

# FY2016 Inter-University Exchange Project Kobe University

Support for the Formation of Collaborative Programs with Universities in Asia

## 【Name of project】 (Adopted year: FY2016, Type A-1 CAMPUS Asia)

Program for Careers in Risk Management Experts in East Asia

## 【Summary of project】

The Great East Japan Earthquake that occurred on March 11, 2011 highlighted the importance of international cooperation and risk management in the event of disasters. In addition to natural disaster risks, there are other risks in the world, such as social risks on account of man-made disasters and economic instability. This program aims to train graduate students to become experts in managing various risks in the context of globalization and international relations in East Asia. In 2011, Kobe University Graduate School of International Cooperation Studies (GSICS), Fudan University School of International Relations and Public Affairs (SIRPA), and Korea University Graduate School of International Studies (GSIS) have formed a consortium that aims to develop risk management experts in East Asia through the world-class graduate school education offered at these three universities. Since 2016 October, this study abroad program has entered into the second phase; strengthening the contents of the exchange program to meet diverse needs of students with new undertakings, including the extension of the program eligible to doctoral students, expanding the bilateral exchange program to triangular exchange between all consortium members of Japan-China-Korea, and granting academic credits for internship and fieldworks.

## 【Summary of Exchange Program】

Selected as part of the 2016 Re-Inventing Japan Project, the CAMPUS Asia Program for Careers in Risk Management Experts in East Asia, is a consortium formed by the Graduate School of International Cooperation Studies at Kobe University (Japan), School of International Relations and Public Affairs at Fudan University (China), and Graduate School of International Studies at Korea University (Korea). The program aims to develop a 'global-standard cooperative education graduate program' to train risk management experts capable in identifying, managing, and solving risks that occur at a global scale. The consortium, which has developed over the course of the program's pilot phase from 2011 to 2015, has significantly strengthened the relationship between the three graduate schools.

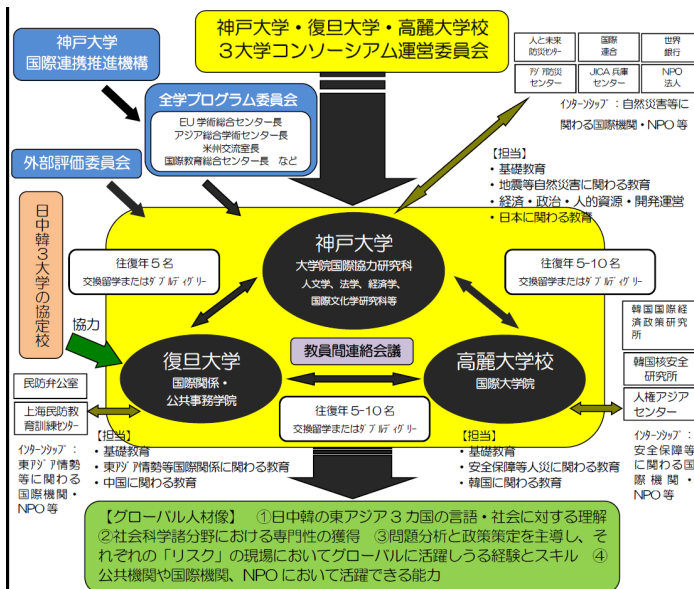
Starting in 2016, the program will operate on a permanent basis, and will incorporate the following four new activities that draws on the good practices from the pilot phase. 1) Master students will be able to spend one semester each at two of our consortium member universities; Fudan University and Korea University, 2) In addition to the existing exchange framework eligible to Master's students, the program is now extended to doctoral students for six months exchange to conduct research on risk management in East Asia, 3) Existing internships and fieldworks will be expanded and institutionalized across the consortium for academic credits, and 4) Joint teaching system for quality assurance will be strengthened through organizational reforms of the consortium discussed at Faculty Liaison Meetings.

## 【Global Human Resource on the project】

- (1) Fostering technical knowledge and practical skills for risk management-related matters at times of not only natural disasters but also economic and social crises;
- (2) Building expertise in social sciences, including economics, political science, human resources, and development management, mainly related to Japan, China, and South Korea;
- (3) Imparting a level of communication skills sufficient to support policy implementation in English and the local language in addition to their own native language; and
- (4) Promoting understanding of different cultures; capability of working at a public institution, international organization, or NPO to analyze issues and situations at time of crises; and abilities in global leadership in policy formulation and in decision making with courage and determination in the face of crises.

