

【Name of project】(Adopted year: FY2012, Category I)

University Consortium for Evidence Based Approach (EBA) to the Emergent Issues in Asia

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

The project aims to build a generation of “ASEAN EBA Leaders” who can solve emergent issues in ASEAN by using information technology and social development skills in the field of “Health Environment,” “Energy and Environment” and “Disaster and security,” considering Resilience, Innovation and Sustainability.

【Summary of project】

By establishing an education program in collaboration with ASEAN universities, EBA is committed to developing human resources that can identify and solve issues based on the evidence and analysis for the development of Asian region that harmonizes science and technology, resources, and economy within the global information society. This program provides a 2-year- undergraduate program and a 2-year-master degree program and plans to receive 180 Japanese and ASEAN students in total, with 420-student exchanges in 5 years.

■ Forming a University Network with Quality Assurance

○ EBA Program Design

Consortium partner universities jointly design the EBA course curriculum, consisted of “Core Courses,” “Practical Courses” and “Specialized Courses.” Subjects for each course, accreditation, and skills required for graduation and other issues are discussed in general meetings held in every February.

○ Guidelines establishment

The guidelines established by EBA member universities—covering from lecture length to educational approaches in data science, communication skills in local languages, fieldwork and others—guarantee the quality control of courses offered by the program. Because of the diversity of university cultures, schedules and other characteristics, the guidelines do not concern only about contents, but also the logistics to deliver the best learning experience.

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



○ Open Seminars and Coordinators Meeting

In order to stimulate communication within universities, EBA conducts monthly meetings. Open Seminar aims to share information and raise discussions among faculty and students on topics related to the program. At EBA Coordinators meeting, EBA partners discuss issues including the planning, promotion and implementation of upcoming fieldworks and internship.

○ EBA Components Certificate

By taking EBA courses and accomplishing the requirements established by the EBA guidelines, students are entitled to receive the “Component Certificate.” In 2014, 192 “Component Certificates” were issued for 124 students and interns. “Program Certificates” can be obtained in the following years.

■ Student-Mobility

○ Fieldwork & Internship

EBA offers 10-day fieldwork programs and short-term internship programs. The numbers of students for the upcoming programs are being reviewed in order to meet the initial goals.

○ Japanese Students Exchange

In 2014, EBA sent Japanese students for fieldwork abroad (Philippines) for the first time. After that, fieldwork programs will be hosted regularly by partner Universities, as well as internship program overseas.

■ Promotion of Student-Mobility Environment

○ Student Agreement System

Keio University established an internal system to support short-term program, in addition to regular issues such as academic terms or accreditation issues. This system enables a smooth process for the student regarding visa issues among others.

■ Internationalization of the university / Information disclosure and Publication of outcome

○ The Impact within Keio

This program’s student agreement system was also applied in other international programs in Keio University. As of the end of June 2015, it was also applied to receive 61 students.

○ Inbound

A total of 42 students from partner universities attended EBA fieldworks (Disaster Management, Environment and Health, Energy) and internship programs in Japanese companies in 2014.

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Outbound	7	14	4	65	70
Inbound	4	19	42	65	65

Note : FY2012-2014 results, FY2015 - 2016 planned

○ Localized Information Session

In addition to the Open Seminars, EBA conducts information sessions in each campus respectively to make EBA program including its contents like courses, fieldwork, internship, etc. More widely known and reached to a larger audience from that location.

○ Online Presence

EBA explores digital media to spread information and calling for participation in its programs. The EBA official website (<http://www.eba-consortium.asia>) and the EBA Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/EBAConsortium>) has been promoting communication at different levels.

〈EBA Courses〉

EBA Core Courses

- Knowledge Skills
- Governance
- Social Innovation
- Advanced IT

Practical Courses

- Internship
- Fieldwork (short- and long-term)
- Supporting Subjects
Language, Culture of
ASEAN and Japan

Specialized Courses

- Energy and Environment
- Health Environment
- Disaster and Security