

FY2017 Inter-University Exchange Project, the University of Tokyo

Support for the Formation of Collaborative Programs with Russian and Indian Universities

【Project title】(year adopted: FY2017, (Type B (India))
Platform Building Program for India-Japan Academic Exchange

【Project Summary】

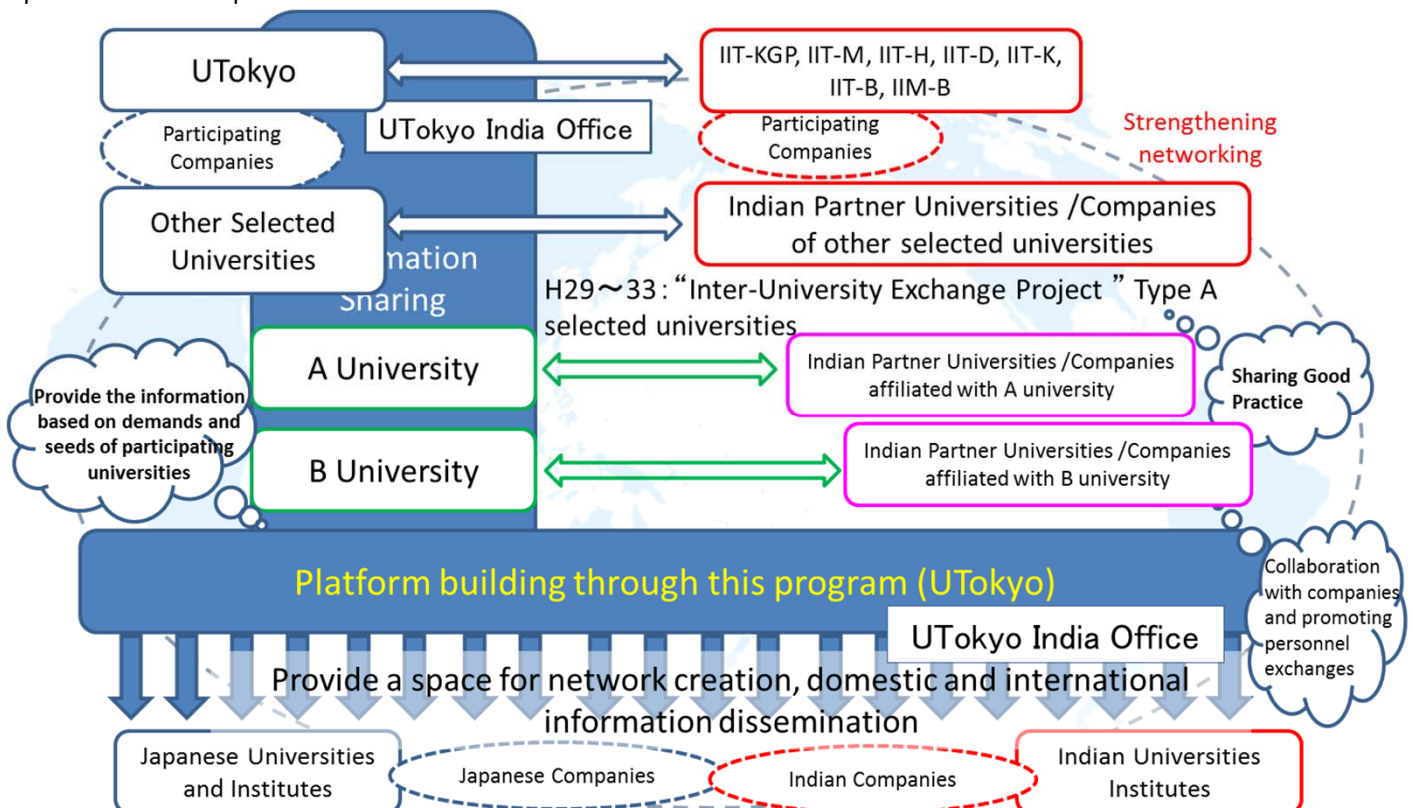
This project aims to develop a robust and sustainable platform for Japan-India exchange through the creation of a network to connect universities and companies currently engaged in Japan-India exchange projects. It is hoped that the sharing of diverse kinds of information throughout this network will allow for new exchanges to be formed between both universities and companies in Japan and India.

