

International Exchange Programs



Joint Forum "Lyon-Tohoku, Teaming for the Future" - We Pioneer the 2020 Horizon with Science and Technology

In February 2007, a Joint Forum was held in Lyon, France which celebrated the 100th, 150th and 50th Anniversaries of Tohoku University, Ecole Centrale de Lyon, and of INSA-Lyon respectively. Academic exchange agreements were implemented including the Double Degree Program with the two notable French institutions. With more than 300 participants in

total, including the Honorable Jacque Barrot, the Vice President of EU Commission, French and Japanese researchers as well as government and business leaders from both our countries spoke on the future of science and technology. They discussed the themes of transport, energy and materials, forecasting developments in each area over the upcoming ten years.

Nine New Institutions Join the Program for Academic Exchange

Sweden	Chalmers University of Technology	Apr. 19, 2006
Germany	Dresden University of Technology	Jun. 26, 2006
China	Xi'an Jiaotong University	Aug. 31, 2006
France	Ecole des Mines d'Albi-Carmaux	Sep. 12, 2006
China	East China Normal University	Sep. 20, 2006
Canada	University of Waterloo	Oct. 30, 2006
Indonesia	Gadjah Mada University	Dec. 16, 2006
China	Beihang University	Dec. 16, 2006
Korea	Sogang University	Feb. 2, 2007

As of March 31st 2007, there are 118 institutions from 25 countries and regions under the Academic Exchange Agreement.

Promoting the Overseas Internship Program

The Short-term Overseas Internship Program sends students to outstanding overseas institutions, and aims to foster future managers with international awareness. The students take an active part in international projects and participate directly in research projects at these institutions.



The Education Summit: "New Knowledge Society"

On March 3rd 2007, Tohoku University held an Education Summit, the "New Knowledge Society," at the Palace Hotel Tokyo. The summit was co-sponsored by the Yomiuri Shimbun, a major Japanese newspaper publisher, to mark the 100th anniversary of the university.

Global leaders from the sectors of academia, industry and government joined in for this auspicious occasion. The presidents of five outstanding universities from overseas and the 2002 Nobel Laureate in Chemistry Koichi Tanaka, a graduate of the School of Engineering, were invited to speak and exchange their views on the roles and functions of the universities and the paradigms of society.



(From left, front row) Finance Minister Omi, Tohoku University President Inoue, and the National Institute of Advanced Industrial Science and Technology (AIST) President Yoshikawa (Extract: March 2007)

Established the Tohoku University China Alumni Association

December 16, 2006

The Alumni Association aims to contribute to and promote cooperation and development in association with China and Tohoku University, increasing its contacts with the university. It also provides support to those wishing to study at Tohoku University and supports Tohoku University's PR activities in China.



Tohoku University US Office Opened

May 24, 2006



The US Office aims to strengthen the presence of Tohoku University in the US by promoting its developments in research and educational achievements and also supports the university's contribution to society on an international basis through its research.

Topics

"Spotlight on Sendai" - An Advertising Feature in "Nature"

In August 2006, Tohoku University placed an advertisement in the English science journal Nature, in cooperation with the City of Sendai. The article was entitled "Spotlight on Sendai." It shows Sendai as a "City of Trees" and also as an "Academic City" featured in a blend of natural beauty, convenience and advanced science.

Tohoku University introduces its research commitment to benefit the global scientific community as well as its research achievements, etc.

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