

OPIR:

The Organization for the Promotion of International Relations

The purpose of the OPIR is to coordinate and seek to maximize the mutual benefits that may be attained between Kyoto University and its partner institutions.

Serving as the international strategy headquarters, it makes decisions regarding international exchange matters for Kyoto University.

It also oversees several long existing international exchange committees.

www.opir.kyoto-u.ac.jp/e/index.html



Director General
Junichi Mori

Missions are: **1)** To gather information and coordinate international activities for the promotion of international relations at the university-wide level. **2)** To support international activities organized by other faculties and expand multi-faceted academic exchange through involvement with international university alliances. **3)** To improve the infrastructure for the recruitment of international students and researchers. **4)** To cultivate administrative skills for international exchange activities and enhance organizational quality.

Building Stronger International Ties Among Universities

Kyoto University hosted the AEARU* 17th Annual General Meeting and 29th Board of Directors Meeting for 2011. Also held for the first time was the 1st AEARU Symposium on the Culture of Chinese Characters during December 14-16. The next association event will be the 30th Board of Directors Meeting, scheduled to take place in May 2012 at Nanjing University.



[left] AEARU 17th Annual General Meeting and 29th Board of Directors Meeting December 14, 2011 [right] Participants in front of the Clock Tower Centennial Hall

*AEARU



The Association of East Asian Research Universities is a group of 17 major universities of the region dedicated to the development of higher education and research, and the encouraging of cultural, economic and social progress.

International Conferences Recently Attended

The Science and Technology in Society (STS) Forum 2011

www.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/news_data/h/h1/news7/2011/111003_3.htm

(The details of the next forum have not been finalized)

7th Forum for Chinese and Japanese University Presidents

www.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/news_data/h/h1/news7/2011/111014_2.htm

(The next forum will be held in China at Xiamen University in 2013)

Other Major Networks

The Association of Pacific Rim Universities (APRU) :

- 42 leading research universities located throughout the Pacific Rim.

International Association of Universities (IAU) :

- the UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization) based worldwide association of higher education institutions.

VKCO:

Vietnam National University, Hanoi – Kyoto University Collaboration Office

Initiated with the purpose of developing closer academic ties between Japan and Vietnam under the Japanese government's Global 30* project, the VKCO has been set up directly under the Vietnam National University in Hanoi, to assist interested parties within the two nations to explore their networking interests and expand their horizons.

*Global 30 – is a MEXT (Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology) outreach project with the aim of establishing a solid support network for overseas students who wish to study at Japanese universities.



Director
Toshihiko Shine

Activities

- Providing a portal to detailed information on all Japanese universities.
- Organizing education fairs throughout Vietnam.
- Assisting communications via video conferencing services.



[left] VKCO's first year foundation and Japanese educational global 30 seminar – held on September 17, 2011 at Vietnam National University, Hanoi

The Office in Hanoi

Office facilities are open for use by lecturers, students and staff of Japanese and Vietnamese universities, for selected purposes. Available are conference rooms, video conferencing systems and reference materials.

For more information about the office, visit

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