FY2017 Inter-University Exchange Project Tokai University

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

**Name of project**: (Adopted year: FY2017, Type A)

**Fostering Bridge Personnel between Russia and Japan on Life Care for Economic Development in Russian Far East**

**Summary of Project**

To foster human resources who would contribute to “Extending the length of healthy living” and “Developing a healthy-longevity society maintaining high Quality of Life (QOL)” which are two of the objectives in the economic cooperation plan between Japan and Russia to further develop the relation and economic between Russia and Japan

**Summary of Exchange program**

The aim of the program is to provide students who are specializing or interested in life-care with specialized skills and knowledge to develop human resource who would become an immediate workforce not only in Japanese or Russian companies but also in global companies.

Program details
- Short exchange program (2-4 weeks) as a preparation to arouse Japanese and Russian students’ interest
- Mid-term exchange program (6 or 12 months/credit-approved) with semester courses learning specialized knowledge
- Practical training exchange program (3-6 weeks) on medical image diagnostics and ultrasonic diagnostic instruments whose needs are rising in Russia, and a clinical resident training program to learn medical checkups (will be dispatched as Tokai University’s medical students)
- Double degree program (master’s course/starting from 2020)

**Global Human Resource on the project**

The students will acquire the following four abilities: 1) Wide knowledge on life-care; 2) Practical skills which can be applied appropriately and challenging; 3) High skill in language and communication; 4) Global and historical perspective based on Japanese culture and intercultural understanding. Human resources that are nurtured in this program will lead the exportation of Japanese life-care techniques to Russia as well as establishing and spreading in Russia as a radiologist, medical imaging technologist and such. They will establish a healthy society with knowledge on Japanese and Russian social system among Japanese companies in Russia, government, medical institutions, NGO, NPO, and health industry (e.g. trading companies, health sports, medical equipment, biological inspections, functional food, medical/hospital consultants, and medical interpreters).

**Feature on the project**

Tokai University will launch a “Far-Eastern Office” in Far Eastern Federal University (Vladivostok) who is the main partner university in this program. A coordinator with high kills in Russian and Japanese language will be allocated in this office and will take care of the sending/receiving students, conduct preparation programs for exchange programs, and be responsible for smooth and effective coordination among Tokai University, Far Eastern Federal University and other universities. Also, in the above mentioned Short exchange program, we will conduct a Vladivostok visit by “Bosei-maru” (a university-owned oceanographic training vessel) as one of the expansion of people interaction. 100 students from Japan and Russia will have cultural exchange, sports events, and student forums on the vessel. In 2021, the vessel will visit Sakhalin as well.

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1. FY2017 Progress Report

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■ Exchange Programs

<Medical Check-up Training>

Student-Mobility

- **Outbound**
  15 students participated in 2 programs: 13 students on a training program at Far Eastern Federal University and 2 on the Medical Check-Up Training at the Medical Center of Far Eastern Federal University.

- **Inbound**
  15 students participated in 2 programs: 13 students on a training program at Tokai University and 2 Medical Check-Up Training at Tokai University School of Medicine and Tokai University Hospital.

In FY2017 Tokai University conducted four short-term programs to prepare and strengthen fundamental cooperation with its partner universities for middle and long-term study abroad programs planned for 2018 and later. Through these programs, students not only discussed social programs rooted in life-care situations in Russia and Japan but also learned about advanced technology in the field of medical and health care. In order to offer students opportunities to further their professional knowledge and ideas in this project, a launch symposium was held in Tokyo while an internship program was conducted at the Vladivostok Hokuto Diagnostic Imaging Center.

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■ Forming the University Network with Quality Assurance

Tokai University’s International Education Center and Head Office of International Affairs work closely together so that the University can guarantee the quality of student support. At the end of every year, both internal and external independent evaluation committees review Tokai’s programs and their performance. All the partner universities serve in the Cooperation to discuss and establish a common evaluation system for the double-degree program planned between Tokai University and its partner universities.

■ Promotion of Student-Mobility Environment

For international students studying at Tokai, the International Education Center offers an excellent support with experienced specialists. The support ranges from pre-program assistance to post-program care. The center has a variety of established student support systems which ensure the safety of students with crisis management while they focus on learning in their visiting countries. Full-time faculty and staff who are assigned to this project can maximize their performance of study abroad and internship programs.

