

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

“Program for Careers as Risk Management Experts in East Asia”

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

- (1) Fostering technical knowledge and practical skills for risk management-related matters at times of not only natural disasters but also economic and social crises;
- (2) Building expertise in social sciences, including economics, political science, human resources, and development management, mainly related to Japan, China, and South Korea;
- (3) Imparting 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) Promoting understanding of different cultures; 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 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.

## ■ Forming the University Network with Quality Assurance

**○ Consensus on mutual recognition of credits, management of academic records, and accreditation process:** Kobe University, Fudan University and Korea University approved a method for calculating credits between the three universities and basic principles for obtaining a master's degree in one year at the Kobe-Fudan-Korea consortium steering committee. Three universities also concluded an academic exchange agreement and a double-degree agreement. These achievements form the foundation for further academic cooperation among them including the double-degree program.

In the 2014/15 academic year, Kobe University sent seven students to Fudan University and Korea University for the double-degree program (six of them have obtained a degree) and hosted five students for it (all have received a degree).



Tohoku Field Trip

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

**○ Organizing international symposiums:** Three universities held annual joint international symposium in Shanghai in November 2012, in Seoul in November 2013, in Kobe in November 2014, and in Bangkok in November 2015.

**○ Holding risk management seminars and certificate issuance:** The GSICS of Kobe University organized three lecture courses including titled “Risk Management” as a part of the program and held a variety of seminars (six in 2012/13, five in 2013/14, eight in 2014/15 and seven in 2015/16). In addition, the consortium issued a certificate of completion of the program in a common format.

**○ Researching and interacting with universities outside of the consortium:** The GSICS has been carrying out research on other CAMPUS Asia consortiums’ activities through interactions with Beijing University in China and Seoul National University in South Korea.



Joint International Symposium in Bangkok

## ■ Student Mobility

**○ Outbound (including three foreign national students) :**

In the 2015/16 academic year, Kobe University sent one exchange student to Fudan University, and two exchange students to Korea University.

**○ Inbound :** Since September 2015, Kobe University hosted four exchange students from Fudan University, and three double-degree students and one exchange students from Korea University.

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Accepted number in Japan	0	C3, K5	C5, K5	C6, K4	C4, K4
Accepted number in China	0	J3, K4	J4, K7	J5, K8	J1, K4
Accepted number in Korea	J1	J3, C4	J5, C6	J6, C5	J2, C0

## ■ Promotion of the Student Mobility Environment

**○ Continuous support by the CAMPUS Asia Office:** The CAMPUS Asia Office was launched with dedicated staffs who have study and research experience in China, South Korea, and the United Kingdom to provide multilingual academic and personal support to CAMPUS Asia students and prospective candidates.

**○ Development of a pre-education curriculum:** The CAMPUS Asia office offered students pre-education programs, such as language training classes and seminars for research plan preparation. Its curriculum is designed each year based on individual needs.

**○ Preparation for program expansion:** The Kobe-Fudan-Korea consortium intends to further elaborate the project by developing (1) a China-Japan-Korea trilateral exchange program in which a student can study in all three universities, (2) an internship program at international organizations to support students’ career development, and (3) a Ph.D. candidate support program to cultivate professional specialists.

## ■ Internationalization of the university

### Information disclosure and Publication of outcome

**○ 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>) has been developed in four languages (Japanese, English, Chinese, and Korean) to serve as a platform for publishing and promoting the program’s achievements.

**○ Holding the fifth External Review Committee:** The fifth meeting of the External Review Committee was held in February 2016 to share practices in higher education across the world. Furthermore, issues for the future operation of the CAMPUS Asia Program were identified through feedback from the committee members.