On April 27, JIU sixth-year pharmacy student Taichi Hiraga and 10 fourth-year students gave individual presentations in English on the research activities they conducted through JIU’s study abroad programs held in the past academic year. Hiraga studied at Thailand’s Chulalongkorn University Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences for three months as an exchange student, and the fourth year students stayed at the University of California, Riverside, through our short-term pharmacy training program.

The topics of their presentations included pharmacy education, pharmacist’s roles in Japan and the U.S. and international comparisons of the framework for orphan drug designation, i.e., drugs that are used for rare diseases but are not marketed or under-developed due to small numbers of patients.