Re-Inventing Japan Project

Keio University In FY2015

Support for the Formation of Collaborative Programs with ASEAN Universities

[Name of project] (Adopted year: FY2012, Category I)

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

[Aim of project, Ideals of Global Human Resource on the project]

To collaborate with ASEAN countries in creating "ASEAN EBA Leaders" who can solve emergent issues in ASEAN region in areas of "Health Environment," "Energy and Environment" and "Disaster and Security, by utilizing information technology and social development skills while considering Resilience, Innovation and Sustainability.

[Summary of project]

The idea of Evidence based Approach (EBA) is, to rely on raw data, analyzing the data and designing appropriate data-based measures by relying on problem-solving processes across disciplines and making use of the global foundation of Big Data in highly advanced information oriented societies. With this idea, EBA aims at creating an EBA coursework program based on the share educational programs within the consortium of ASEN partner universities and Japanese universities. The program aims at receiving 180 students (Japanese and ASEAN students) in total and carrying out exchanges of 420 students with the 5-year period.

■ Framework for Inter-University Exchange with Quality Guarantee

Developments of Common Curriculum (EBA Program) within Participating Universities

By 2015, in order to put into practice the common curriculum, whose basic framework by has been agreed upon among the participating universities, part of Keio University's regular courses have been incorporated as the response to EBA Program. Through this arrangement, a cluster of courses required for the certificate are now regular courses whose quality is guaranteed by the participating universities. By combining with non-degree credit-earning-students-system, the students at the participating universities can now take courses and participate in fieldwork, with corresponding credits, pushing Keio University's position to its completion. Similar efforts are being made in other participating universities.

EBA e-portfolio

EBA Program issues an electronic certificate for those students who complete the certificate requirements. Students can monitor their own learning records on Internet. Also, as certificate acquisitions can be visually monitored, the program coordinators in the participating universities can capture how the participating students are learning. On the basis of these developments, the monthly coordinators meetings discuss and examine where the program is going.

(Image from EBA e-portfolio)



■ Contents of the Program and Preparation for the Future

⟨ Business Fieldwork ⟩



Diverse Overseas Programs in ASEAN region

All participating universities, making use of their specialties organized and implemented field works. Training in skills such as informatics and story-telling insures the consistency as EBA fieldwork across all fields.

Programs in Japan

In addition to the ongoing fieldworks, we have added what we call business fieldwork in collaboration with private business corporations. In this field work, we combine the on-campus course works and internship at business corporations, thereby enriching the program.

■ Student mobility in the Exchange program

Outbound

In 2015, we managed to send abroad the total of 67 Japanese students, surpassing the initial target. Also the increasing number of students participated in the fieldworks more than once, and sustained their efforts toward EBA certificate acquisition. Further, 24 Japanese students participated in the fieldworks in Japan and actively interacted with the participants from abroad.

Inbound

In 2015, the total of 77, surpassing the initial target, participated from abroad in the fieldworks and internships in Japan. Recognition of EBA has spread among the participating universities and also the words have spread by the past participants, leading both to the increase in the participants who understand EBA and to the smoother program management.

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Outbound	7	14	4	67	70
Inbound	4	19	42	77	65

Note: FY2012-2015 results, FY2016 planned

■ Improvement of the System to promote sending the Japanese students abroad and Receiving the students from abroad.

Utilization of non-degree credit-earning-students system

Thanks to the non-degree credit-earning-students system at Shonan Fujisawa Campus- Keio University, foreign students can also register for credit and as the result, within the academic year of 2015, credits have been awarded to 43 students.

Reinforcement of Orientation and others

In order to promote the recognition of EBA within Keio University, we have offered orientation meetings and spread of information through mailing lists in addition to the joint open seminar in English with participating universities, maintaining an English website. In 2016, we added an orientation for those students who take ASEAN-related language courses. As a result of all these, in 2015, the number of Japanese students, who participated in the fieldworks and who take courses for Program certificate, increased.

■Internationalization of the University following the EBA: Information Disclosure and Dissemination of the Achievements

Information dissemination through Social Media

In addition of our official web site, http://www.facebook.com/EBAConsortium.asia/, we make use of Facebook, https://www.facebook.com/EBAConsortium, for sending and disseminating information concerning our activities. Also the past participants helped disseminate and share the information among all participating universities.