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-four domestic regional associations, twenty-three 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 eighth year, we hope, through the efforts of our graduates, to further build and expand on the current forty-seven 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 twelve associations spanning ten 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.