

FY2015 Inter-University Exchange 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))

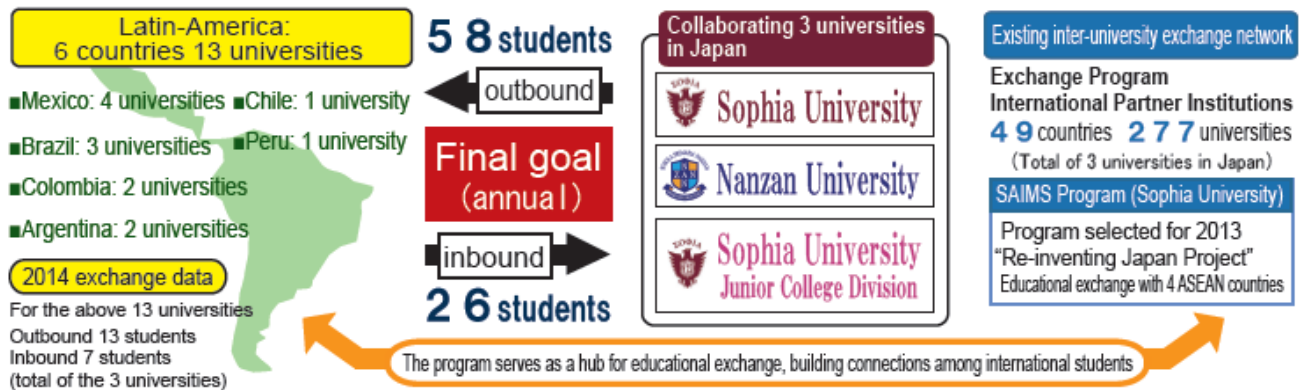
Japan-Latin America Student Mobility Program: Human Dignity and Harmonization in Migration and Coexistence

【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】

	H27						H28						H29					
	A	Br	Ch	Co	M	Pe	A	Br	Ch	Co	M	Pe	A	Br	Ch	Co	M	Pe
Outbound	0	0	0	0	1	14	2	3	1	12	6	18	2	6	1	13	7	19
Inbound	0	0	2	0	0	2	3	3	1	2	7	3	2	4	1	5	9	4
	H30						H31											
	A	Br	Ch	Co	M	Pe	A	Br	Ch	Co	M	Pe						
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

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■ Progress Status of the Program



〈 Peru Study Tour 〉

【Outbound Mobility】

Target number 15 of outbound students in FY2015 was achieved. Both long-term and short-term programs were inaugurated. 13 students from 3 universities (Sophia University, Nanzan University, Sophia University Junior College) participated in "Peru study tour", a new short-term program. The program included experiences of a lecture on the culture and history of Latin America at a partner university, interaction with local students, field work in Machu Picchu, and visits of the local Japanese descents community and their elementary school, and the participants learned to consider from various perspectives to understand the theme of this project "Migration and Coexisting".

【Inbound Mobility】

Target number 4 of inbound students in FY2015 was achieved. A domestic multi-campus system was established that allowed incoming students to take a short-term intensive Japanese language course newly offered by Nanzan University and then move to Sophia University to take courses in their major field of study. Nanzan employed a full-time professor for the Japanese course and it enabled to provide language education and guidance with individualized attention and an opportunity of internship. In the internship, students made the most of their Japanese learning, and had the opportunity to understand the various issues in work places where people with different cultural backgrounds are living together.

Student-Mobility

○ Outbound students

Sophia University and Nanzan University sent two exchange students, one from each, to the Pontifical Catholic University of Peru. Also to this University, the three universities (Sophia University, Nanzan University, Sophia University Junior College) sent 13 students for the short-term program "Peru study tour".

○ Inbound students

In February, Nanzan University accepted 4 inbound students in Japanese intensive course. In April 2016, they moved to Sophia University and continued their academic learning in their major field.

	H27											
	Target number						Attained number					
	A	Br	Ch	Co	M	Pe	A	Br	Ch	Co	M	Pe
Outbound					1	14						15
Inbound			2			2		1	1	1	1	

■ Formation for Inter-university Exchange with Quality Assurance

Sophia University concluded student exchange agreements with 4 partner universities which had not yet concluded in this program, and strengthened the cooperation with 9 universities which had already concluded. On March 17th, a program development meeting was held at Sophia University, inviting officials from 7 partner universities in Latin America, and discussed the expected role of this program.



〈 Inaugural Symposium of March 18th 〉

■ Promotion of Student-Mobility Environment

Sophia University and Nanzan University employed a full-time staff exclusively for this program, and Nanzan University also employed a specially appointed professor for Japanese course. The full-time staff took charge of the general management such as orientations for students, creation of pamphlets, correspondence with students, coordination with partner universities, preparation of business trip to the partner universities, and this enabled to maintain the operating system of the program. Nanzan University could provide Japanese language education and guidance with individualized attention by hiring a full-time professor for the Japanese course. In addition, a common course for inbound and outbound students "Migration and Coexistence", newly offered at Sophia University in 2016 established a system for continued interaction between outbound and inbound students.

