

【Name of project】 (Adopted: FY2012, Type II: SEND program)

Rediscovering Japan through Collaboration in the Open ASEAN + 6 : International Human Resource Development Centering on the SEND Program

【Aim of Project: Excellence in Global Human Resource Development】

This program will provide students with chances to rediscover Japanese society from an outside perspective to nurture leaders who can find resolutions to the issues in the region in this age of globalization.

【Summary of project】

Students will gain knowledge of Asia through this program and acquire practical experience from a wider perspective through the SEND program of rediscovering Japan and Asia. Kyoto University Asian Studies Unit (KUASU) formed Kyoto International Consortium for Asian Studies (KICAS) with partner universities in January 2014.

■ Forming the University Network with Quality Assurance

1. International Collaborative Program for Undergraduate and Graduate Studies

We provide exchange programs with partner universities at three levels: Cross-cultural Understanding, International Collaborative Course on Asian Studies, and Joint Supervision Program. We assure the quality of the programs at each level.

2. Quarter System for the Convenience of Credit Transfer

Kyoto University Graduate School of Economics have established a semi-quarter system for the convenience of intensive lectures and credit transfer, and is in the process of institutionalization of a credit transfer system with ASEAN universities.

3. Joint Supervision with Partner Universities

Kyoto University Graduate School of Management has agreed with National Taiwan University Graduate School of Management to establish a joint supervision system. We are also in the process of institutionalizing joint supervision of doctoral students in other academic fields.

4. Kyoto International Consortium for Asian Studies (KICAS)

We established KICAS in January 2014 with the founding members from 17 universities.

〈Initial meeting of KICAS〉



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

〈 At Chulalongkorn University, Thai 〉

1. Preparatory Education for SEND

We offer a specialized preparation course for the SEND program, “Japanese Language and Culture,” as well as the “Studying Japan and Asia in Kyoto Program” mentioned below, so that the students can be confident teaching about Japan and Asia.

2. Offering Courses in English and Credit Transfer

We have expanded courses offered in English, targeting the students from partner universities such as National University of Singapore and Renmin University of China for establishing a credit transfer system. We have also expanded the coverage of credit transfer from the undergraduate program to the Master’s program.

3. International Joint Supervision

We have started joint supervision of graduate students with overseas universities.

■ Student-Mobility

○ Outbound

We have completed short-term SEND programs in 16 universities in Singapore, Thailand, The Philippines, Taiwan, Korea, China, Australia, the United States, and Germany. A total of 192 students participated in the programs in FY2013.

○ Inbound

We have received a total of 103: 31 in Cross-cultural Understanding Program, 37 in International Collaborative Course on Asian Studies Program, and 35 in Joint Supervision Program.

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Outbound	54	192	83	87	82
Inbound	5	103	49	49	47

Note : FY2012-2013 results, FY2014 - 2016 planned

■ Promotion of Student-Mobility Environment

1. “Studying Japan and Asia in Kyoto” Program

We have expanded the SEND preparatory education and education for students from partner universities by offering courses such as “Japanese Languages and Culture,” “Introduction to Southeast Asian Studies,” and “Toward a Common Historical Understanding among Asian Countries: Memory of the War and Colonialism.” We distribute a course list booklet (bilingual in Japanese and English) to freshmen and exchange students. Certificates will be given to those who complete the requirements of the program.

2. Support from Kyoto University Asian Studies Unit (KUASU) Staff and Faculty

We have established KUASU and prepared a welcoming environment for both Japanese and exchange students. We have also hired non-Japanese faculty members and faculty members who have received their degrees in foreign countries to enhance the support for the exchange programs.

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

Publishing exchange program reports and editing textbooks for common use

We publish the reports of each exchange program to analyze the impacts on the students' growth. We also edit textbooks for International Collaborative Course on Asian Studies Program with partner universities. They will be published on the webpage or as a book format for the sake of the world wide use.