

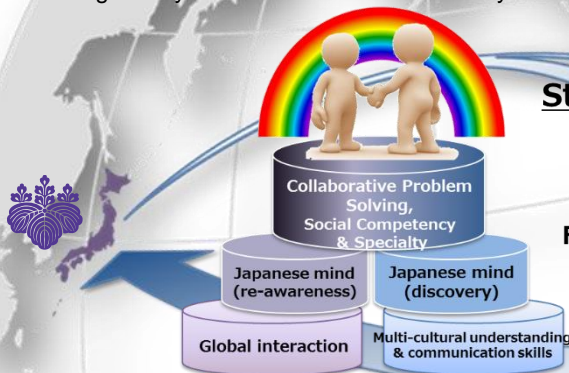
FY2015 Inter-University Exchange Project University of Tsukuba

Support for the Formation of Collaborative Programs with Latin America and the Caribbean & Turkey

【Name of Program】 (Selected for FY2015 with countries in Latin America as the main counterpart countries)
Trans-Pacific Human Capital Development Program

【Program Outline】

As part of reforms toward our university's initiative of education with international compatibility, this program regards Mexico, Colombia, Peru, Chile (the 4 member states of the Pacific Alliance, which have concluded economic partnership agreements with Japan [Colombia under negotiation]), and Brazil (with its 1.6 million Japanese Descendants) as counterpart countries. It is a reciprocal collaborative certificate program for the entire university that aims to foster human capital who will contribute toward the common challenges of sustainable development and the resolution of global issues, in coordination with top universities in Latin America with a long history of relations with our university.



Strengthen the Trans-Pacific Connectivity
Sustainable Human Capital Networking

Further development of mutual beneficial relations
between Japan and Latin American countries

Collaborative Certificate Program (12 credits or more are required from the following 5 subject groups)

- Common Subjects:** Spanish, Portuguese, Japanese, Global interaction, Global manners, etc.
- Japan-Latin America Mutual Understanding Subjects:** Area studies, Japanese mind, etc.
- Special / Interdisciplinary Subjects:** Multicultural coexistence, Natural environment, Disaster management, Food security, Earth resources, Educational development, Urban design, Sports for development and peace, Agro-biological resources, Astronomy, etc.
- Internships:** Working at the local cooperative companies or research institutions
- Cooperative Seminars:** Research collaborations on issues, presentations, etc.

Partner Organizations

- Cooperative research institutions and companies in Tsukuba Science City
- University of Tsukuba Hospital and Affiliated schools
- JALAC's affiliated companies *JALAC: Japan Association of Latin America and the Caribbean
- Chambers of commerce and Nikkey organizations
*Nikkeiy Japanese emigrants and their descendants

Partner Universities

- El Colegio de Mexico (Mexico)
- Pontifical Catholic University of Peru (Peru)
- University of Sao Paulo (Brazil)
- Universidad de los Andes (Colombia)
- University of Chile (Chile)

【Exchange Program Outline】

Undertaking a reciprocal short-term training (3 months or less) or exchange program (6-9 months) will deepen understanding of mutual societies and cultures and implement collaborative learning toward the sustainable development and the resolution of global issues. Introducing internships in cooperation with partner organizations will also foster issue recognition and provide the job experience.

【Global Human Capital on the project】

- Human capital, who will have a wide range of expertise, sharing developmental experiences and agendas of Japan and each country of Latin America, toward the contribution to resolution of global issues, be active in the public and private sectors and civil society organizations, and be in charge of a stable social development
- Industry-ready human capital who will be active in participating in a value chain of Japanese global companies or corporations of related countries that will venture into the subject countries

【Features of the Program】

Through a human capital development program consisting of ①pre-departure education, ②short-term training or exchange program, ③internship in institutions and companies, ④research collaborations on issues, presentations, etc. and by acquiring a lot of multilevel collaborative learning experiences, the program aims to build human capital networking and connectivity which will eventually contribute to the further development of mutual beneficial relations of both areas, as a trans-pacific human capital who will form a bond between both areas.

