

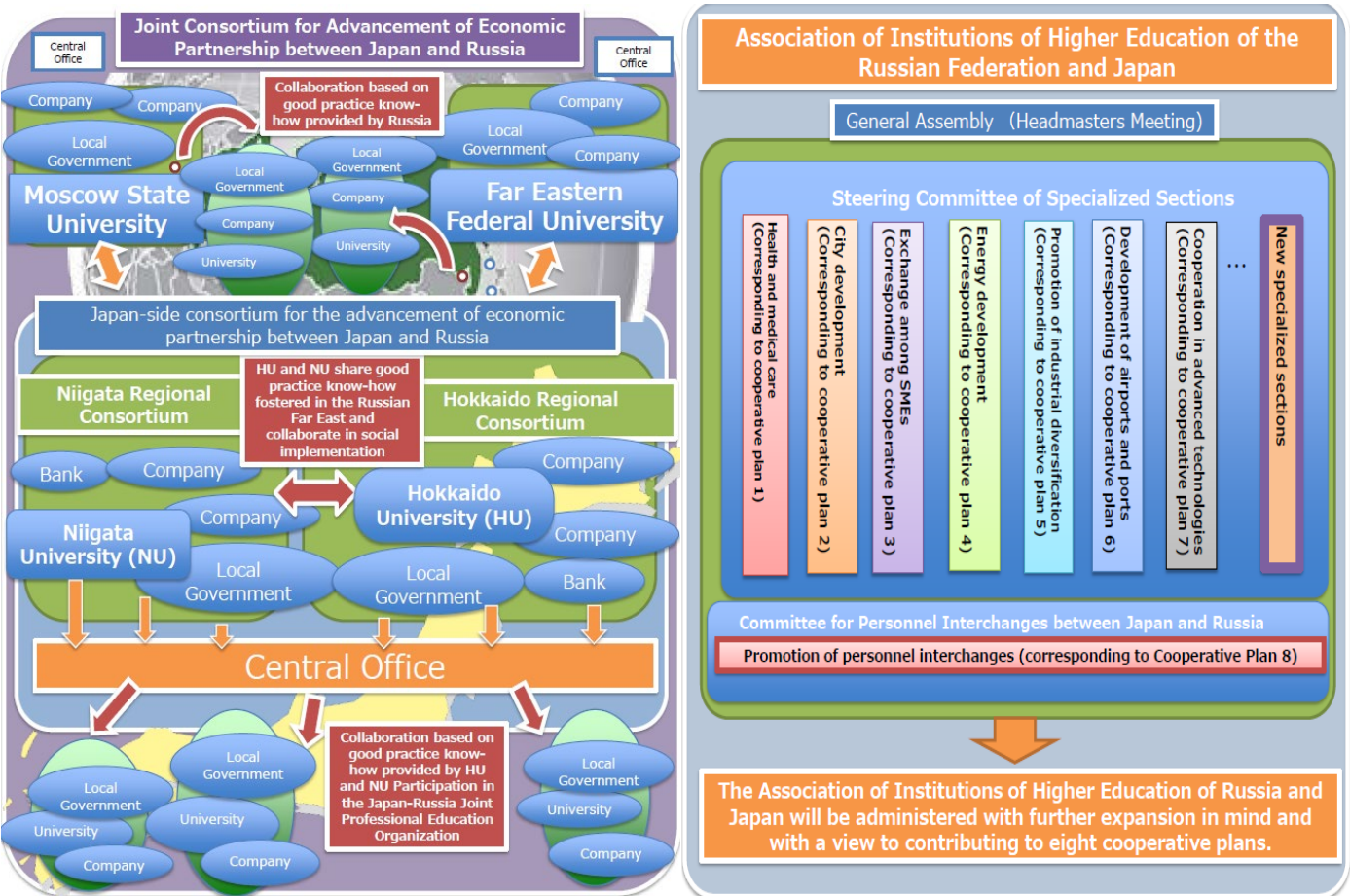
FY2017 Inter-University Exchange Project Project Outline of Hokkaido University & Niigata University

Project Title (FY 2017, Type B (Russia))

Platform establishment program – Plan to introduce a personnel development model, which may contribute to the economic partnership between Japan and Russia with a focus on dialogue with multiple stakeholders, from Japan and Far East Siberia to all over Russia.