■ Internationalization of the University, Information Disclosure and Publication of Outcome

The International Education Center and Head Office of International Affairs take a leading position on campus in their efforts to improve their employees’ job efficiency and performance as well as their quality of life. The website of this project is updated in three different languages: Japanese, English and Russian. These two offices are working to build up a foundation to share updated information on the project with the partner universities and the world. Social networking sites are also used to better communicate students’ voices.

■ Good Practices

A launch symposium was held in February 2018. A number of specialists in the field of the life-care industry shared their research, knowledge, and ideas to start up the project. An educational cruise program to Vladivostok is scheduled for 2018. Tokai University has established even stronger partnerships with other Japanese universities and local municipalities to make the program successful.
2. FY2018 Progress

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■ Exchange Programs

In FY2018, Tokai University successfully conducted three short-term programs and two middle and long-term study abroad programs according to the plans. As a part of the “Overseas training,” 103 students from Japan and Russia participated in the “Vladivostok Educational Cruise” program on “Bosei Maru,” research training vessel owned by Tokai University. The Japan-Russia Student Forum was held on Bosei Maru in which opinions were exchanged on healthcare issues of both countries. Japanese and Russian media mentioned “Vladivostok Educational Cruise” as a great contribution of student exchanges between Japan and Russia. In order to gain practical skills, students not only participated in lectures and practical training, but also learned about competitiveness in a global society through the internship programs in medical institutions, research centers, and private companies.

Student Mobility

O Outbound

74 students participated in 3 programs: 64 students on the “Vladivostok Educational Cruise” 5 students on middle and long-term study abroad program and 5 on the Medical Check-up Training. Among the 64 students on the cruise, 39 were from Tokai University, 12 from Hokkaido University, 4 from Niigata University, and 7 from Kindai University. Cooperation with other Japanese universities brought a tremendous educational effects.

O Inbound

49 students participated in 3 programs: 39 on the “Vladivostok Educational Cruise,” 5 students on middle and long-term study abroad programs, and 5 on Medical Check-up Training at Tokai University Hospital.

■ Broadening the University Network with Quality Assurance

Tokai University International Education Center (IEC) established the course program for students’ systematic learning while studying abroad. The International Education Committee conducted a close supervision to implementation of the program. In addition, the screening of candidates was executed through a fair and open process approved by the University. International Education Committee and the Faculty Meeting assured the quality of participating students. All students of middle and long-term study abroad programs are required to register for “Global Program Subjects.” Japanese students start these subjects before and after the programs in Russia. Russian students take the required amount of credits from these subjects during the program. The standards of the course grading system and the award of credits were verified and approved by the Joint Program Committee with partner universities.

■ Promotion of Student-Mobility Environment

IEC offers excellent support based on professional skills and experience. Additionally, IEC and the Head Office of International Affairs (HIAT) conduct operations in 11 languages to foster the globalization of the entire university organization.

In order to guarantee the sustainable management of the program, recruitment of professors and staff is conducted based on the language skills such as English and Russian. In addition, a multilayer support system is established to take care of student health by means of cooperation with the Health Care Promotion Office and the University Hospital. A seminar about management of critical situations at foreign countries was given by a government official from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Furthermore, safety management supports were provided by private companies.

■ Internationalization of the University,
Information Disclosure and Publication of Outcomes

Tokai University has been developing a global education environment by increasing the number of foreign language speaking staff, and actively employing professors with degrees from overseas educational institutions. Tokai University has been increasing the number of courses offered in English. IEC actively develops public relations using existing media such as the University’s official website and university newspaper. Additionally, Tokai University created a special website for this project in Japanese, English, and Russian. Occasionally, IEC organizes symposia and workshops to share the results of our project as social contribution.

■ Good Practices

In October 2018, the Japan Office of the Far Eastern Federal University was established at Takanawa Campus of Tokai University, and Tokai University launched its Russia Office (in Vladivostok) at the Far Eastern Federal University Russky Campus.

Since 2017, the “Global Program Subjects” have been introduced at Tokai University. After the start-up symposium 2017 in Japan, a workshop was held in Russia in March 2019 where lectures were given by experts from Japan and Russia in order to increase interests and to broaden knowledge in the field of life care.

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