

# Kyoto University Alumni: Maintaining Links with Kyoto University Graduates

## 1. Formation

Since Kyoto University's founding at the end of 19th century, alumni associations were established by individual faculties, graduate schools, and departments. Although those various associations were active individually, there was no university-wide alumni association until the current association was founded in November 2006. Kyoto University Alumni currently embraces forty-seven faculty and departmental alumni associations, twenty-two domestic regional associations, twenty-two international associations and four student club associations. Its combined membership extends to 180,000 members.

Although the Kyoto University Alumni is still a relatively young organization, currently in its seventh year, we hope, through the efforts of our graduates, to further build and expand on the current forty-eight domestic, international, and student club associations to form a larger network of alumni more representative of Kyoto University's long history and rich tradition.

## 2. Activities

Kyoto University Alumni aims to enhance friendship among its members while evolving in tandem with the university itself. The association organizes lectures, reunions, and local events in specific regions and countries, as well as the annual Kyoto University Homecoming Day.

### ① Faculty/Departmental Alumni

If you join a faculty/departmental alumni association, you will automatically become a member of Kyoto University Alumni.

### ② Regional Alumni in Japan

Various regional associations hold conferences and invite speakers from Kyoto University to give lectures. They also support the university by holding regional seminars to present research results.



### ③ Regional Alumni Abroad

Each year, over 2,500 international students and researchers from over 100 countries come to Kyoto University to study or pursue their research. There are currently eleven associations spanning eight countries for international alumni, as well as eleven associations spanning nine countries for Japanese alumni living abroad. Kyoto University cooperates with the various overseas alumni associations to hold symposia and meetings.

## 3. Activities of Regional Alumni Associations

Regional alumni associations facilitate networking between members of differing academic backgrounds, and serve as regional repositories of knowledge, which, in cooperation with Kyoto University, can make valuable contributions to regional, national, and global development.

## 4. Alumni Associations as an International Bridge

By providing a bridge between graduates living in Japan and those who live abroad, Kyoto University Alumni seeks to further the development of Kyoto University.



1. Student-faculty softball game organized by Shimeikai, the Faculty of Agriculture alumni association
2. Kyoto University Okayama Seminar
3. The 9th Kyoto University Southeast Asian Forum Hosted by Himpunan Alumni Kyoto University (HAKU) in Indonesia
4. A Kyoto University delegation meets with members of Rakuseikai, the Kyoto University alumni association in Singapore
5. President Hiroshi Matsumoto joins a gathering of Euro Rakuyukai alumni association in London
6. A meeting of Euro Rakuyukai
7. Euro Rakuyukai, in front of Newton's apple tree in Cambridge