Outline of the Project

The project is to construct an industry-academia-government platform whose purpose is to develop multiple professionals and promote science to serve the advancement of economic partnership between Japan and Russia. This will be achieved by launching Hokkaido and Niigata consortiums including universities, local governments and local companies through the network built during the Inter-University Exchange Project by Hokkaido University and Niigata University, RJE3 and MedEx, as well as by developing regional consortiums involving multiple stakeholders in core regions in Japan and Russia.



Outline of the Interchange Program

To advance Japan-Russia economic partnership, the Interchange Program will start-up a "Consortium for the advancement of economic partnership between Japan and Russia" to collaborate in the provision and social application of good practice know-how provided by Hokkaido University and Niigata University in cooperation with universities qualified for the Inter-University Exchange Project and the members of the Association of Institutions of Higher Education of the Russian Federation and Japan. One of the main roles of the platform project is the administration of this Association. For the scheduled establishment of "Japan-Russia Bilateral Corporation for Professional Education" (provisional name) by the Association, the "Steering Committee of Specialized Sections" will be launched to address the items stated in the "Collaborative Plan for Industrial and Economic Innovation for an Environmentally Friendly Russia with Higher Quality of Life" presented at the "Committee for Personnel Interchanges between Japan-Russia" to ensure the quality of education and promote personnel interchanges and the Japan-Russia Summit Meeting held in May and December of 2016. In respect of the subjects to be determined by leading universities in Japan and Russia, researchers with interests will work jointly with companies, local governments and Russian researchers to develop experts, publish research findings and exchange information on a regular basis, and are engaged in interdisciplinary studies. It is also planned to ensure the continuing collaboration of the Japan-Russia joint consortiums with alumni by the functional and sustainable administration of the alumni network of those who have participated in such activities.

Image of Personnel Development in the Project

Sustainable development of high-level experts, who may contribute to the achievement of eight items stated in the economic cooperation plan agreed upon at the Japan-Russia summit meeting, through the Japan-side and Russia-side consortiums based on the unique network and past achievements established by Hokkaido University and Niigata University from Far East Russia to all over Russia.

Characteristics of the Project

In order to advance partnership and interchanges between Japan and Russia, it is indispensable to establish a Japan-Russia joint educational system that is directly relevant to the development of high-level experts, local experts responsible for various activities and establish an organization for supporting these activities. Accordingly, a platform that integrates information and experience obtained by establishing new programs and implementing existing programs will be established mainly by local consortiums, and the model of the platform will be shared with national and private universities throughout the country.

1. FY 2017 Progress

【Name of project】 (Adopted year: FY 2017, Type B (Russia))

Human Resource Development Platform for Japan-Russia Economic Cooperation and Personnel Exchange (HaRP)