■ Internationalization of Universities, Publication, Popularization of Results

An official web site and a pamphlet for this program were created to provide detailed information widely to the public such as the purpose and content of the program. On March 18th, "Sophia-Nanzan Latin America Program Inaugural Symposium" with the theme of "Toward a fruitful Japan-Latin America student exchange program: How can we create a society with human dignity in a globalizing world?" was held at Sophia University. In the symposium, 2 speakers, 1 panelist, 4 guests from partner universities of Latin America were invited. A wide range of participants from the internship cooperation companies and Latin American embassies also attended.

■ Special Remarks

On March 17th, a meeting to evaluate the project outcomes was held with the invited external experts for continuous development and improvements as well as evaluation of the results. A deep discussion about the tasks and continued development of the program was made with experts of quality assurance of higher education and experts who work in international organizations and enterprises related to Latin America. By evaluating the project objectively with them, knowledge for further improvement of the program was gained.

2. FY2016 Progress

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■ Exchange Programs

【Outbound】

Long-term exchange program and short-term programs were conducted with a total of 37 outbound students. For the short-term program, a new intensive Spanish language course was offered at Pontifical University Javeriana and 8 students participated, 4 each from Sophia and Nanzan University. The program included not only advanced level of Spanish language courses, but also field trips, overnight trips to world heritage site and exchange activities with students of Pontifical University Javeriana. The participants were able to increase their command of Spanish and further deepen the understanding and interest in the Colombian culture.

【Inbound】

A total of 22 inbound students in FY2016 exceeded the target number of 19. The domestic multi-campus system is achieving results with 14 participants who took a short-term intensive Japanese language course at Nanzan, moved to Sophia and took courses in their major field of study. Compared to previous year, students taking the intensive Japanese language courses were given a more productive internship opportunity at multiple organizations, that allowed them to try out the results of their Japanese learning and understand the various issues in work places where people with different cultural backgrounds live and work together.



(Intensive Spanish Course at Pontifical Javeriana University)

Student-Mobility

○ Outbound

Sophia and Nanzan University sent 10 exchange students to 7 of the 13 partner institutions. For the short-term program, 8 students were sent to the above intensive Spanish language course at Pontifical University Javeriana. In the Peru Study Tour, 19 students from the three universities (Sophia University, Nanzan University, Sophia University Junior Division) were sent to Pontifical Catholic University of Peru.

○ Inbound

Sophia and Nanzan University accepted 22 inbound students from 12 of the 13 partner institutions. In August and March, 14 students were accepted to the Japanese course at Nanzan. When they completed the courses they moved to Sophia and focused on their major field of study.

	2016															
	Plan								Results							
	A	Bo	Br	Ch	Co	M	Pa	Pe	A	Bo	Br	Ch	Co	M	Pa	Pe
Outbound	2	-	3	1	12	6	-	18	0	-	5	0	9	2	-	21
Inbound	3	-	3	1	2	7	-	3	2	-	3	1	6	6	-	4

■ Forming the University Network with Quality Assurance

In 2016, to strengthen the collaboration, Sophia University visited 5 partner universities in Brazil, Colombia, Chile; Nanzan University visited a partner institution in Mexico. An orientation for this Program was held for students at the institutions. The interaction among the three Japanese partner universities led to promotion of student exchange with Latin-American region and in March, Nanzan University concluded a student exchange agreement with a Colombian university, one of the 13 partner institutions with which Nanzan did not have any agreement. Nanzan visited an institution in Argentine with which it did not have any agreement to discuss the possibilities.



(Project Outcomes Evaluation Meeting on March 4th)

■ Promotion of Student-Mobility Environment

Sophia and Nanzan University each employed a full-time contract staff, and Nanzan continues to employ a specially appointed instructor for the Program. They will take charge of the general management such as services for students, coordination with partner institutions in and outside Japan, preparation of official trips to partner institutions; this enabled to maintain the operating system of the program. Nanzan continues to employ a specially appointed instructor exclusively for the above intensive Japanese course, providing effective Japanese language education and guidance tailored for inbound students. A system is built for continued interaction between inbound and outbound students by offering a common course for inbound and outbound students "Migration and Coexistence" at Sophia, and a new "Comparative Seminars on Japan – Latin America" at Sophia and Nanzan. Internship program is also conducted as a requisite course not only for inbound students but as an internship opportunity for prospective outbound or ongoing outbound Japanese students.

■ Internationalization of the university : Information disclosure and Publication of outcome

A special website for the Project is created to give information on the purpose and contents of the Project by posting articles written by the Program participants on their experiences and promotion videos made by international students. Information on the new special course "Migration and Coexistence" offered at Sophia is publicly announced on websites and external mailing lists to accept students from outside university. On October 27, "Pacific Alliance 5th Anniversary Symposium" was held at Sophia with the cooperation of embassies of Mexico, Colombia, Chile and Peru in Tokyo. The ambassadors or acting ambassadors of each country gave a lecture on Latin-America study abroad and the attractions.

■ Notices

On March 4, "Assessment Committee Meeting for International Collaborative Education" was held to receive advices from external experts for continued development and improvements as well as evaluation of the Project outcome. We had a deep discussion about the tasks and continued development of the Program with experts of quality assurance of higher education and experts who work in international organizations and enterprises related to Latin America. On the same day, "LAP Internship Partner's Meeting" was also held inviting internship program personnel from collaborative organizations to review the programs and discuss tasks for the succeeding years. At both conferences, we were able to obtain knowledge for further improvement of the Program through evaluating the Project objectively with the experts and collaborative personnel.