

FY2013 Re-Inventing Japan Project (AIMS Program) Sophia University in FY2015

【Name of project】(Adopted year: FY2013, AIMS Program)

Trans-Disciplinary Human Development Education Program Aiming for Harmonized Diversity

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

Aiming to establish a new model for international higher education through collaboration between Japan and Southeast Asian countries, this project provides an educational platform in which students from Southeast Asia and Japan study together to analyze and engage in global issues in Asia and the world.

【Summary of project】

The Sophia AIMS Program (SAIMS) is a trans-disciplinary program focused on "Human Development," which combines the disciplinary frameworks of the natural sciences, social sciences, and humanities. "Human Ecology: Diversity and Connectivity of Society and Nature" is the main theme, under which students will select courses from the areas of "Engineering" and "Language & Culture," while taking one required course, "Introduction to Trans-Disciplinary Human Development (TDHD)." Students may also participate in the fieldwork seminar "Human Ecology: Rivers" and the Summer Session in Asian Studies offered in August.

■ Program with Quality Assurance

- SAIMS Lectures (April~July)** ⇒ In order to promote the interests of the students on ASEAN region, SAIMS team invited Sophia graduates who have actually been working in ASEAN countries for lectures.
- Fieldwork Seminar in "Human Ecology: Rivers"** ⇒ The instructors visited various places in Kushiro in preparation for the seminar and designed program details such as scheduling, guest speakers and syllabus. A total of 12 students joined the seminar held in the summer of 2015.
- ASEAN Week (July)** ⇒ With the help of embassies and inbound exchange students, an event was held to provide cultural and study abroad information in ASEAN countries in order to motivate the students leading to an application.
- The 9th Review Meetings of AIMS Programme** ⇒ Program leader, full-time faculty and staff members participated in the review meetings at Tsukuba University; collected information, networked, and introduced the SAIMS program.
- Program Development Conference** ⇒ Faculty and staff members from Sophia visited all seven partner universities, sharing information and updates on the progress of the programs. Some program coordinators from two partner universities were invited and they had the meetings to continuously discuss on the program details, and introduced the study environment and the curriculum at Sophia.
- Study Tour (November)** ⇒ Sophia students who are studying in Thailand participated in a study tour. Through visiting SEAMEO-RIHED, ILO office, United Nations office, hospitals and some private companies, students learned about local labor conditions in Thailand.
- SEAMEO-RIHED Workshop (February)** ⇒ Participating in the three day workshop, Sophia University staff were given the opportunity to deepen understanding of the internationalization of universities and academic exchanges, as well as to strengthen cooperation with partner universities in the ASEAN region in terms of the international exchange of students and faculty.
- Follow-up training and evaluation (April and January)** ⇒ In the follow-up session, students made presentations and sunk in what they gained in their study abroad for attaining their goals. Students also discussed how to improve the program.

■ Contents of the Program 【Sophia AIMS Program (SAIMS)】

Partner Universities in SEA		25 - 42 students	Sophia University (SAIMS Program)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Indonesia Bogor Agricultural Univ. (Food Science and Technology) Gadjah Mada Univ. (Agriculture, Economics) ◆ Thailand Chulalongkorn Univ. (Language & Culture, Economics) Mahidol Univ. (International Business) ◆ Philippines Ateneo de Manila Univ. (Language & Culture, Economics) De La Salle Univ. (International Business, Engineering, Economics,) ◆ Malaysia (New partner university from 2015) The National University of Malaysia (International Business, Language & Culture) 	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: 50px; margin: auto;">OUT</div> <div style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold; margin: 5px 0;">←</div> <div style="text-align: center;">Target Number</div> <div style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold; margin: 5px 0;">→</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: 50px; margin: auto;">IN</div>	27 students	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p style="text-align: center; margin: 0;">Trans-disciplinary program</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Required Course "Introduction to TDHD" ◆ Opening of six courses designed for SAIMS Environmental Science, Conservation, Sustainable Development, Urban Ecology, Environmental Change and Human Development A Critical Approach to Sustainable City ◆ Electives 【Engineering】 Basic Environmental Science, Applied Environmental Engineering, etc. (approx. 23 courses) 【Language & Culture】 Culture & Society, Global Affairs, Environmental Studies, etc. (approx. 86 courses) ◆ Fieldwork Seminar - Human Ecology: Rivers (Elective) ◆ Summer Session in Asian Studies (Optional) </div>	

Note: Figures of FY2013 to FY2015 show the actual result, while those of FY2016 and 2017 show the planned goals.

■ Student-Mobility (Target number of students)

	2013			2014			2015				2016				2017			
	I	T	P	I	T	P	I	T	P	M	I	T	P	M	I	T	P	M
Outbound	0	0	0	2	8	5	5	8	3	1	12	11	12	2	14	13	13	2
Inbound	0	0	0	3	1	4	4	11	10	1	27				27			

I: Indonesia T: Thailand P: Philippines M: Malaysia (From 2015)

■ Promotion of Student-Mobility Environment

【for all participating students】

- Counselling and individual support by the SAIMS Program Coordinators
- Course advising and guidance by the registrars
- Program which enables students from SEA and Japan to study together
- Program orientation and all SAIMS students gathering
- Program assessment through follow-up orientation
- Campus publicity through flyers, official website, and Facebook

URL: <http://dept.sophia.ac.jp/pj/saims>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Sophia.AIMS.SAIMS.Program>

【for ASEAN students】

- Counseling services in English
- Active interaction with Sophia students and international students at the Sophia Soshigaya International House

【for Sophia students】

- Information session at Study Abroad Fair
- Study abroad safety and security guidance, study abroad safety tips and advice
- The experience sharing meeting for SAIMS Program returnees

