

Tokai University International Strategy

In his writings, the founder of the Tokai University Educational System (TES), Dr. Shigeyoshi Matsumae stated that, “Our mission is not only to establish a university, but also to build a peaceful nation and thus contribute to world peace. In order for Japan, which is not blessed with natural resources, to contribute to the world and peace, it must become a technologically advanced nation through original research and technology development.” Over the years, TES has developed into a research and educational institution focused on achieving Dr. Matsumae’s vision. As a result, TES’ international strategy over the years has centered on technological development with the goal of realizing world peace.

1) Contributing to the Establishment of Global Peace

Contributing to the establishment of global peace is the foundation of TES’ international activities. Realizing that diplomacy between governments can be further enhanced by private institutions; TES has worked as a diplomat among educational institutions, organizing countless exchanges over the last 20 years, including the Asian and Pacific University Presidents’ Conference and the international symposiums on “human security” sponsored by the Strategic Peace & International Affairs Research Institute, Tokai University (SPIRIT). TES has also worked with international organizations such as the United Nations Development Program in its quest to make world peace a reality.

2) Strategic support for International Academic Research

By organizing a system for the exchange of scholars and researchers with international institutions with which it has agreements, TES not only strengthens the quality of its programs, it also contributes to the development of solutions to pressing global issues.

3) Cooperation with Asian Nations

To improve education and research in Asia, especially in the fields of engineering, agriculture, and fisheries, TES works in conjunction with international organizations such as the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) to support educational institutions in the ASEAN countries.

4) Strategic Cooperation and Internationalization

To enhance its educational and research capability, TES strategically and actively invites faculty and students, especially those from Northern Europe, Russia, and Eastern European countries with which it has strong ties, to its campuses. In this regard, TES makes good use of its Tokai University European Center located in Copenhagen, Denmark.

5) Conversion from Quantitative to Qualitative Expansion of the International Exchange Program

TES holds numerous cooperation agreements with many educational institutes around the world. Hereafter instead of increasing the quantity of cooperation agreements TES hopes

to further strengthen the quality of those agreements they already hold with those educational institutions.

6) Establishing an International Network for Technology Transfer

In order that the intellectual property developed through the efforts of the international network of universities is effectively used, TES will serve as the locus of the network and globally promote the transfer of the technologies.

7) Strategic Utilization of International Cultural and Sports exchanges

Cultural and sports – or “soft power” – exchanges are currently the primary focus of educational diplomacy. In order to continue to enhance ties with foreign countries, TES plans to continue to utilize and nurture these types of activities.