■ Programs

- Cooperation with, and establishment of, regional consortiums in Hokkaido and Niigata
 - We promoted our project to, and requested cooperation from, regional consortiums in Hokkaido, including the Hokkaido-Russia Inter-regional Cooperation Team, whose members include the Hokkaido Government and companies with a track record of exchanges with their counterparts in Russia.
 - In the Niigata region, Niigata University and five organizations, including local government offices and companies, held several conferences and agreed to establish the Niigata Consortium for Japan-Russia Medical Sciences and Educational Exchanges .
- Establishment of the project's operating structure
 - To run the project, we agreed to have the Central Office functions assumed by both Japanese universities (Hokkaido Univ. and Niigata Univ.) and Russian universities (Moscow State Univ. and Pacific National Univ.).
- Increased membership of the Association of Institutions of Higher Education of the Russian Federation and Japan
 - Eight universities four each in Japan and Russia joined the Association as a result of our calls for membership via questionnaires on Japan-Russia exchanges to the Association's steering committee in Japan and Japanese universities and based on our discussion with Moscow State University, which plays a leading role in this project in Russia.
- Promotion of student exchanges
 - September: The Japan-Russia Student Forum was held in Vladivostok in conjunction with the Eastern Economic Forum, and student representatives handed a summary of their discussions (proposal) to Prime Minister Shinzo Abe. (The Forum was hosted jointly by Hokkaido Univ., Tohoku Univ., Moscow State Univ. and Far Eastern Federal Univ. with the support of the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology.)
 - November: The Japan-Russia Youth Forum was held at Hokkaido Univ. (hosted jointly by the Japan-Russia Youth Exchange Center and the Russian International Youth Center).
- Collection of information about Japan-Russia university exchanges and promotion of the Inter-University Exchange Project (Russia)
 - We collected information about Japan-Russia university exchanges via questionnaires to universities adopted for the Inter-University Exchange, members of the Association of Institutions of Higher Education of the Russian Federation and Japan, etc, and also at symposiums and other events held at universities regarding Japan-Russia exchanges.
 - We held the Annual Meeting of Universities adopted for the Inter-University Exchange Project (Russia), where attendees shared information about their good practices regarding exchanges with Russian universities and discussed common challenges and solutions. At the meeting, we called on the attendees to participate in activities of the Association of Institutions of Higher Education of the Russian Federation and Japan.
- Opening of the HaRP website
 - We opened the HaRP website in Japanese, Russian and English to strategically provide information in Japan and beyond (<http://russia-platform.oia.hokudai.ac.jp/en/>).
- Initiatives for the establishment of the Committee for Personnel Exchanges between Japan and Russia and the Steering Committee for Specialized Sections
 - In November, we met with faculty members of four Japanese universities with a track record of exchanges with their counterparts in Russia to discuss the establishment of the Committee for Personnel Exchanges between Japan and Russia. In January 2018, a preparatory meeting for the establishment of the committee was held with the attendance of faculty and staff members of three Russian universities and 10 Japanese universities.
 - The following activities relating to specialized sections were conducted, where Japan-Russia exchanges were promoted through the sharing of information and opinions among working-level officials in industry, government and academia as well as through exchange programs.
 1. "The Preparatory Meeting for the Specialized Section on Health and Medicine" (Niigata Univ.), 2. "Seminar and discussion session regarding city development" and "the Discussion Session City Development Section" (Preparatory Meeting) for the Specialized Section on City Development "(Hokkaido Univ.), 3. "Japan-Russian Far East Agricultural Forum" (Chiba Univ.) and 4. "Internships to help promote exchanges between small and medium-sized companies in Japan and Russia" (Kindai Univ.)

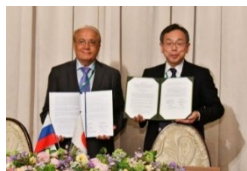
■ Notices

○ Organization of the General Assembly of the Association of Institutions of Higher Education of the Russian Federation and Japan (Japan-Russia Rectors' Forum) and the Japan-Russia Student Forum

- The First General Assembly of the Association of Institutions of Higher Education of the Russian Federation and Japan (the Seventh Japan-Russia Rectors' Forum) was held in May 2018 under the theme of "Promotion of Human Resource Development for Japan-Russia Economic Cooperation and Personnel Exchange."
- In conjunction with the general assembly, the Japan-Russia Student Forum was also held to promote mutual understanding and friendship between the two countries through direct interaction among students.



