

【Name of project】 (Adopted year: FY2011, Type A – II)

East Asian University Institute (EAUI) for Asian Regional Integration

【Aim of project, Ideals of Global Human Resource on the project】

This project aims to contribute to Asian regional integration through the establishment of the East Asian University Institute (EAUI) as a permanent graduate education center, to be opened by FY 2020. This center will train highly-skilled and specialized human resources who can contribute to both global and regional interests.

【Summary of project】

This concept is based on the creation of a core center through a coalition of five universities - Waseda University (Japan), Peking University (China), Korea University (Korea), Thammasat University (Thailand) and Nanyang Technological University (Singapore) – for the development of an Asian Regional Integration Program (semester exchange programs, summer and winter schools, Intensive Courses) and joint research. The program aims to cultivate human resources through a holistic, comprehensive social-science based curriculum engaged with the diverse issues of Asian regional integration.

Forming the University Network with Quality Assurance

1. Development of Joint Certification System

The EAUI Joint Certificate of Completion has been put in place. The Certificate is jointly issued by the Graduate School of Asia-Pacific Studies (GSAPS), Waseda University and the respective partner school. The very first certificate was issued by GSAPS and Nanyang Technological University to a graduate of GSAPS in March 2015.

2. Joint Faculty/Staff Meetings

The five partner universities held a total of two joint faculty/staff meetings to discuss such issues as the joint certification system, ways to improve the quality of the Summer/Winter School, the future of the EAUI Program and the development of joint education materials. The five university also agreed to form the EAUI Steering Committee to maintain and expand their networks developed thus far after the end of the Re-Inventing Japan Project.

3. Development of Joint Education Materials

GSAPS and the partner universities developed online lecture videos as a tool for supplementing the existing study abroad programs and face-to-face courses.

(3rd Winter School at Waseda University)



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

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1. Summer/Winter School

The third Summer School and the third Winter School were held at Korea University and Waseda University respectively with participation by faculty and graduate students from the five universities. In each session, the faculty led the lectures allowing students to exchange ideas and perspectives through group discussions. An international symposium was held to provide an opportunity for students to learn presentation skills from experts. The five-day session was concluded with presentations by groups made up by students from the five partner universities.

2. Semester Exchange Program (Outbound & Inbound)

The semester exchange program (outbound & inbound) was offered. Exchange students took classes grouped and organized around a specially designed matrix composed of four thematic and four disciplinary clusters. Through lectures and discussions, they deepened their understanding of the theme of Asian regional integration and cooperation.

Student-Mobility

1. Outbound (Note: the figures in brackets indicate non-Japanese students.)

Through the semester exchange program, 7 (5) Waseda University students were dispatched to Nanyang Technological University while 5 (3) were dispatched to Thammasat University. For the Summer School at Korea University, Waseda University sent 15 (14) students. In addition, Waseda University sent 1 (1) student to Thammasat University for the purpose of fieldwork.

2. Inbound

1 Korea University student, 5 Nanyang Technological University students, 3 Peking University students and 3 Thammasat University students studied at Waseda University through the semester exchange program. For the Winter School, a total of 32 students (8 from each partner university) were invited to Waseda University.

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Outbound	19	26	28	28	45
Inbound	20	40	49	44	60
Between Partner Schools		15	*	15	15

Note : FY2011-2014 results, FY2015 planned

*As a result of the cancellation of the Winter School due to the civil unrest in Bangkok, student exchanges among the non-Waseda partner schools did not take place

Promotion of Student-Mobility Environment

1. Outbound

To stimulate interest in study abroad among Japanese students prior to enrollment, the program is featured in student recruitment materials of GSAPS and GSAPS applicants are surveyed on their interest in the program. In order to encourage a wider range of Japanese students to participate in the semester exchange program, it has been made possible to do coursework in the official language of the host country (Mandarin, Korean and Thai) instead of English, and the program has been made available to non-GSAPS graduate students.

2. Inbound

The EAUI Program office assisted inbound international students with travel and accommodation arrangements while two specially assigned assistant professors mentored exchange students through special tutorial sessions and fieldtrips.

Internationalization of the university

Information disclosure and Publication of outcome

International Symposium, Presentations by Program Participant and Program Website

Information about the EAUI Program is made available through its website. An international symposium is held twice as a part of the Summer School session and the Winter School session. By inviting experts from institutions other than the five partner universities for the symposiums, the program is showcased beyond the five-university framework. One program participant presented on the EAUI Program at an international academic conference held in Turkey in August 2014, thus contributing to the promotion of the Re-inventing Japan Project outside of Japan.