



Kyoto University's current international strategy, The 2xby 2020 Initiative (pronounced "double by twenty-twenty") was formulated in June 2013. The strategy aims to double the university's key international indices in the areas of research, education, and international service by the year 2020.



## Education

### English-Taught Degree Programs (P. 17)

Kyoto University was one of thirteen universities selected by the Japanese Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT) for its G30 project in 2009. Under the project, the university established a range of English-taught degree programs, and has subsequently launched many other English-taught programs.

### Double Degree Programs and Other Faculty-Level Exchange Programs

Under its Re-Inventing Japan Project, MEXT is funding educational exchange programs conducted in cooperation with institutions in the ASEAN region. Through this project, Kyoto University has launched double degree as well as student and faculty exchange programs.

- ▶ The ASEAN University Network (AUN) – Kyoto University (KU) Student Mobility Program toward Human Security Development <http://www.hsd.cpiar.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/index.html>
- ▶ Consortium for International Human Resource Development for Disaster-Resilient Countries <http://www.drc.t.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/>
- ▶ The Overseas Study Program <http://www.kuas.cpiar.kyoto-u.ac.jp/english/overseas-program/>

### Non-Degree Programs (P. 18)

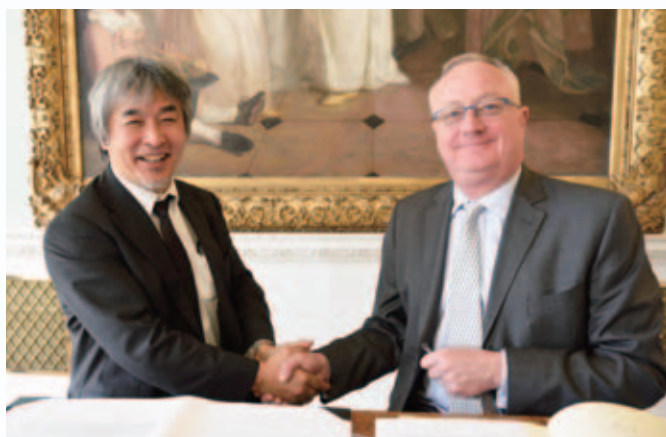
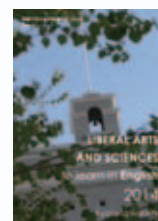
Kyoto University (KU) offers two types of exchange programs for a maximum of one year: the Kyoto University International Education Program (KUINEP) and the Kyoto University General Exchange Program. Both programs are open to international students from institutions with a student exchange agreement with KU.

KUINEP provides undergraduate level lectures in English to undergraduate exchange students as well as KU students.

In General Exchange Program, exchange students mainly take regular classes which are generally taught in Japanese in faculties or graduate schools they are affiliated. Graduate students are also allowed to research under his/her academic advisor's supervision without taking courses.

### Classes in English

<http://www.z.k.kyoto-u.ac.jp/introduction/la-english>  
Institute for Liberal Arts and Sciences now offers more than 110 classes in English and the number is growing further.



## Research

### The Hakubi Project

<http://www.hakubi.kyoto-u.ac.jp/eng/index.html>

This project is intended to foster excellent environment to researchers who will forge new paths in global academic research beyond disciplinary or geographic boundaries. It recruits 20 new researchers per year as program-specific faculty members for a period of five years with the rank of Associate Professor or Assistant Professor, representing a wide range of disciplines such as the humanities, social sciences, natural sciences, and applied sciences.



### International Symposium

Kyoto University has periodically held international symposia at venues around the world since 2001. The symposia aim to publicize selected areas of research being undertaken at the university, and to bring together prominent international scholars to promote collaboration and the sharing of knowledge and ideas.

### Research Units

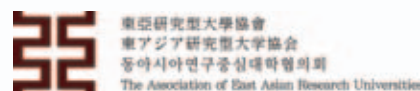
There are currently thirty-four interdisciplinary research units within Kyoto University. Rather than being tied to specific faculties or departments, the units are administrated by the Center for the Promotion of Interdisciplinary Education and Research (C-PIER). This arrangement enables projects to be flexible and mobile, and facilitates the pioneering of new education and research fields. For information on individual units, please refer to the websites listed on page 44.

### International University Consortia

Kyoto University is a member university of the following International University Consortia.

▶ The Association of East Asian Research Universities (AEARU)  
<http://www.aearu.org>

An association of eighteen leading research universities in East Asia.



▶ Association of Pacific Rim Universities (APRU)  
<http://www.apru.org>

Kyoto University is a founding member of this association of forty-five leading universities in the Pacific Rim region.



▶ International Association of Universities (IAU)  
<http://www.iau-aiu.net/>

Founded in 1950, the IAU is a UNESCO-based worldwide association of higher education institutions. It brings together institutions and organizations from 120 countries for reflection and action on common concerns, and collaborates with various international, regional and national bodies active in higher education.



▶ ASEAN University Network (AUN) / ASEAN+3

<http://www.aunsec.org>

An association of thirty-six universities, mainly from countries in the ASEAN region.



▶ HeKKSaGOn

<http://www.hekksagon.net/>

An association of six leading research universities from Japan and Germany. Kyoto University serves as chair university for the Japanese side.



▶ Japan-UK Research and Education Network for Knowledge Economy Initiatives (RENKEI)

<http://www.britishcouncil.jp/en/programmes/higher-education/university-industry-partnership/renkei>

An association of twelve leading research universities from Japan and the UK aiming to form dynamic partnerships between industry and higher education.



▶ U.S.-Japan Research Institute (USJI)

<http://www.us-jpri.org/en/index.html>

An organization based in Washington DC that promotes US-Japan collaboration on research and human resource development initiatives in collaboration with the business world. Kyoto university was one five Japanese founding institutions.



## International Contribution

### Kyoto University Bhutan Friendship Program:

<http://www.kyoto-bhutan.org/index-e.html>

The relationship between Bhutan and Kyoto University began in 1957, when Profs. Takeo Kuwabara and Johji Ashida guided Her Majesty Kezang Chode Wangchuck, the Queen of Third King of Bhutan during her visit to Kyoto. Following this memorial meeting, Dr. Sasuke Nakao, a graduate of Kyoto University, was invited by Her Majesty to Bhutan in 1958 as the country's first Japanese visitor. Another visit was made in 1969 by a research team led by Profs. Minoru Matsuo and Takeo Kuwabara, and a team led by Prof Ryohei Hori reached the summit of Mt. Masakang (7200m) in 1985.

In 2010 the university sent its first official delegation to Bhutan. The delegation met with His Majesty Jigme Singye Wangchuck, the Fourth King of Bhutan, and the Kyoto University Bhutan Friendship Program was subsequently launched. An MoU was concluded between Kyoto University and the Royal University of Bhutan in 2013.