## 【Feature on the Project】

- **English Courses and Professors with Education/Research Experience Abroad:** The three graduate schools hold prestigious reputation in courses taught in English, and have a history and experience of attracting international students from countries around the globe. Majority of the professors have experiences in teaching and researching abroad in English speaking academic institutions.
- **Providing Comprehensive Academic Support:** Teaching Assistants (TA) help assist each lecture, and tutors are appointed for each incoming students to provide additional academic/non-academic support.
- **Internship and Employment Support:** For students pursuing careers at International Organizations, the program introduces and facilitates internship opportunities and assists student's application processes.



Fieldtrip to Tohoku Earthquake Stricken Area (Otsuchi-cho)



Experiencing Earthquake Simulator at Nijima Fault Fieldtrip to Awaji Island

## 【Exchange number】

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	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Accepted number in Japan	C5 K3	C5 K5	C5 K5	C5 K5	C5 K5
Accepted number in China	J2 K5	J5 K2	J5 K5	J6 K5	J6 K5
Accepted number in Korea	J9 C4	J11 C2	J11 C5	J12 C5	J12 C5

# 1. FY2016 Progress

【Program for Careers in Risk Management Experts in East Asia】(Adopted year: FY2016, Type A -1 CAMPUS Asia)

## ■ Exchange Programs

Based on the numerous successful achievements from the pilot phase, the program was re-launched as a university-wide program under the Institute for Promoting International Partnerships at Kobe University. The CAMPUS Asia office at the Graduate School of International Cooperation Studies became responsible for program implementation, and places concurrent staffs that help strengthen cooperation with the University headquarters.

- **Field Trips to Disaster Stricken Area:** Organizes annual field trips to earthquake and disaster stricken areas in Japan. In November 2016, incoming students visited Nagata ward of Kobe City. In February 2017, to Otsuchi town in Iwate Prefecture, and to Nojima Fault in Awaji Island.
- **Joint International Symposium:** The consortium members jointly held international symposium at Kobe. Students, professors, and staffs of three universities were invited to share what the program has achieved in the pilot phase, and to share the mutual program vision for the next five years, followed by student oral and poster presentations on Master's/Doctoral research.
- **Faculty Liaison Meeting:** Organized the first Faculty Liaison Meeting to enhance interactions and communications between faculty members supervising double-degree and doctoral students.
- **Assisting Internship Opportunities:** Visited International Organizations in Seoul and Washington D.C. to forge internship partnerships for CAMPUS Asia students who can work as interns during their double-degree/exchange.

## Student-Mobility

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### ○ Outbound

In the spring semester of FY2016, 2 double-degree students were sent to Fudan University, and 3 double-degree to Korea University. 1 double-degree student was sent to Korea University in the fall semester. In addition, 5 students joined Korean Language training program offered by Korea University in August and February.

### ○ Inbound

Kobe University accepted total of 7 double-degree and exchange students from Fudan and Korea University. Of which 3 were double-degree and another 3 exchange from Fudan University, and 1 double-degree from Korea University.

	2016
Accepted number in Japan	C6 K2
Accepted number in China	J2 K5
Accepted number in Korea	J7 C4

## ■ Forming the University Network with Quality Assurance

- The contents of the curriculum offered at each member University's English courses are discussed to maintain the quality assurance of the program. Setting high criteria for academic grades and credits to ensure the quality of the program. Each university evaluates student performances according to standards set by each university, and completion of double-degree is rigorously screened by the program steering committee.
- External Evaluation Committee Meeting is held annually to review the progress and the outcome of the program. It is composed of directors, vice presidents of the program as well as professors from external academic institutions.
- The acquisition of academic credits is based on the standards stipulated by the rules of each university. As for the credit calculation method, all contents are confirmed by referring to the course syllabus, and by calculating the total number of hours per class, which is subjected to credit transfer with a ratio of 1:1

## ■ Promotion of Student-Mobility Environment

- Academic Support: The CAMPUS Asia office is equipped with dedicated staffs with educational/research experiences in various countries of the world and provides both academic and non-academic services.
- Language Training and Additional Pre-Education Classes: The program offers pre-education classes for incoming students who wish to head start in improving language proficiency.
- Promoting Internships and Fieldworks: The program provides career design services to students who wish to acquire internship opportunities and assist students to prepare for competitive job market.
- Expanding the Program to Doctoral Students: Encourages doctoral students to utilize the program as part of their field research scheme.