(Participants in the General Assembly)



• At the end of the general assembly, a communique was adopted based on discussions at the parallel sessions and the Japan-Russia Student Forum. It outlined the establishment of "the Committee for Personnel Exchanges between Japan and Russia," "the Student Union" and "Specialized Sections and the Steering Committee for Specialized Sections" and the promotion of academic exchanges, including those of young researchers, as well as the integration of different fields of study and industry-academia collaboration (The President of Hokkaido University and the rector of Moscow State University holding a communique)

[Name of project] (Adopted year: FY2017, (Type B, Country Russia) **HaRP**
Human Resource Development Platform for Japan-Russia Economic Cooperation and Personnel Exchange (HaRP)
Programs

○ The First General meeting of the Association of Japanese and Russian Universities (the Seventh Japan-Russia Rectors' Forum) and Japan-Russia Student Forum held

- In May, 2018 the First General meeting of the Association of Japanese and Russian Universities dedicated to "Promotion of human resource development for the purpose of enhancing Japan-Russia economic cooperation and expanding people-to-people exchanges" was held, attended by 161 representatives from the members of the Association of Japanese and Russian Universities and other Japanese and Russian universities keen on promoting academic collaboration between Japan and Russia (21 Japanese universities, 11 Russian universities), as well as sponsor companies etc. The program of the conference included lectures, presentations at section meetings and discussions, following which the participants agreed to establish the Committee for Personnel Exchanges and the Specialized Sections.
- As part of the General meeting the Student Forum was held, attended by 34 Japanese and Russian students, who engaged in discussion on promotion of Japan-Russia exchanges, the results of which were presented at the General meeting.



< General meeting of the Association of Japanese and Russian Universities >



< Core Member Meeting of the Committee for Personnel Exchanges >

○ Activities of the Committee for Personnel Exchanges

- The Committee for Personnel Exchanges was established as a body for holding consultations aimed at identifying the differences between the Japanese and Russian education systems and obstacles to credit exchange, and offering solutions.
- The Core Member Meeting of the Committee for Personnel Exchanges was held in February, 2019. The participants discussed the problems related to credit exchange between Japanese and Russian universities and joint degrees, taking into account the results of the questionnaire survey on credit exchange (credit transfer) and collaborative education programs (such as double degree programs etc.).

○ Activities related to the Specialized Sections

- After the establishment of the Specialized Sections at the General meeting in May, 2018, 39 members of the faculty from 22 universities became their participants (as of December, 2018). The HaRP coordinators have been collecting and disseminating information on their projects furthering Japan-Russia collaboration, providing the foundation for developing human resources for Japan-Russia economic cooperation.
- In addition to the original sections corresponding to and envisaged by the 8-point Japan-Russia Economic Cooperation Plan, the Language, culture and tourism section was established with a view to developing collaboration in the field of humanities.
- Forums, such as the Japan-Russia Joint Symposium on Educational and Scientific Development in Medicine (Health and Medicine section) and meetings of the participants of the sections City development and Cooperation in developing advanced technologies, have been provided for stimulating the activities within each section.

○ Activities related to regional consortiums



< Exhibition and the counselling Session at Japan-Russia Joint Symposium on Educational and Scientific Development in Medicine >

- In Hokkaido, formal and informal meetings with the participants of the regional consortium have been used such as for exchanging information on Japan-Russia projects and publicizing the HaRP activities. Aiming to further industry-government-academic collaboration, the HaRP coordinators participated in the events related to the Japan-Russia collaborative projects held in Russia by self-government bodies. The participation in such regional consortium activities subsequently led to donations from 8 organizations including Hokkaido companies, which supported the First General meeting of the Association of Japanese and Russian Universities and other undertakings by the Association of Japanese and Russian Universities.
- In Niigata, the Consortium for Japan Russia Medical Sciences and Educational Exchanges was set up and has been holding regular meetings. Furthermore, at the above-mentioned Japan-Russia Joint Medical Symposium exhibitions and counselling sessions on medical and nursing care equipment were held by the local companies with the aid of Niigata consortium.

