

FY2015 Re-Inventing Japan Project Sophia University

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

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

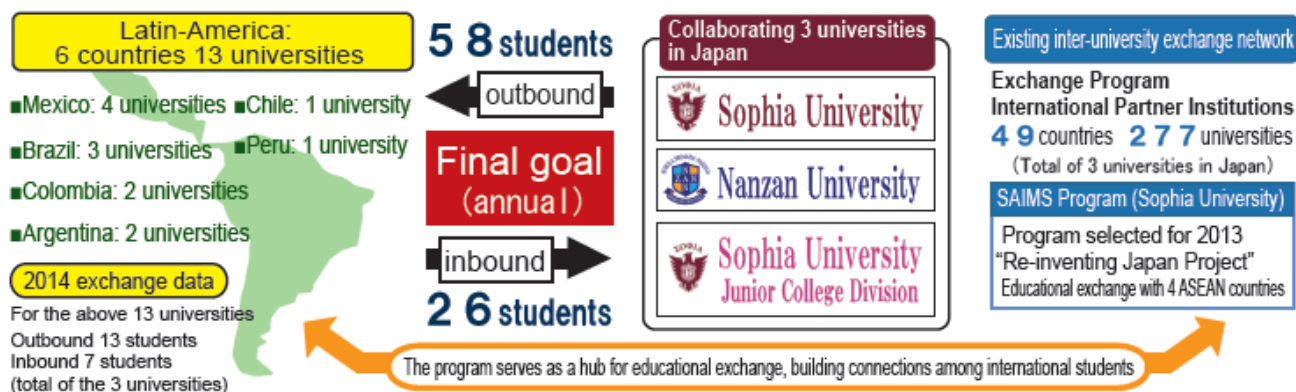
Japan-Latin America Student Mobility Program: Human Dignity and Harmonization in Migration and Coexistence

【Summary of Project】

The project, under the theme of "Migration and Co-existence", is a joint initiative of Sophia University, Nanzan University and Sophia University Junior College Division, sharing the foundation of Catholic philosophy. Based on their long-time educational and research relations built with Latin American countries, the project aims at educating and developing human resources with expertise in their field of study, ability to view problems from multilateral perspectives, and readiness to cooperate in finding solutions. Multi-layered educational and research activities provide opportunities not only for acquisition of knowledge of the language and culture of the host country, but also for internships, service learning, field trips, and educational practices for the society of people of Japanese descent. Problems will arise in a society where people with different cultural backgrounds live and work together. The programs help students to develop skills (1) for detecting such problems, (2) identifying the challenges, and (3) addressing the challenges to solve the problems.

【Summary of Exchange Program】

Students will be sent on exchange programs to Latin America, to 13 universities in 6 countries from Sophia, to 4 universities in 3 countries from Nanzan University. Exchange students will participate in joint pre- and post-exchange programs for inbound and outbound students. At the host university, students will attend language courses of the host country, enroll in courses of their fields of study and experience volunteer activities and internship programs at local Japanese-affiliated companies. Students of Sophia, Nanzan and Sophia University Junior College Division on short-term programs will participate in a Peru study tour, visit hometowns of people of Japanese descent who are receiving Sophia University Junior College's learning support at Hadano city (Kanagawa) to further deepen international understanding. Inbound students will be offered multi-campus education in Japan. Basic model course includes (1) taking intensive Japanese language courses and internship programs at Nanzan (Nagoya) and (2) enrolling in Undergraduate or Graduate Program appropriate to their field of study to take course work at Sophia (Tokyo). Students will then participate in joint programs offered for both inbound and outbound students: "Seminar on comparative study of Japan and Latin-America" held in Spanish or Portuguese to be attended by both students of Latin-America and Japan; active learning course "Migration and Coexistence" in which issues will be presented by researchers of industry, government and academia from diverse perspectives; service learning programs and internships of companies and schools. To ensure active mobility of students, the exchange programs will be available for multiple chances of enrollment and program durations.



【Global Human Resource on the project】

Focusing on the theme "Migration and Co-existence", the project is intended to help students gain a better understanding of issues (diversity, social differences, cultural friction etc.) common to Japan and the Latin-American countries and also shared by countries across the world, and to develop individuals capable of viewing problems from diverse perspectives based on their expertise in the field of study and who can work together with others to find solutions to the problems.

【Features of the project】

The project has four main features as follows:

- 1) The three collaborating universities in Japan and the Latin-American countries share the "Catholic spirit".
- 2) The project is carried out on "three universities multi-campus" of Sophia, Nanzan and Sophia University Junior College Division.
- 3) The project aims at reinforcement of "collaboration of industry and local community" through various types of internships and field trips.
- 4) The project is a "multi-layered exchange program" to connect the Japanese and international students with their varied backgrounds.

【Exchange number】

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Inbound	0	0	2	0	0	2	3	3	1	2	7	3	2	4	1	5	9	4
	H30						H31											
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Outbound	2	6	1	13	10	21	2	6	2	15	11	22						
Inbound	2	4	1	4	11	4	2	5	1	4	10	4						

A: Argentina Br: Brazil
Ch: Chile Co: Colombia
M: Mexico Pe: Peru