

Knowledge Has No Border; Learning Means Encountering New Knowledge; Further Expansion and Enrichment of International Exchanges

Silicon Valley Internship Program

The Silicon Valley Internship Program was conducted in the San Francisco Bay Area from April 26 to May 3, 2007. The program was coordinated in cooperation with the Tohoku University US Office in Los Altos, California. The objectives of the program were to foster students' competence as researchers, such as in their spirit of challenge, creativity, and innovative power, and to develop character among participants. Eighteen students were selected from 160 applicants and participated in the Program.



Short-Term Study Abroad Program in Sydney

The Short-Term Study Abroad Program was held for the first time in the University of Sydney, one of our university level academic exchange partner universities, in March 2008 and 20 undergraduate students participated in this 4-week program. In the Short-Term Study Abroad Program, students attended a 3-week Intensive English Course at the Centre for English Teaching, listened to some regular University of Sydney lectures, and visited various sites in Sydney and its surrounding areas.



11 more universities have signed agreements for Inter-university Academic Exchange Agreements (IAEA), which makes a total of 129 universities (as of August 1, 2008).

Country/Area	Name of University	Date of conclusion	Country/Area	Name of University	Date of conclusion
China	Lanzhou University	April 17, 2007	Venezuela	Simón Bolívar University	January 8, 2008
Korea	Yonsei University	May 29, 2007	Korea	Chung-Ang University	March 27, 2008
China	Tianjin University	June 8, 2007	Indonesia	Institut Teknologi Bandung	June 4, 2008
China	Dalian University of Technology	June 16, 2007	France	Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Lyon	June 6, 2008
Korea	Pusan National University	July 26, 2007	China	Yangzhou University	June 20, 2008
Korea	Kongju National University	July 29, 2007			

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Contributed to "The Year of Rennes, France in Sendai in 2007"

In 2007, the Sister City 40th Anniversary between Rennes, France, and Sendai, the Graduate School of International Cultural Studies of Tohoku University made a contribution to more exchanges with Rennes as an administrative office for an inter-university agreement with Université Rennes 2, and joined "The Year of Rennes, France in Sendai in 2007" as a member organization of the Executive Committee for "The Year 2007."



Established Tohoku University China Office

Tohoku University established the China Office in Beijing in April 2007. This office is designed to evolve the results and potential of research and education of the university, and put various projects into effect as a creative and structured "base for sending out knowledge." Tohoku University China Office is the second overseas office of the university following the Tohoku University US Office established in May 2006. It will play an important role as a base for future international exchange.



The Fourth Lyon-Tohoku Engineering and Science Forum



The Fourth Lyon-Tohoku Engineering and Science Forum - Toward the Joint Laboratory - was held by Tohoku University, Ecole Centrale de Lyon, and INSA de Lyon at Sakura Hall and the Auditorium of the Institute of Fluid Science, Tohoku University on December 13 and 14, 2007.

Approximately 100 participants attended the parallel sessions of specialized fields where they had discussions and exchanged information to establish substantial collaboration in creating a joint laboratory. Before this Forum, the three institutions signed a memorandum of agreement to establish a joint laboratory on December 11.

Four Party Joint Communiqué for International Exchange Signed

On November 1, 2007, the four parties of Tohoku University, the University of California at Riverside (UCR), the City of Sendai and the City of Riverside signed a Joint Communiqué. The President of Tohoku University, the Dean of Bourns College of Engineering at UCR (on behalf of the President of UCR), the Mayor of Sendai City, and the Mayor of Riverside City attended the signing ceremony.

Tohoku University will promote academic exchange and industry-academia collaboration with UCR in cooperation with Sendai City and Riverside City based on the Joint Declaration. This aims to contribute to developing the relationship between Sendai and Riverside by reflecting academic results back into society.