○ Japan-Russia Student Union as a forum for promotion of Japan-Russia exchanges at the student level

- At the presentation of the results of the Japan-Russia Student Union, the students proposed forming the Japan-Russia Student Union, which was supported by the general meeting of the Association. A variety of student activities ensued such as SNS communication, student meetings (February, 2019) etc.



< Student Union meeting >

○ Launching the homepage of the Association of Japanese and Russian Universities and preparation of PR materials

- The homepage of the Association was launched in 3 languages (Japanese, English and Russian) for spreading information on its activities in Russia and other countries. In addition, HaRP leaflets (in Japanese and Russian) as well as the Annual report on its activities were prepared.

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○ The Japan-Russia working-level industry, academia and government conference held

- A Japan-Russia working-level industry, academia and government conference was held as a forum for coordinators of Japan-Russian collaborative projects. It attracted 98 participants from 22 Japanese universities, 7 Russian universities, the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT), the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI), 13 enterprises and other organizations engaged in Japan-Russia collaborative projects (44 in total).
- The program of the conference included presentations by the universities selected for participation in the Inter-University Exchange Projects, reports on regional consortiums and cooperation between industry and academia, students' reports on their internship experience and a panel discussion with experts from industry, academia and government in charge of innovative undertakings. The participants of the conference provided positive feedback, noting that it provided an excellent opportunity for strengthening the ties between Japanese and Russian industry, government and academic circles.



< Panel discussion >



< Professor Tsuyoshi Setoguchi introducing the HaRP Project >

3. FY2019 Progress

[Name of project] (Adopted year: FY2017, (Type B, Country Russia)

Human Resource Development Platform for Japan-Russia Economic Cooperation and Personnel Exchange (HaRP)

■ Programs

○ The 2nd general meeting of the Association of Japanese and Russian Universities (8th Japan-Russia Rectors' Forum) and the Japan-Russia Academic Forum

- In attendance at the Moscow State University general meeting were rectors, vice-rectors, and teaching and administrative staff from 20 Japanese and 21 Russian universities, as well as 150 government and industry officials from Japan and Russia, and 57 students from Japan and Russia who participated in the Japan-Russia Student Forum.
- The Japan-Russia Research Forum was held simultaneously with the general meeting. 29 researchers from Japan and Russia gave presentations on their research on topics ranging from the humanities to the sciences, and provided a diverse communication space.
- 4 new universities (2 each from Japan and Russia) joined the Association of Japanese and Russian Universities, bringing the total number of member universities to 54 (27 each from Japan and Russia).



〈 General meeting of the Association of Japanese and Russian Universities 〉

○ Activities related to the Japan-Russia Committee for Personnel Exchanges

- We conducted questionnaires and interviews aimed at member universities of the Association of Japanese and Russian Universities to resolve issues related to credit exchange between Japanese and Russian universities.
- We examined the operation of Russia's original credit system and ECTS, translated the competence-based Russian federal education standards and university education standards into Japanese, and conducted a comparative analysis.
- Japan-Russia Core Member Meeting of the Committee for Personnel Exchanges were held three times. In these meetings, participants shared issues through reports on the results of the comparative analysis of the Japanese and Russian credit systems, discussed models for credit transfer, and deliberated on the creation of credit exchange guidelines.

○ Activities within specialized sections

- The number of participants in specialized sections at Japanese universities increased to 52 teachers from 27 universities. (Last year, the number was 39 researchers from 22 universities.)
- Section activities were conducted with the aim of strengthening cooperation between Japanese and Russian universities and public and private organizations. These activities included the "Far East Health and Medicine Seminar" and the "Far East Health and Medicine Fair" held in Khabarovsk (Medicine and health section), an invited lecture at the international exhibition "100+ Forum Russia" held in Ekaterinburg (City development section), the 2nd liaison meeting and Japan-Russia information exchange meeting held in Tokyo (Cooperation in Developing Advanced Technologies section), and the liaison meeting and Discussion on Japanese-Russian translator and interpreter training held in Sapporo (Language, culture and tourism section). Furthermore, participants of each section conducted field research and company tours, etc.
- Cross-sectional activities included the "Cold Lands Seminar : The Arctic and Asia" (seminars, workshops, and round-table conferences co-hosted with North-Eastern Federal University in Yakutsk), which was held in conjunction with the Northern Sustainable Development Forum, with participants from Japanese and Russian universities, public and private organizations, NGOs etc. Other cross-sectional activities included four panel discussions (concerning city development, economic and social issues, and environment and development) with the overarching theme of "Life and Economic Activity in Cold Regions" held in conjunction with the World Winter Cities Association for Mayors working-level conference; as well as a talk show, lecture, workshop, and other activities that contributed to expanding the network of Japanese and Russian organizations involved in this project.

