

【Name of project】 (Adopted year: fiscal year 2011) Type A-I CAMPUS Asia Pilot Program
“Program for Careers as Risk Management Experts in East Asia”

【Aim of project】 Kobe University Graduate School of International Cooperation Studies (GSICS), Fudan University School of International Relations and Public Affairs (SIRPA), and Korea University Graduate School of International Studies (GSIS) have formed a consortium that aims to develop risk management experts in East Asia through the world-class graduate school education offered at these three universities.

【Ideals of Global Human Resource on the project】 Individuals who have gained:

- (1) technical knowledge and practical skills for risk management-related matters at the time of not only a natural disaster but also economic and social crises;
- (2) expertise in social sciences, including economics, political science, human resources, and development management mainly related to Japan, China, and South Korea;
- (3) a level of communication skills sufficient to support policy implementation in English and the local language in addition to their own native language; and
- (4) an understanding of different cultures; the capability of working at a public institution, international organization, or NPO to analyze issues and situations at the time of crises; and abilities in global leadership in policy formulation and in decision making with courage and determination in the face of crises.

【Summary of project】 Kobe University, Fudan University, and Korea University are working together to roll out high-quality education by implementing a graduate student exchange program and a double degree program with the aim of training “risk management experts” working in an international capacity.

■ Forming the University Network with Quality Assurance



○ Agreeing on the mutual recognition of credits, the management of academic records, and the accreditation process: A method for calculating credits among the three universities and the basic principles for obtaining a master’s degree in one year were agreed upon at a steering committee, and these were established as specific bylaws in the student exchange agreement and the double degree agreement. The future course of action and a foundation for faculty exchanges among the three participating universities were also established.

■ Contents of the Programs, Preparation for the Start of the Programs



○ Organizing an international symposium: A joint international symposium by three universities, one each from Japan, China, and South Korea, was held in Shanghai on November 9, 2012. With the participation of more than 60 faculty members and graduate students from these three countries, the symposium confirmed the need for close cooperation among the three universities regarding risk management.

○ Researching and interacting with universities outside of the consortium:

The trends at other universities were researched, and a wide range of exchanges, such as the invitation of risk management experts to Kobe University, were facilitated with Peking University in China, Seoul National University, Hongik University, Chung-Ang University in South Korea, and the University of Malaya in Malaysia.

○ Organization of risk management seminar: Six risk management experts from Japan and abroad were invited, and seminars were organized at GSICS, Kobe University, in order to promote the development of professional networks and the sharing of research and practice results from an inter-disciplinary perspective.

■ Student-Mobility

○ Outbound : In 2012, Kobe University sent two double-degree students and one exchange student to Fudan University (one year), and two double-degree students (one year) and one exchange student (half a year) to Korea University.

○ Inbound : Three double-degree students (one year) from Fudan University and one double-degree student (one year) and one exchange student (half a year) from Korea University were accepted in September 2012. Three exchange students from Korea University (half a year) were accepted in March 2013.

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Accepted number in Japan	0	C3,K5	C8,K8	C8,K8	C8,K8
Accepted number in China	0	J3,K5	J8,K8	J8,K8	J8,K8
Accepted number in Korea	J1	J3,C3	J8,C8	J8,C8	J8,C8

Note : FY2011-2012 results, FY2013 -2015 planned

■ Promotion of Student-Mobility Environment

○ Establishment of the “CAMPUS Asia Office”: The CAMPUS Asia Office was launched with dedicated personnel who have education experience in China, South Korea, and the U.S.A. in order to assist potential candidates and the CAMPUS Asia students in aspects concerning academics and life support.

○ Development of a pre-education curriculum: The CAMPUS Asia office offered students pre-education programs, such as language training programs and seminars for research plan preparation.

○ Launching of risk management-related courses and the issuing of certificates:: The GSICS, Kobe University, launched new courses, titled “Risk Management” and “Disaster Risk Reduction Strategy for Mega Earthquakes,” as risk management-related courses in an effort to enhance the content of the educational program. In addition, the university issued a certificate as proof of program completion. The three universities will share the same format in the future.

■ Visualization of the Content of Education, Dissemination of the Outcomes

○ Setting up an information sharing platform: The program’s brochure and newsletter were published in both English and Japanese. The program’s website (<http://www.edu.kobe-u.ac.jp/gsics-cp-asia/index.html>) and a Facebook page were also launched for online information sharing.

○ Evaluating the Kobe University’s CAMPUS Asia Program from a global perspective: The second external evaluation committee meeting and an international symposium were held in February 2013 by inviting scholars in higher education and experts from Japan, other parts of Asia, and the U.S.A. in order to discuss globalization practices in higher education across the world. In addition, issues that needed to be considered for the future operation of the CAMPUS Asia Program in Kobe University were identified through feedback from evaluation committee members.