## ■ Internationalization of the university; Information disclosure and Publication of outcome

- Publishes annual newsletter and symposium booklet to promote and disseminate the achievements of the program.
- Organizing joint international symposium to share and present the research results to the public and fellow colleagues of the program.
- Launching alumni organization to foster social networks after completion of the program.

## ■ Good Practices

- Helping design outgoing/incoming students' career paths and assist students identify necessary skills required at International Organizations. This helped students to gain comparative advantage in the global job market; the double degree or the exchange experience, and English language proficiency became an added value.
- Hosting international symposium provided opportunities for students to receive academic feedbacks from fellow colleagues and professors of the consortium member universities.



Joint International Symposium (Kobe, Japan)



## 2. FY2017 Progress

**【Program for Careers in Risk Management Experts in East Asia】** (Adopted year: FY2016, Type A -1 CAMPUS Asia)

### ■ Exchange Programs

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- **Field Trips to Disaster Stricken Areas:** Organized annual field trips to earthquake and disaster stricken areas in Kobe City in December 2017, and Sendai City and Watari Town of Miyagi Prefecture in February 2018.
- **Joint International Symposium:** Held annual international symposium in Shanghai jointly with the consortium members. Students and professors shared insight into the prospect of risk management in East Asia. Concurrently, the staffs of the consortium exchanged views on promotion of future collaboration at the Faculty Liaison Meeting.
- **Short-term Programs:** Held a short-term workshop at Kobe University in December 2017, inviting 3 students from Fudan and Korea University. Also, 28 Kobe University students joined the short-term programs at Korea University.
- **Internship Opportunities:** Based on the partnerships that the CAMPUS Asia Program forged in FY 2016, 2 students had an opportunity to participate in internship at ICLEI East Asia Office in Seoul, 1 at UNESCAP East and North-east Asia Office in Incheon, and 2 at World Bank Headquarters in Washington D.C.

### Student-Mobility

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#### ○ Outbound

In FY 2017, 1 double-degree and 2 exchange students in Spring Semester, and 2 double-degree students in Fall Semester were sent to Korea University. In addition, 28 students in total joined the summer and winter programs at Korea University and 3 students joined the academic competition program that Fudan University hosted in July.

#### ○ Inbound

Kobe University accepted 2 double-degree and 4 exchange students from Fudan University, and 1 double-degree student from Korea University. Also, 1 Fudan student and 2 Korea students joined the winter workshop at Kobe University.

	2016	2017
Accepted number in Japan	C 6	C 7
	K 2	K 3
Accepted number in China	J 2	J 3
	K 5	K 4
Accepted number in Korea	J 7	J 33
	C 4	C 11

### ■ Forming the University Network with Quality Assurance

- The consortium members ensure the quality of the program by discussing the contents of the curriculum offered at each member University's English courses and setting high criteria for academic grades and credits. Each university evaluates student performances according to standards set by each university, and completion of double-degree is rigorously screened by the program steering committee.
- External Evaluation Committee Meeting is held annually to review the progress and the outcome of the program. It is composed of directors, vice presidents of the program as well as professors from external academic institutions.
- The acquisition of academic credits is based on the standards stipulated by the rules of each university. As for the credit calculation method, all contents are confirmed by referring to the course syllabus, and by calculating the total number of hours per class, which is subjected to credit transfer with a ratio of 1:1.

### ■ Promotion of Student-Mobility Environment

- **Academic Support:** The CAMPUS Asia office is equipped with multilingual staff members with overseas educational/research experiences and provides both academic and non-academic services.
- **Pre-Education Programs:** The program offers pre-education orientations for both incoming and outgoing students who wish to improve language proficiency and research design.
- **Promoting Internships and Fieldworks:** The program provides career design services with students who wish to acquire internship opportunities and assist students to prepare for competitive job market.
- **Expanding the Program to Doctoral Students:** The Program encourages doctoral students to utilize the program as part of their field research scheme. In addition, Triangle Program among the three campuses is offered.

### ■ Internationalization of the university; Information disclosure and Publication of outcome

- Publishes annual newsletter and symposium booklet to promote and disseminate the achievements of the program.
- Launched alumni organization to foster information-sharing networks among the completed students as well as between the completed students and new students.

