

① Faculty and University

Graduate School of Asian and African Area Studies, Center for Southeast Asian Studies,
Kyoto University

② Project Name

On-site Education of Practical Languages for Area Studies

③ Project Outline

Objectives

- 1. Teaching the practical language skills necessary to understand and analyze research areas holistically.**
- 2. Enhancing researchers' intellectual presence through dissemination of the results of area studies research.**

Our goal is to provide education in practical language skills truly useful for area studies and to replace the systems currently employed at graduate schools. These can be characterized as either impromptu (“if you go there, you can speak their local language”) or formal classroom learning, which is not always useful. We would therefore send researchers to on-site research institutes and universities appropriate for their field of study, where they can undertake specialized language training for research and the presentation of results.

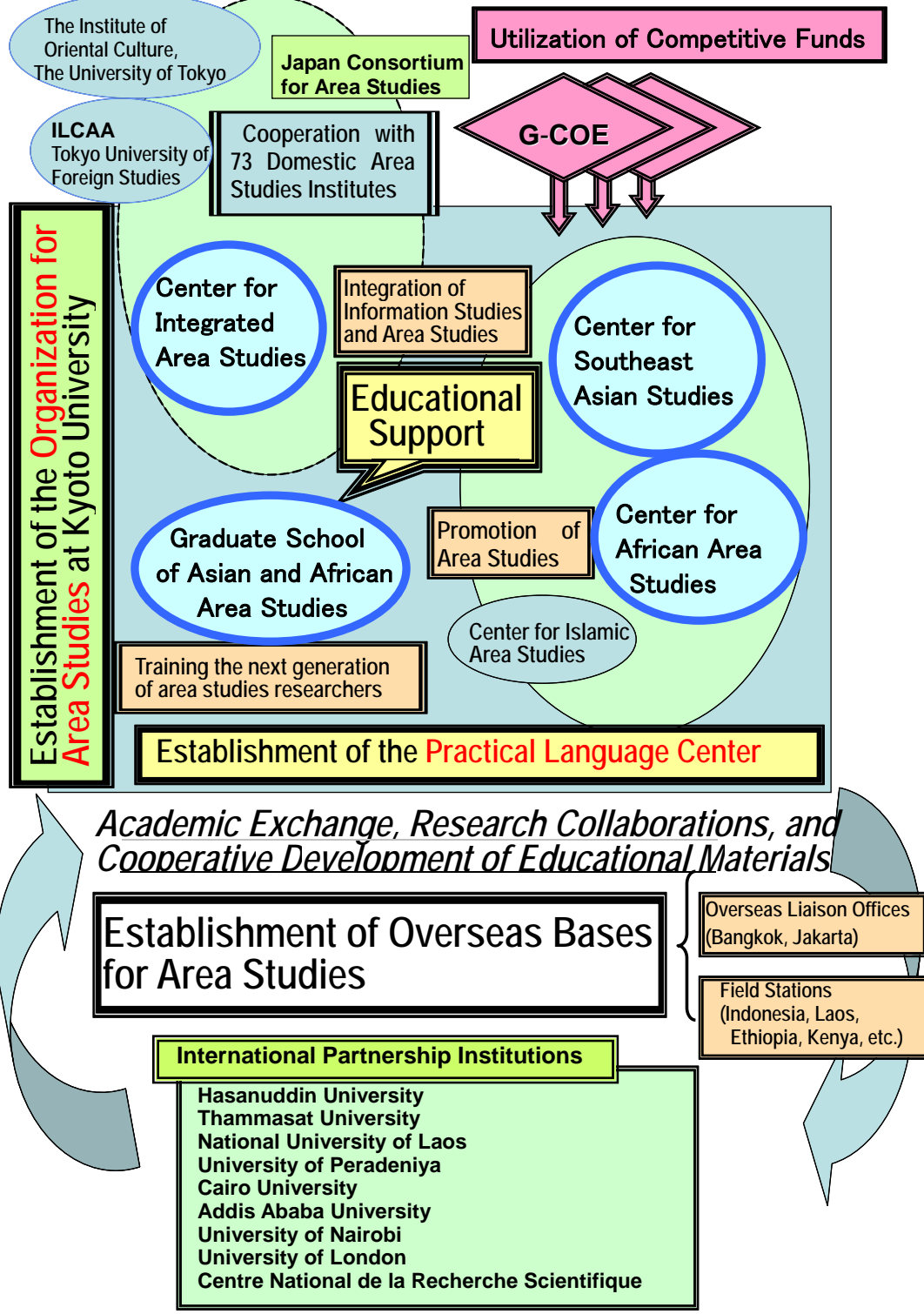
Characteristics

- 1. Academic language and vernacular language :** In area studies, it is necessary to cultivate a holistic understanding through written materials on politics, economics, history, and theology, on the one hand, and oral materials on popular beliefs, ecology, and agriculture, on the other. Academic language is needed to understand the former, while vernacular language is needed for the latter. Both languages are necessary for area specialists, and through on-site education, this system in practical language training will fulfill both needs.
- 2. Educational system covering the input and output level :** On the input level, the system will dispatch younger master-course students who need to learn local languages to conduct research. Doctoral students in some fields of study can apply for the input level as well. On the output level, the system will dispatch researchers in doctoral courses, post-doctorates, and assistant professors who have already learned local languages and who need to raise their presentation skills in order to disseminate their research results. The languages covered at the output level include English, French, Arabic, and other local languages.

⑤ International Partnership Institutions

Departments of Japanese and Indonesian, Faculty of Letters, Hasanuddin University <Makassar, Indonesia>
Rector for International Affairs, Chancellor's Office, Thammasat University <Bangkok, Thailand>
Rector for International Affairs, President's Office, National University of Laos <Vientiane, Laos>
Faculty of Letters, University of Peradeniya <Peradeniya, Sri Lanka>
Center for Asian Studies, Cairo University <Cairo, Egypt>
Faculty of Social Science, Addis Ababa University <Addis Ababa, Ethiopia>
The Institute of African Studies, University of Nairobi <Nairobi, Kenya>
The School of Oriental & African Studies, University of London <London, UK>
Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique <Paris, France>

⑥ Conceptual Scheme of the Project



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