

## The Organization for the Promotion of International Relations (OPIR)

The OPIR coordinates and manages Kyoto University's international cooperation and exchange activities at the university-wide level. Serving as the university's international strategy headquarters, it seeks to maximize the mutual benefits of international cooperation between Kyoto University and its partners.



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### Main Activities:

- ◆ Information gathering and planning for the promotion of international relations at the university-wide level
- ◆ Expansion of multi-faceted academic exchange through involvement with international university alliances
- ◆ Improvement of infrastructure for the recruitment of international students and researchers
- ◆ Cultivation of administrative skills for international exchange activities and organizational enhancement

[www.opir.kyoto-u.ac.jp/e/index.html](http://www.opir.kyoto-u.ac.jp/e/index.html)

### Partner Universities and Consortia

Kyoto University has concluded 93 university-level, and over 500 faculty-level, exchange and cooperation agreements with leading universities, institutions and academic associations around the world. Through those agreements, the university is engaged in numerous collaborative research and academic exchange programs in various fields.

[www.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/research/international/agreement/index.htm/](http://www.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/research/international/agreement/index.htm/)



### Recent Activities

◆ On March 29–30, 2012, Kyoto University hosted The 2nd German-Japanese University Presidents' Conference. The conference was held by the HeKKSaGOn University Consortium, which consists of six leading research universities from Japan and Germany: Kyoto University, Osaka University, and Tohoku University from Japan; Heidelberg University, Göttingen University, and Karlsruhe Institute of Technology from Germany.

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◆ From 15–20 April, 2012, a delegation from Kyoto University visited Riyadh to attend the International Exhibition and Conference on Higher Education, an event hosted by the Saudi Arabian Ministry of Education to promote academic cooperation and student mobility. In addition to promoting Kyoto University to young Saudi Arabian students, the delegation had productive meetings to establish cooperative partnerships with several leading institutions, including Salman bin Abdulaziz University, and King Fahd University of Petroleum and Minerals and the affiliated Saudi Aramco oil company.

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◆ On May 24, 2012 Kyoto University welcomed a delegation headed by H.E. Mr. Guiren Yuan, Minister of Education of the People's Republic of China. Minister Yuan met with President Hiroshi Matsumoto and several executive staff members to discuss the strengthening of ties between Kyoto University and academic institutions in China.



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