### ■ Good Practices

- **Support Career Design:** Assisted students obtain working skills required as international experts. With this effort, completed students got a position in international organizations and firms related to risk management such as UNESCO Lesotho and National Disaster Management Institute of Korea
- **Lecture Series:** Held lecture series on risk management inviting prominent scholars in the field in order to deepen students' understanding on and interest in risk management.



Joint International Symposium (Shanghai, China)

# 3. FY2018 Progress

**[Kobe University]**

**[Program for Careers in Risk Management Experts in East Asia] (Adopted year: FY2016, Type A -1 CAMPUS Asia)**

## ■ Exchange Programs

- **Field Trips to Disaster Stricken Areas:** The Campus Asia office has organized a field trip to earthquake and disaster stricken areas in Japan. On December 2018 and February 2019, incoming students visited Chuo Ward of Kobe City, Hyogo Prefecture as well as Morioka City and Rikuzentakata City of Iwate Prefecture, respectively.
- **Joint International Symposium:** On November 2018, the annual international symposium was held in Seoul, Korea, jointly with the consortium members. Professors, students, and practitioners of international organizations shared their insights and discussed issues related to risk management in East Asia. Concurrently, the staffs of the consortium exchanged views to continue collaborating and promoting the program at the Faculty Liaison Meeting.
- **Short-term Programs:** On December 2018, the program on risk management was conducted at Kobe University. One student from Fudan University and another from Korea University participated in the program. Moreover, 17 students from Kobe University joined the short-term programs organized by Fudan and Korea University. In addition, a MoU was signed between Kobe University and Fudan University to cooperate on an international academic competition, systematizing the student exchanges.
- **Implementation of the Consortium Joint-Teaching Class:** On December 2018, the second Joint-Teaching Class was held at Kobe University. We invited other students to promote the concept of risk management.

## Student-Mobility

### ○ Outbound

In FY 2018, 2 double-degree students; and, 1 double-degree and 1 exchange students were sent to Fudan and Korea University (September), respectively. Moreover, 2 double-degree and 3 exchange students were sent to Korea University (March). In addition, 14 students joined the short-term programs at Korea University (August and February), and 3 students joined the academic competition program hosted by Fudan University (July).

### ○ Inbound

In FY 2018, Kobe University accepted 2 double-degree and 5 exchange students from Fudan University, and 2 double-degree students from Korea University. Further, 1 student from Fudan and 1 student from Korea University joined the short-term program held on December at Kobe University.

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	2018
Accepted number in Japan	C 8 K 3
Accepted number in China	J 5 K 2
Accepted number in Korea	J 21 C 6

## ■ Forming the University Network with Quality Assurance

- External Evaluation Committee Meeting is held annually to review the progress and the outcome of the program. It is composed of directors, vice president of the program as well as professors from external academic institutions.
- The consortium members ensure the quality of the program by discussing the contents of the curriculum offered at each University's English courses and by setting high criteria for academic grades and credits. In FY 2018, the consortium Universities shared their courses on Risk Management and agreed to stipulate a common course standard to provide the program completion certificate to those students who completed with its requirements.

## ■ Promotion of Student-Mobility Environment

- **Academic Support:** The CAMPUS Asia office is equipped with multilingual staff members with overseas educational/research experiences and provides both academic and non-academic services.
- **Pre-Education Programs:** The program offers pre-education orientations for both incoming and outgoing students who wish to improve language proficiency and research design.
- **Supporting Career Design:** To prepare the future career of incoming and outgoing students, the Campus Asia office provides consultation sessions to each student, organizes career seminars inviting lecturers from international organizations, and arranges visits to organizations related to risk management issues.
- **Expanding the Program to Doctoral Students:** The Program encourages doctoral students to utilize the program as part of their field research scheme. In addition, Triangle Program among the three campuses is offered.

## ■ Internationalization of the university; Information disclosure and Publication of outcome

- **Promoting the Academic Program:** Pamphlets and newsletters are published, as well as Facebook and home page are opened to promote and disseminate the achievements of the program.
- **Expanding the International Symposium:** In FY 2018, practitioners from international organizations were invited to the International symposium and provided their inputs to students' presentations. Their presence and cooperation have been important to promote internships programs.

## ■ Good Practices

- **Careers as outcomes:** In order to acquire the skills as international experts in risk management, our office introduces internships programs to our students. In FY2018, 1 student completed the internship at ICLEI East Asia Office in Seoul, 1 at UNESCAP East and North-east Asia Office in Incheon, 1 student at UNESCO Bangkok, and 1 at the International Recovery Platform in Kobe City. Students who completed the program work at UNICEF Egypt office, Embassy of Japan to Sierra Leone, Accenture Ltd., and other international organizations related to risk management.