【Number of Exchanges】

	2015								2016								2017							
	A	Bo	Br	Ch	Co	M	Pa	Pe	A	Bo	Br	Ch	Co	M	Pa	Pe	A	Bo	Br	Ch	Co	M	Pa	Pe
Outbound	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	3	3	2	2	0	2	0	0	3	3	2	4	0	2
Inbound	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	3	3	2	2	0	2	0	0	3	3	2	4	0	2
	2018								2019								A: Argentina		Co: Colombia					
	A	Bo	Br	Ch	Co	M	Pa	Pe	A	Bo	Br	Ch	Co	M	Pa	Pe								
Outbound	0	0	3	3	2	4	0	2	0	0	3	3	2	4	0	2	Bo: Bolivia		M: Mexico					
Inbound	0	0	3	3	2	4	0	2	0	0	3	3	2	4	0	2	Br: Brazil		Pa: Panama					
																	Ch: Chile		Pe: Peru					

1. FY2015 Progress

【University of Tsukuba】

【Name of project】(Adopted year: FY2015 Country (Latin America))
Trans-Pacific Human Capital Development Program

■ Exchange Programs



A Memorandum of Understanding was signed in March 2016 between the University of Tsukuba and its 5 partner universities to complement the existing bilateral exchange agreements, and to further enhance cooperation among them.

The number of exchange students, both inbound and outbound, exceeded the planned number as described below, and the program contents have been expanded to suit the purposes of the project to be promoted over the following fiscal years.

〈Joint Program Meeting of the Steering Committee, USP, Mar. 2016〉

Student-Mobility

○ Outbound

A total of 9 students were dispatched from February to March 2016 to the partner universities for short-term training in this program. As a result of careful negotiations and preparations with the host universities, the process went smoothly and the training content turned productive. Students participated in a variety of activities organized by partner universities.

○ Inbound

From February to March 2016, a total of 7 students were accepted at the University of Tsukuba for short-term training. Orientations, introduction to classes in the University, and Japanese language and culture training were conducted on campus, while scientific field work was carried out with focus on facilities and attractions in Tsukuba City. Interactive exchanges with Japanese students in the University were actively promoted.

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	Plan								Results							
	A	Bo	Br	Ch	Co	M	Pa	Pe	A	Bo	Br	Ch	Co	M	Pa	Pe
Outbound	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	6	0	0	0	2
Inbound	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	5	0	3	0	2

A:Argentina Bo:Bolivia Br:Brazil Ch:Chile Co:Colombia M:Mexico Pa:Panama Pe:Peru

■ Forming the University Network with Quality Assurance

On March 9-10, 2016, the First Joint Program Meeting of the Steering Committee took place at the University of Sao Paulo. They agreed to cooperate as a network with aims to achieve globally compatible education, in terms of developing and implementing credit transfer and academic record management systems as well as degree-awarding exchange programs.



〈Student Exchange Program in Mar. 2016〉

■ Promotion of Student-Mobility Environment

The University of Tsukuba plans to maximize use of its Sao Paulo Office in Brazil. In addition, to provide more internship opportunities for students, the Joint Program Steering Committee continues to conduct visits and consultations with national and international agencies. In March 2016, a Memorandum of Understanding was signed between the University of Tsukuba and the Cotia Youth Council in Brazil in line with internship.

■ Internationalization of the university

Information disclosure and Publication of outcome

To date, news and activities of this project are posted on the University of Tsukuba's Sao Paulo Office website in 3 languages (English, Japanese, & Portuguese). Regarding dissemination of project results, debriefing sessions were conducted with students after their return from their short-term training overseas. The University intends to further promote activities to expand student exchange meetings, campus briefings, etc.

