As globalization continues to advance at a rapid pace, Kyoto University has launched The 2x by 2020 Initiative as its new International Strategy to promote the further development of the university as a world-class institution of higher learning, and consolidate our global position as a World Premier University (WPU). The new International Strategy is premised on Kyoto University’s mission statement, with its fundamental principles to promote internationalization motivated by “an education and research tradition rooted in understanding and respect for global perspectives and diverse regional cultures,” ‘the rich, multifaceted culture that has evolved in Kyoto through 1,200 years of interaction between East and West,” and “creativity that can put forth a new paradigm developed by Kyoto University.”

The new International Strategy sets forth three key objectives in research, education and international service. It delineates specific measures and numerical targets to achieve those objectives, as well as measures that will be given immediate priority. To achieve the goals of The 2x by 2020 Initiative, Kyoto University is establishing the Kyoto University Global Academy (provisional name). We will also radically enhance our systems and infrastructure at the university-wide level, and with a mid- to long-term perspective. This will include such measures as the establishment of the International Strategy Committee, and efforts to double our internationalization indices by 2020. Through those efforts we aim to achieve a “true internationalization” that is founded on the achievement of concrete numerical targets.

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Kyoto University’s mission of knowledge

Achieve "true internationalization" founded on the achievement of numerical targets

Double internationalization indices by 2020

Creation

Transmission

Contribution

Three Key Objectives / Strategic Measures and Numerical Targets

Research

Promoting Globally Competitive Top-Class Research

International researchers and faculty members

Multinationally authored academic papers

Five international symposia annually

Education

Cultivating Human Resources with Strong International Skills

International students

Ratio of lectures in English

International Service

Contributing to Harmonious Coexistence within the Human and Ecological Community on this Planet

International students

International researchers and faculty members

Multinationally authored academic papers

Kyoto University Global Academy

Kyoto University Global Academy*

Institute for Liberal Arts and Sciences

Advanced Global Course (Undergraduate / Graduate)

Leading Programs at the Graduate School of Advanced Leadership Studies and Other Graduate Schools

Advanced Global Degree Program in International Cooperation*

The John Mung Advanced Program (Kyoto University Young Scholars Overseas Visit Program)

Hakubi Project

International Center for Emerging Sciences*