Annual International Symposium (Seoul, Korea)

# 4. FY2019 Progress

【Kobe University】

【Program for Careers in Risk Management Experts in East Asia】(Adopted year: FY2016, (Type A -1 CAMPUS Asia) )

## ■ Exchange Programs

- **Field Trips to Disaster Stricken Areas:** The Campus Asia office has organized field trips to earthquake and disaster stricken areas in Japan. On November 2019, incoming students visited the Disaster Reduction and Human Renovation Institution and earthquake affected areas in Kobe City, Hyogo Prefecture. Moreover, on February 2020, incoming students visited Morioka City and Rikuzentakata City of Iwate Prefecture.
- **Joint International Symposium:** On November 2019, the annual international symposium was held in Kobe University, Japan, jointly with the consortium members. A Risk Management Book Project session and other academic sessions were conducted, in which professors and students shared their insights and discussed issues related to risk management in East Asia. Concurrently, the staffs of the consortium exchanged views to continue collaborating and promoting the program at the Faculty Liaison Meeting.
- **Short-term Programs:** On November 2019, the program on risk management was conducted at Kobe University. Five students from Fudan University and Korea University participated in the program. In addition, 19 students from Kobe University joined the short-term programs organized by Fudan and Korea University.
- **Implementation of the Consortium Online Joint-Teaching Class:** On 2019 Fall semester, the first Joint-Online-Teaching Class was held at the Consortium Universities, in which Campus Asia and others students participated.

## Student-Mobility

### ○ Outbound

In FY 2019, 3 double-degree students and 1 exchange student; and, 2 double-degree students were sent to Fudan and Korea University (September), respectively. Moreover, 3 exchange students were sent to Korea University (March). In addition, 16 students joined the short-term programs at Korea University (August and February), and 3 students joined the academic competition program hosted by Fudan University (July).

### ○ Inbound

In FY 2019, Kobe University accepted 2 double-degree and 3 exchange students from Fudan University, and 5 double-degree students and 1 exchange student from Korea University. Further, 5 students each from Fudan and Korea University joined the short-term program held on November at Kobe University.

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	2019
Accepted number in Japan	C 5 K 6
Accepted number in China	J 7 K 2
Accepted number in Korea	J 21 C 9

## ■ Forming the University Network with Quality Assurance

- External Evaluation Committee Meeting is held annually to review the progress and the outcome of the program. It is composed of directors, vice president of the program as well as professors from external academic institutions.
- The consortium members ensure the quality of the program by discussing the contents of the curriculum offered at each University's English courses and by setting high criteria for academic grades and credits. In FY 2019, the consortium agreed to stipulate a common course standard to provide the program completion certificate to those students who completed with its requirements .

## ■ Promotion of Student-Mobility Environment

- **Academic Support:** The CAMPUS Asia office is equipped with multilingual staff members with overseas educational/research experiences and provides both academic and non-academic services.
- **Pre-Education Programs:** The program offers pre-education orientations for both incoming and outgoing students who wish to improve language proficiency and research design.
- **Supporting Career Design:** To prepare the future career of incoming and outgoing students, the Campus Asia office provides consultation sessions to each student, organizes career seminars inviting lecturers from international organizations, and arranges visits to organizations related to risk management issues.
- **Expanding the contents of the Program :** The Program continues encouraging doctoral students to utilize the program as part of their field research scheme. In addition, Triangle Program among the three campuses is offered.

## ■ Internationalization of the university: Information disclosure and publication of outcome

- **Promoting the Academic Program:** Pamphlets and newsletters are published, as well as Facebook and home page are opened to promote and disseminate the achievements of the program.
- **Expanding the International Symposium:** In FY 2019, the authors of Campus Asia book "Risk Management in East Asia" project were invited to share the theoretical framework and empirical studies of risk management with professors and students, disseminating the concept of risk management at the international level.

## ■ Good Practices

- **Careers as outcomes:** In order to acquire the skills as international experts in risk management, our office introduces internships programs to our students. In FY2019, 1 student completed the internship at ICLEI East Asia Office in Seoul, 2 at UNESCAP East and North-east Asia Office in Incheon, and 1 student at UNESCO Bangkok. Students who completed the program, currently work at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of China, JICA, Tokyo Institute of Technology, and other international organizations related to risk management.