■ Notices

On March 10, 2016, the President and Rector-level session was also held in the University of Sao Paulo. The leaders of each university shared their experiences and initiatives towards the internationalization of the university in the age of global transformations under the digital revolution. It is imperative for top universities to enhance international collaboration which would be achieved by forming an academic consortium through this program.

2. FY2016 Progress

【University of Tsukuba】

【Name of project】(Adopted year: FY2015 Country (Latin America))

Trans-Pacific Human Capital Development Program

■ Exchange Programs



Group photo at the Joint Program Steering Committee meeting with the 5 partner universities (September 2016)

The focus of the Implementation Committee was to promote a strong cooperative system and coordination with overseas partner universities, the setting up of courses, the holding of a meeting of the Steering Committee, and the energetic coordination inside and outside the campus for the smooth implementation of the program.

As described below, the number of exchange students, both inbound and outbound, exceeded our expectations, and the program contents have been expanded to suit the purposes of the project to be promoted over the following fiscal years.

Student Mobility

○ Outbound

In fiscal year 2016, we sent nine students in total to partner universities of this program as short-term exchange. As a result of careful negotiations before their trip, reception of our students at the host schools proceeded smoothly, they were provided with fulfilling contents, and although it was a short period, it was a training suitable for the purpose of this program.

○ Inbound

In FY2016, 11 short-term and 8 long-term exchange students were accepted. Regarding the short-term program at our campus, we provided orientation, Japanese language and culture training, specialized field training, fieldwork to relevant institutes of the Scientific City, and training at cooperating companies. For both short and long-term exchange students, it has become an active program where they interact and share with Japanese students.

	H28															
	Plan								Results							
	A	Bo	Br	Ch	Co	M	Pa	Pe	A	Bo	Br	Ch	Co	M	Pa	Pe
Outbound	0	0	3	3	2	2	0	2	0	0	6	1	10	0	0	2
Inbound	0	0	3	3	2	2	0	2	0	0	3	5	4	1	0	6

A: Argentina Bo: Bolivia Br: Brazil Ch: Chile Co: Colombia M: Mexico Pa: Panama Pe: Peru

■ Forming the University Network with Quality Assurance

In September of 2016, we held a Joint Program Steering Committee meeting at our university consisting of the heads of the international departments of our partner universities, and held discussions on project follow-up tasks and solutions, including changes to the exchange schedule, a common curriculum, consultation with supervisors, guidance systems, etc.



Program Report Meeting (March 2017)

■ Promotion of Student-Mobility Environment

We conducted meetings of the Implementation Committee four times in FY2016, with the heads of humanities and social sciences. We discussed about student acceptance and dispatch plans, academic training programs abroad, implementation details, formulation of educational programs and curriculum according to student's wishes, and revitalizing the program management. Regarding academic training, we engaged the Japanese embassy in Mexico, Peru and Colombia, and the Japanese Chamber of Commerce and Industry to establish cooperation channels.

■ Internationalization of the university

Information disclosure and Publication of outcome

In order to widely disseminate efforts in this project inside and outside the campus, we established a dedicated website that outlines the program, introduces partner universities, and organizes the curriculum. In addition, we designed an information brochure for our partner universities. In addition, while holding seminars and briefings for the purpose of widely disseminating information to our students, individual consultation was offered at the Student Commons office, which was established for the promotion and internationalization of this university.

■ Notices

As a result of actively incorporating the friendly exchange between students into this program, we aim to foster a "cooperative action to address the social issues shared by young people, who are the future of Japan and Latin America". Hence, we expect to strengthen the "Transpacific Connectivity (Bridge)" between the two regions. In FY2016, we sent 10 students to the University of Los Andes College (Colombia) for a short-term exchange program. In addition, the 2nd Joint Program Steering Committee was held at our university on September 26-27, and on the second day, with the presence of ambassadors and officials from the concerned countries, we held the opening ceremony for long-term international students accepted by the program.