○ Activities related to the Japan-Russia Student Union

- Organized by Japanese and Russian students, the 2nd Japan-Russia Student Forum was held at Lomonosov Moscow State University from September 23 to 28, 2019. At this forum, 57 students (30 from Japanese universities and 27 from Russian universities) participated and strengthened their ties.
- Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter accounts were created, and information on Japan-Russia Student Union activities was shared on these social media platforms.



〈 Japan-Russia Student Union Logo 〉

○ The Japan-Russia IAG Conference

- The 2nd Japan-Russia Industry, Academia and Government Working-Level Conference was held with 163 participants from 78 organizations (19 Japanese universities, 30 Russian universities, 29 Japanese and Russian companies, government agencies and other organizations). At the meeting, there were introductions of initiatives by universities selected for participation in the Inter-University Exchange Project, reports on the activities of the Japan-Russia Committee for Personnel Exchanges and the Japan-Russia Student Union, introductions of initiatives by JETRO and the Japan Association for Trade with Russia and NIS (ROTOBO), presentations related to regional consortia from Japan and Russia, and panel discussion.

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■ Notices



〈 Working-Level Conference Venue 〉

- For the first time in a general meeting (Japan-Russia Rectors' Forum), booths were set up to create opportunities for collaboration of industry, academia, and government, and a total of 12 companies from Japan and Russia had booths displayed.
- The number of participants from Russia in the working-level conference was significantly higher (59 from 30 universities) than last year (9 participants from 7 universities). The number of industry-related participants (37) was also higher than last year (18).
- We were able to significantly expand the platform's network, especially with companies and Russian universities.

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**Programs****○ The Third Japan-Russia Industry, Academia and Government Working-level Conference (IAG Conference)**

• The Third Japan-Russia IAG Conference was held with a total of approximately 180 participants, including 80 participants from the Japanese side (31 institutions including 23 universities) and 100 participants from the Russian side (57 institutions including 47 universities). Two sessions were held under the themes of "University-industry-government partnership for career support" and "Further collaboration in education between Japanese and Russian universities." The sessions consisted of presentations and exchanges of views on the activities for human resource development and efforts to promote credit exchange between universities of the two countries.

• Attended by about 70 people, the "Debriefing session for the universities participating in the MEXT Inter-University Exchange Project" was held at the same time to report on the activities of the universities and to share good examples of their efforts.

○ Preparation for the 3rd general meeting of the Association of Japanese and Russian Universities (9th Japan-Russia Rectors' Forum)

• In preparation for the general meeting in September 2021, the presidents of the core member universities of the association (Hokkaido University, Niigata University, and Moscow State University) decided to hold related events, such as the Japan-Russia Student Forum and scientific forums on medicine and SDGs.

• As part of the association's events, online conferences were held on themes such as "Partnerships between Japanese and Russian academia, business and local authorities" and "Global ecosystem and environmental changes in the Arctic", where faculty members and researchers from the association's member universities gave lectures and exchanged views.



〈 Online discussion with the presidents of the core member universities 〉

○ Activities related to the Japan-Russia Committee for Personnel Exchanges

• The Japan-Russia Committee for Personnel Exchanges held two online meetings to share awareness about the differences in educational systems between Japan and Russia and the current state and challenges regarding efforts to allow credit transfer between Japan and Russia, and to discuss the draft of the "Guidelines for credit exchange between Japan and Russia universities."

