

# International Activities

As postsecondary education providers, it is our duty to contribute to the development of a stable global society by seeking solutions to the problems facing humanity today, such as environmental and energy issues, poverty and welfare, as well as those related to urbanization.

Kyoto University offers an English language framework called the K.U.PROFILE(Kyoto University Program for Future International Leaders), based on the ideology that “Kyoto University will educate outstanding and humane researchers and specialists, who will contribute responsibly to the world’s human and ecological community”. [KU Mission Statement – Education 4]

Kyoto University has been selected by the MEXT(Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology) to receive support as one of the “Global 30” hub institutions for internationalization. KU will be maximizing on its pioneering research resources to provide an education encouraging graduates to become future leaders in addressing the problems facing humanity today.

Currently underway are preparations to set up degrees that may be completed entirely in English, within the department of engineering. This will be followed by a gradual implementation of English courses at the master’s, doctoral and professional degree levels. With the focus on small-group instruction and fieldwork, these programs will encourage the development of an international network of global-minded individuals.

Kyoto University is engaged in numerous academic exchange programs in various scientific fields and has concluded agreements with many research-oriented universities and institutions worldwide, representing our country among the universities of the world. Exchanges of both information and human resources with the world’s academic institutions are increasing because forums and symposia have merged the traditional fields of the natural sciences, humanities, and social sciences with energy science, information science, and life science.

Kyoto University places in high priority, the developing of human resources to meet the needs of the world in the 21st century. Among our university’s student exchange programs is the Kyoto University International Education Program (KUINEP), a half-year or one-year program that offers lectures in English on subjects such as life sciences, environmental studies, biotechnology, statistics, physics, economics, information science, politics, social studies and the arts. Bilateral academic exchanges in science and technology and other fields are also an ongoing engagement. The university is deeply involved in the development of multilateral ties within the Asia Pacific region through its involvement with international organizations and university alliances such as the Association of Pacific Rim Universities (APRU) and the Association of East Asian Research Universities (AEARU).

To enhance our international exchange and cooperation activities, Kyoto University established the Organization for the Promotion of International Relations (OPIR) in April 2005. The principle guiding our international exchange endeavors is the improvement of mutual benefits for both Kyoto University and our partners.







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Left: Learning the etiquette of the Japanese tea ceremony.

Center: A serene mind makes for beautiful calligraphic works of art.

Right: Participants of the Kyoto University International Symposium in Indonesia during their fieldtrip to a volcano near Bandung.

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Top: The Faculty of Law and Economics after a snowfall.

Right: Participants of the APRU Doctoral Students Conference (DSC) wander through the Kiyomizu area during a cultural tour.

Bottom Right: APRU DSC members enjoying the chance to get to know each other.

Bottom Left: Relaxing by Kamo River.

