Re-Inventing Japan Project

Waseda University In 2015

(4th Winter School at Waseda University)

Support for the Formation of Collaborative Programs with ASEAN Universities

【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 signed by two EAUI partner schools was issued to 14 students. (4 Waseda students, 10 partner school students).

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 universities have entered practical discussion on how they will be managing the EAUI Program after the MEXT funding ends.

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

〈 4th Winter School at Waseda University 〉



1. Summer/Winter School

The fourth Summer School and Winter School were held at Peking 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.

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

Outbound

Through the semester exchange program, Waseda University dispatched 4 students to Nanyang Technological University, 8 students to Thammasat University and 1 student to Peking University. For the Summer School at Peking University, Waseda University sent 20 students.

2. Inbound

4 Korea University students, 7 Nanyang Technological University students, 3 Peking University students and 2 Thammasat University students studied at Waseda University through the semester exchange program. For the Winter School, a total of 27 students were invited to Waseda University.

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Outbound	19	26	26	27	33
Inbound	20	40	49	44	43
Between Partner Schools		15	*	15	15

Promotion of Student-Mobility Environment student exchanges among the non-Waseda partner schools did not take place.

*As a result of the cancellation of the Winter School due to the civil unrest in Bangkok,

Outbound

To stimulate interest in study abroad among Japanese students prior to enrollment, the program is featured in student recruitment materials of the Graduate School of Asia-Pacific Studies (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.

The EAUI Program office assisted inbound international students with travel and accommodation arrangements while a specially assigned assistant professor 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 in a much broader framework. An article featuring a panel discussion by EAUI Program participants (current and former Waseda students and current semester exchange students from Korea University, Peking University and Thammasat University) was published in the magazines *Nikkei Business* and *Nikkei Woman*, thus contributing to the promotion of the Re-inventing Japan Project to the wider audience.