# Re-Inventing Japan Project

## **Kyoto University**

Support for the Formation of Collaborative Programs with ASEAN Universities

[Name of project] (Adopted year: FY2011, Type A - II)

Consortium for International Human Resource Development for Disaster-Resilient Countries

[Aim of project, Ideals of Global Human Resource on the project]

The purpose of the project is to train students to be leaders for building disaster-resilient countries by alliance universities forming an international consortium through the utilization of the invaluable experiences gained through the process of recovery following the Great East Japan Earthquake and mutual exchange with ASEAN countries where natural disasters occur frequently.

(Summary of project)

The project prepares a collaborative educational program guaranteeing high quality in collaboration with alliance universities, promoting mutual exchanges among students and experience of study abroad, and providing an environment in which students can observe and study disaster-affected areas and recovery processes. Also, the project expects that experiences described above contribute to build up their own countries to disaster-resilient nation. By doing so, the project fosters the students who will be capable of working internationally.

# Forming the University Network with Quality Assurance Promotion of Faculty Development

In 2013, nine conferences for promoting the project were held and a PDCA cycle on education program was promoted through questionnaire surveys completed by participating students. The findings of the survey were presented at the Faculty Development Symposium (held in Kyoto in November 2013), which was attended by representatives from all alliance universities, and incorporated into plans for exchange in 2014 onward.

## O Issue of Participation Certificates for Program of International Collaborative Education

Participation Certificates were issued to students who joined in Collaborative Educational Program of International Human Resource Development for Disaster-Resilient Countries, including the two-month exchange program.

#### Presentation by Junior Faculty Members in Collaborative Lectures

In order to further enhance the internationalization of faculty members participating in the exchange educational program, junior faculty members at Kyoto University and ASEAN alliance universities presented Collaborative Lectures through visiting each other's universities (15 lectures in 2013).

# (Course Orientation at Kasetsart Uniiv.)

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

〈 Group work in the program 〉



Mutual Exchange Program with ASEAN Alliance Universities

A two-month mutual exchange program that included inspections of flood damage sites in Thailand and areas affected in the Great East Japan Earthquake disaster, was conducted in August-September 2013. Collaborative educational programs were set up in Kyoto in August and in Bangkok in September, 2013. In the program, 31 students -16 from Japan and 15 from ASEAN alliance universities- studied and they deepened their exchanges over the two months.

### O Preparation for the Program in 2014

We are ready to set up collaborative educational programs in Kyoto in August and in Bandung in September, 2014. 31 students -16 from Japan and 15 from ASEAN alliance universities- may study together. In addition, 3 students from National Cheng Kung University may also join the program.

## Student-Mobility

## O Outbound

In September 2013, 16 Japanese students were dispatched to Kasetsart University, Thailand. These students and the 15 international students who came to Japan in August (31 students in total) studied together for approximately one month in the collaborative educational program, acquiring the qualities and abilities needed to become a leader for building a resilient nation to natural disasters.

#### O Inbound

In August 2013, 15 students from ASEAN alliance universities were accepted by Kyoto University. 31 students including 16 Japanese students selected by Kyoto University who were to join in the program held in Thailand in September. Thirty-one students studied together for about one month in the collaborative educational program held in Japan.

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Outbound	0	33	16	15	15
Inbound	0	15	15	15	15

Note: FY2011-2013 results, FY2014 -2015 planned

## ■ Promotion of Student-Mobility Environment

## O Follow-up for Participating Students

Besides exchange program, a follow-up program to enhance the qualities and abilities of program participants for becoming leaders in building resilient countries is conducted through providing relevant information by e-mail to the participant. And exchanges between students are performed via SNS.

#### Efforts to Enhance Communication Skills

Short-term intensive courses aimed at enhancing students' English-language report preparation and presentation skills was conducted in 2013. These courses will be also implemented in June of 2014 for new students.

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

## O Publication of a Text Series

A DRC text series of relevant lectures conduced as part of the educational program is being prepared in English. Up to May 2014, 10 volumes have been published.

O Communication of Exchange Results

Results of the exchange program are broadly communicated through the uploading on the website (<a href="http://www.drc.t.kyoto-u.ac.jp/">http://www.drc.t.kyoto-u.ac.jp/</a>) providing information on project content and exchange history and outcomes as well as publication of a newsletter, (Vol. 4 in May 2014).