentation of feedback on previous LDLT patients and on three potential candidates for LDLT. He discussed and advised on many issues concerning LDLT and DDLT and on specific cases presented.

We then took a group photos with department members and the previous LDLT recipients. He left Myanmar on 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2017.

*Here are photographs taken during his visit to the ward in Norman Hla Hall.*



**Together with HBPS (YSH) members**



**Together with previous LDLT recipients**



**During the presentation and discussion of interesting cases**