• In the online meeting "Implementation of joint educational programs by Japan and Russia in the age of COVID-19," which was attended by about 130 people in total, committee members took the lead in presenting good examples of collaborative education programs.

• The committee conducted a survey on the Russian educational system with a focus on curriculum planning based on competence (skills that students should acquire) and educational programs in network form with other institutions, and reported on them at the Japan Russia IAG Conference.

○ Activities within specialized sections

• The number of participants in the specialized section for human resource development planning increased to 58 faculty members from 26 universities. (In the previous academic year, the number was 52 faculty members from 25 universities.)

• The Energy Development Section was reorganized into the "SDGs: Environment, Resource Development, Multicultural Education" section in an effort to promote cross-sectoral collaboration with the SDGs as the cornerstone.

• The following activities were held in individual sections or across sections.

- Health and Medicine: "Japan-Russia Online Lectures on Medical Sciences and Healthcare"

- Exchanges between small and medium-sized companies, Cooperation in developing advanced technologies: Internships, online entrepreneurship education program by international entrepreneurs, etc.

- SDGs: Environment, Resource Development, Multicultural Education: online conferences and seminars on Japan-Russia interregional cooperation in the northern region

- Language, Culture, and Tourism: online international conference on Russian language education in Japan

- Cross-Sectional Activities: online conferences on Japan-Russia collaboration of industry, academia, and government and human resource development co-hosted by partner universities in Russia

○ Activities related to the Japan-Russia Student Union

• In an effort to make operations more organized and consistent, the Japanese side prepared a draft of the Japan-Russia Student Union Regulations and proceeded to coordinate with the Russian side. Furthermore, to strengthen cooperation among students, regular online study sessions and other exchanges were held on a wide range of topics, including COVID-19 countermeasures in each country, and the environment.

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• We co-hosted several online conferences as a way to develop the collaborative relationship we have established with Russian universities.

• Through regional cooperation in the Hokkaido-Russia Regional Exchange Promotion Council and the Japan-Russia Niigata Consortium for Medical Sciences and Educational Exchanges, participation in JETRO-sponsored conferences, and membership in the Moscow Japan Club, we have strengthened the industry-academia-government networks in Japan and Moscow.

• By strengthening cooperation with related organizations and focusing the topics that promote the collaboration of industry, academia, and government, we hosted several online meetings, including the Japan-Russia Industry, Academia, and Government Working-Level Conference, which were respectively attended by more than 100 people from Japan and Russia, including participants from many companies and government agencies.

• In addition to renovating the website and enriching its content, we established a Facebook group as a platform for those engaged in Japan-Russia exchange to voluntarily and regularly disseminate information.



〈 Online student exchange within the Japan-Russia Student Union 〉

5. FY2021 Progress

[Name of project] (Adopted year: FY2017, (Type B, Country Russia)

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Programs

The 3rd general meeting of the Association of Japanese and Russian Universities (9th Japan-Russia Rectors' Forum)

- On September 16, Niigata University hosted the third general meeting of the Association online, and 140 people from 29 Japanese universities and 26 Russian universities participated. At the end of the meeting, participants agreed to mutual cooperation for the development of Japan-Russia academic exchange, and a communique was adopted by the universities concerned.
- From September 14 to 15, five Japan-Russia scientific forums were held on the topics of medical education and the SDGs, with more than 300 researchers from Japan and Russia and other countries participating.
- Japan-Russia academic exchanges (Japan-Russia Online Symposium on Medical Education in June, Webinar on the Arctic environment in December, etc.) were hosted by the association throughout the year.