Joint International Symposium (Kobe, Japan)



# 5. FY2020 Progress

【Kobe University】

【Program for Careers in Risk Management Experts in East Asia】(Adopted year: FY2016, Type A -1 CAMPUS Asia)

## ■ Exchange Programs

- **CAMPUS Asia Co-Teaching Online:** The Campus Asia Consortium of Kobe University, Fudan University (China), Korea University (Korea) has held the online joint “Risk Management” course, and more than 60 students from the three universities participated in the course. Professors from the three universities delivered lectures on how to approach the risks from a wide range of topics, including economics of disasters, political science, public policy, human resources development, and environmental studies.
- **Essay Competition:** The research paper competition was conducted with a focus on the following five risk management-related topics, Disaster & Development, Security, Finance, Science & Technology, and Education. More than 30 papers were submitted from the three universities, and nine finalists presented their research findings to the professors and students at the three universities through Zoom.
- **Risk Management Online Seminar:** The CAMPUS Asia Program has conducted a series of seminars by inviting researchers and practitioners specializing in risk management issues to allow our students to discuss and deepen their understanding of current problems, especially affecting the world under the COVID-19. The online seminar gave graduate students opportunities to enhance their career awareness and obtain the practical knowledge and skills required for working as professionals of risk management in international society.

## ■ Student-Mobility

### ➤ Outbound

In FY 2020, 2 double-degree students were sent to Fudan, and 3 double-degree students and 1 exchange student were sent to Korea University.

In addition, 2 students joined the short-term programs at Korea University.

### ➤ Inbound

In FY 2020, Kobe University accepted 2 double-degree from Korea University and no students from Fudan University as Fudan University decided not to send their students due to COVID-19.

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Accepted number in Japan	C 0 K 2
Accepted number in China	J 2 K 0
Accepted number in Korea	J 6 C 0

## ■ Forming the University Network with Quality Assurance

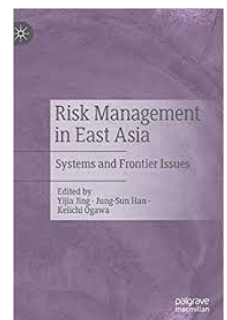
- The Annual External Evaluation Committee Meeting was held in February 2021 to review the progress of program implementation. The Committee evaluated that the continuous students exchange and co-teaching online course under the COVID-19. Implementing the quality assurance of the content of education by issuing the Risk Management Certificate was also evaluated as it showed the advantage and effort of the program.
- The three universities ensured the program's quality by discussing the contents of the curriculum offered at each university's English course and setting high criteria for academic grades and credits. In FY 2020, the three universities provided the program completion certificate to those students who completed its requirements.

## ■ Promotion of Student-Mobility Environment

- **Academic Support:** The CAMPUS Asia office was equipped with multilingual staff members with overseas educational/research experiences and provided both academic and non-academic services.
- **Pre-Education Programs:** The program offered pre-education orientations for incoming and outgoing students who wished to improve language proficiency and research design.
- **Supporting Career Design:** To prepare for the future career of incoming and outgoing students, the Campus Asia office provided consultation sessions to each student, organized career seminars inviting lecturers from international organizations, and arranged visits to organizations related to risk management issues.
- **Expanding the contents of the Program :** The program continued encouraging doctoral students to utilize the program as part of their field research scheme. In addition, Triangle Program among the three campuses was offered.

## ■ Internationalization of the university: Information disclosure and publication of outcome

- **Promoting the Academic Program:** Pamphlets and newsletters were published regularly, as well as Facebook and home page were opened to promote and disseminate the achievements of the program.
- **Published the “Risk Management in East Asia”:** Professors from Kobe, Fudan, and Korea Universities jointly published a book entitled "Risk Management in East Asia." This book contains chapters of the theoretical framework and empirical studies of risk management, disseminating the concept of risk management at the international level. The book was also designed for co-teaching online courses as a textbook.



(Published book)

## ■ Good Practices

- In FY2020, several international experts were invited to implement Risk Management Online Seminar for the students. Students who completed the program, currently work at JICA, ITOCHU, ENEX Co., Korea Gas Corporation, and other international organizations related to risk management.
- The continuous career supports for the alumni lead to job opportunities as specialists at organizations such as the UNESCO Asia Pacific Regional Bureau for Education and UNICEF Sudan Office.