Inter-University Exchange Project Kyoto University In FY2016

Support for the Formation of Collaborative Programs with ASEAN Universities

【Name of project 】(Adopted: FY2012, Type II: SEND program)

Rediscovering Japan through Collaboration in the Open ASEAN+6: International Human Resources Development with Centering on the SEND Program

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

The programs proposes to redefine Japanese society from a global perspective. With the goal of "Rediscovering Japan and Asia", we train leaders who show directions and implement actions for solving concrete global issues.

(Summary of project)

Students will gain knowledge of Asia and acquire practical experience from a wider perspective through the SEND program. As collaborative foundations, we established the Kyoto University Asian Studies Unit (KŪASU) in December 2012.

Forming the University Network with Quality Assurance

1. International Collaborative Program for Undergraduate and Graduate

We have provided exchange programs with partner universities at three levels: Cross-cultural Understanding, International Collaborative Course on Asian Studies, and Joint Supervision Program. We have strengthened the quality of the programs at each level.

2. Quarter System for the Convenience of Credit Transfer

Kyoto University Graduate School of Economics (GSE) has continued to use a semi-quarter system for the convenience of intensive lectures and credit transfer. GSE has continued to use a credit transfer system with Thammasat University of Thailand, Gajah Mada University of Indonesia and Renmin University of China, and the Graduate School of Letters (GSL) has started with Heidelberg University of Germany.

Round-table Discussion with Heidelberg University>



3. Joint Supervision and Degree System with Partner Universities

Though the mutual exchange programs with the partner universities, we have continued to build foundation of Joint Supervision and Degree System. GSE has continued a negotiation on joint degree system with Chulalongkorn University and Renmin University, and GSL has designed it concretely with Heidelberg University.

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



1. Preparatory Education for SEND

While we continue a specialized preparation course for the SEND program, "Japanese Language and Culture," we stably provide a thematic series of 233 subjects entitled "Studying Japan and Asia in Kyoto".

2. Courses in English and Credit Transfer

To establish a credit transfer system, we have continued expanding the courses conducted in English for students from partner universities such as National University of Singapore and Renmin University of China. GSE and the Graduate School of Management have also partially expanded the transferability of credits.

3. International Joint Supervision

We have continued the joint supervision of graduate students with the partner universities abroad.

Student-Mobility

O Outbound

A total of 116 students participated in the program in 2016 and SEND program was completed in 14 universities including Singapore, Thailand, Indonesia, Vietnam, the Philippines, Taiwan, China, Korea, Germany and Australia.

O Inbound

We have received a total of 65 students: 25 in Crosscultural Understanding Program, 28 in International Collaborative Asian Studies Program, and 12 in Joint Supervision Program.

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Outbound	54	192	170	101	116
Inbound	5	103	102	64	65

Promotion of Student-Mobility Environment

1. "Studying Japan and Asia in Kyoto" Program
We have expanded the preparatory education for SEND and education for students from partner universities by offering courses such as "Japanese Languages and Culture," "Introduction to Southeast Asian Studies," and "Toward a common historical understanding among Asian countries: Memories of the war and colonialism." We distribute course listings (in Japanese and English) to first-year and exchange students. We are have been preparing for additional courses conducted in English.

Support from Kyoto University Asian Studies Unit (KUASU) Staff and Faculty

We have enhanced the administrative office to support the facilitation of students into the exchange programs. We have also hired non-Japanese faculty members and faculty members with degrees from foreign institutions to strengthen the support for the exchange programs.

Internationalization of the university

Information disclosure and Publication of outcome

Publication of exchange program reports and textbooks on International Collaboration

We have published the reports of each exchange program to assess its effectiveness. We have also edited textbooks for International Collaboration with the partner universities and prepared to publish online or as books for international use.