Specifically, the platform will be aimed at the four Japanese universities selected in 2014 for the Inter-University Exchange Project with Indian Universities (Japan Advanced Institute of Science and Technology, Nagaoka University of Technology, Ritsumeikan University, the University of Tokyo (UTokyo)), the two Japanese universities selected for the same project in 2017 (Hiroshima University, Hokkaido University), the partner exchange universities in India of the above-listed Japanese universities, and collaborating companies in Japan and India. The project will create a platform to exchange and disseminate information amongst these institutions, with the goal of promoting and furthering exchange activities between Japan and India.

The project will devise the framework for the platform's secretariat, and encourage collaboration on projects and events through meaningful information-sharing amongst the actors listed below. This will be achieved through the creation of a website and message-board, as well as a newsletter featuring event-related and other information.

- Universities that have already joined the Inter-University Exchange Project (India).
- Universities (faculties, departments, individual faculty members) who are not yet selected the projects, but willing to engage in international exchange in the near future.
- Companies that are motivated to (or in the process of) acquire international talent and implement projects in India.

A joint symposium will be held once a year at which stakeholders gather together to share information and build platforms that help create human networks.



【Notable project features】

Our university conducts a number of exchange programs with India in a variety of formats outside the Inter-University Exchange Project. In particular, we are implementing Japan-India exchange programs in universities throughout Japan through the International Student Coordinator for study in Japan in our Indian office. Furthermore, we plan and run general coordination and briefing sessions as an organizing university for India's Ministry of Railways' MEXT scholarship program. We can use this experience to provide a new platform for exchange and information regarding opportunities for exchange based on each university's needs.

1. FY2017 Progress

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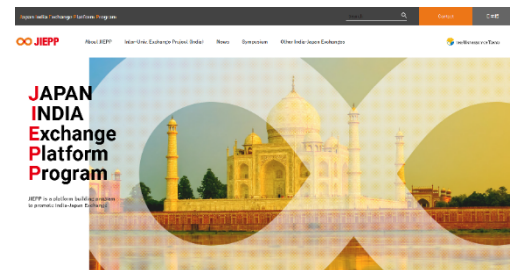
■ Programs

For the first year of the program, in preparation for the start of full-fledged business in the next fiscal year, we have focused on the establishment of an office, the launch of a homepage, and requests for cooperation with collaborative universities. Our main activities are as follows.

- First, we created a website, which acts as the primary form of information dissemination for the core ideals of this project. Furthermore, we gathered and shared various information regarding the Japan-India exchange, and made it possible to send related information through SNS at any time. (Picture 1)

- We have created leaflets introducing programs promoting Japan-India exchange at various levels, targeting university members, students, corporate stakeholders etc., and have strengthened our international deployment abilities at universities and schools in India whom we collaborate with, asking for cooperation from those schools in the distribution of materials promoting exchange events.

- We hosted liaison meetings with select schools, allowing university members who are working towards improved global development and business growth to meet together to share common good practices, as well as opinions on the goals and future requests for this project. We also shared and exchanged opinions on future activities etc. while also providing information for local activities at select schools through the participation of the Director of the Indian Office at our university. (Picture 3)



〈Picture1: JIEPP Website〉



〈Picture2: Leaflet 〉



〈Picture3: Selected Universities' Meeting 2018.1.10 〉

- Faculty members from UTokyo visited IIT Kharagpur, briefing sessions for the Ministry of Railways Ministry of Government Scholarship Program and IIT Bombay to ask members for cooperation, to exchange opinions and listen to requests for this project. In addition, we used public information briefing sessions to publicize the project.

- We participated in the FD workshop held at Hokkaido University, introducing this project to many faculty and staff, and made further commitments to strengthening the Japan-India exchange.

■ Notices

- In November we visited IIT Kharagpur, visited the railroad laboratory located in the same school, and participated in a briefing session for studying abroad held at IIT Kharagpur. In addition to exchanging opinions with the civil engineering majors and faculty of the same school, we asked for publicity and cooperation with this project.

- Four faculty members from our university attended the Indian Ministry of Railways briefing held in Delhi in February of this year, and in collaboration and with cooperation from other universities, gave explanations about our program at the Ministry of Railways while giving lectures at individual sessions. Together, we exchanged opinions and asked for cooperation from collaborative universities in India. We also requested cooperation for this project from universities selected as Type A, that are sending out student to study abroad, when visiting collaborating universities and companies.