(Adoption of a communique by the presidents of Hokkaido University, Niigata University, and Moscow State University)

The Japan-Russia Student Forum and activities related to the Japan-Russia Student Union

- On September 12 and 13, 128 students from 21 Japanese universities and 31 Russian universities participated online in the Japan-Russia Student Forum. At the forum, student exchanges took place in plenary sessions as well as smaller sessions for each field of specialization, and representative students reported on the results of their exchanges at the third general meeting.
- In addition to the student exchange activities at the Study In Russia Virtual Fair and other events, the rules and regulations of the Japan-Russia Student Union were developed for organizational management purposes.

Activities related to the Japan-Russia Committee for Personnel Exchanges

- Three committee meetings were held online in June, September and March. In addition to the committee members from Japanese universities, 37 members from Russian partner universities participated in the committee meeting in September, introducing case studies and exchanging information on the implementation of Japan-Russia collaborative education programs.
- The "Guidebook for Building Collaborative Academic Programs between Japanese and Russian Universities" was completed and published on the HaRP website. The guidebook contains information on the differences in educational systems and credit transfer methods between Japanese and Russian universities, the current issues of collaborative education programs, and know-how on the measures for improvement, which were shared at the nine committee meetings since 2019.

Activities within specialized sections

- The number of faculty members from Japanese universities participating in specialized sections for planning human resource development increased from 58 from 26 universities in the previous fiscal year to 62 from 27 universities.
- Various activities were held in each section or across sections. The following were the key activities.
 - Health and Medicine: Japan-Russia Online Symposium on Medical Education, Japan-Russia Far East Medical Cooperation Forum
 - Exchanges between Small and Medium-sized Businesses, Cooperation in Developing Advanced Technologies: Entrepreneurial education conducted online by international entrepreneurs
 - SDGs: online conferences and seminars on cooperation between Japan and Russia in the Arctic and Northern Regions
 - Language, Culture and Tourism: Online conferences on Japan-Russia collaboration in language education and interpreter training
 - Cross-Sectional initiatives: Online conferences on Japan-Russia collaboration of industry, academia and government co-hosted by Russian partner universities

The Inter-University Exchange Project (Russia) Summary Report Meeting

- The meeting was held online in February to review and summarize the results of the five-year project, with a total of 101 participants from organizations engaged in Japan-Russia collaboration: 79 from 21 Japanese universities, 12 from 8 national and local administrative organizations, and 10 from 9 companies. In the first half of the meeting, the achievements of 8 projects by 10 universities which were selected as funded projects were presented along with their future prospects. In the second half of the meeting, the collaborative internship program with private companies was introduced, and the results obtained through participation in the program were announced by the participating students and companies.

(Presentations by universities)



Publicity through the website and other platforms

- The content of the website was expanded by adding data on the status of Japan-Russia exchange at each university and institution, information on studying in Russia, and the 2021 annual report. Up-to-date information is being actively disseminated on the website and on Facebook.
- At the initiative of Moscow State University, the Association of Japanese and Russian Universities launched its own website in three languages (Japanese, English, and Russian) to bolster information dissemination.

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- In response to the COVID-19 crisis, an online exchange method was established in FY 2020, and in FY 2021, 13 academic exchange seminars were hosted and co-hosted, with a total of 1120 participants. By taking advantage of the online system, topics that are not necessarily limited to Japan and Russia, such as Arctic research, have attracted participants from many countries other than Japan and Russia, contributing to the formation of an international cooperative framework for solving global issues. In addition, materials and videos of presentations at online conferences were posted on the website to build an archive of information.
- Regional cooperation through the Hokkaido-Russia Regional Exchange Promotion Council and the Japan-Russia Niigata Consortium for Medical Sciences and Educational Exchanges, as well as collaborative events with member companies of the Moscow Japan Club, have promoted the building of industry-government-academia networks in Japan and in Moscow.
- Hokkaido University and Niigata University agreed to cooperate in maintaining the platform functions after the completion of the funded project. An explanation was provided at the Inter-University Exchange Project (Russia) Summary Report Meeting held in February, and approval was obtained from the universities concerned.