Support for the Formation of Collaborative Programs with ASEAN Universities

[Name of project] (Adopted year: FY2012, Type II: SEND program)

Rediscovering Japan through Collaboration in the Open ASEAN + 6: International Human Resource Development Centering on the SEND Program

[Aim of project, Ideals of Global Human Resource on the project]

This program will provide students with a chance to rediscover Japanese society from an external viewpoint and support them to become Asian leaders who can propose resolutions to the issues in the region in this age of globalization and implement them in collaboration with others.
[Summary of project]

By establishing and collaborating with a consortium of universities and research institutions in the ASEAN+6 region, which includes ASEAN countries plus East Asia, South Asia and Oceania, as well as in a few western countries, we will develop an 'International Joint Graduate School Program for Asian Studies,' which can create a systematic research and educational program for Asian studies. Students will gain basic knowledge of Asia through this program and, through the SEND program, acquire practical experience that enables them to meet the challenge of solving problems with local people in the future.

■ Method for establishing a quality assured framework of exchange among universities.

1 Establishment of an international consortium

Universities and research institutions both in and outside the ASEAN+6 region will establish an 'International Consortium for Asian Studies', implement study abroad programs and accept foreign students in each program.

2 Method for quality assurance in education

We will generally follow the ASEAN Credit Transfer System (ACTS) for mutual credit recognition and management of students' performances. In addition, we will examine the compatibility of the European Credit Transfer System (ECTS) and ACTS and explore a collaborative system for conferring degrees by implementing student exchange with Heidelberg University (Germany).

⟨Foundation of the International consortium, at Seoul National University, 2011⟩



Details of student exchange programs and preparation

〈 Visiting a school in Vietnam, Hanoi, 2012 〉



1 Details of student exchange programs

We will implement a 'Short-term SEND program' under which undergraduate students can teach Japanese language, society, and culture to local high school and university students for a short stay. Also, we will implement a 'Long-term SEND program' under which graduate students can utilize their expertise in education on Japanese language, society and culture at partner universities, local schools, and companies for more than 1 semester.

2 Currently undergoing preparation

We already have various exchange programs including summer language courses with the universities we will visit for the SEND programs. We are discussing with them how to incorporate educational experiences into the existing programs. On the other hand, we are preparing a set of courses on 'Asian and Japanese societies and cultures' to offer not only to the students who join the SEND program but also to all Kyoto University students including both undergraduates and graduates.

■ Mobility of students for exchange programs

O Study abroad programs for Japanese students

We will encourage many students to join language study programs during the summer. We will also send students to Asian and European countries through the 'Short-term SEND program' in a summer program format and the student exchange format 'Long-term SEND program' as well as holding joint tutoring for theses.

O Accepting foreign students

We will accept foreign students for short term summer schools and Japanese language training courses. We will also accept foreign students for a longer term from partner universities based on MOUs, and provide joint tutoring.

	H24	H25	H26	H27	H28
Number of students studying abroad	16	26	36	40	40
Number of accepted students	20	30	35	35	35
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Note: The plan at the time of application

■ Preparation for promoting study abroad for Japanese students and acceptance of foreign students

1 Preparation for promoting study abroad for Japanese students

To acquire the necessary knowledge and skills for studying abroad, we will implement multi language education through which students can earn English and Asian language skills, and provide courses to learn about Asian cultures and societies in English. Also, we will support students to utilize their international experiences in job hunting by offering career seminars.

2 Preparation for accepting foreign students

We will create opportunities to motivate students to study in Kyoto University by implementing joint programs with universities in the consortium, such as summer schools and students' international workshops. We will also implement internship programs and fieldwork in Japanese companies to facilitate foreign students to find jobs in Japan. In addition, we will increase the number of classes in English, provide courses to learn 'Asian and Japanese societies and cultures', consultations for foreign students, and support to live in student dormitories.

■ Visualization of education, expanding achievements

O Expansive feedback of achievements

We will offer educational programs developed by this project to the public through the publication of English textbooks, videos, and OpenCourseWare, in the hope that they will be used in universities, schools, and companies both in Japan and abroad. We will organize a students' global workshop every year with universities in the consortium to offer opportunities to students to give presentations of their achievements in English, which students from other Japanese universities can join. We will hold a business meeting every year and report the achievements obtained through the year.