

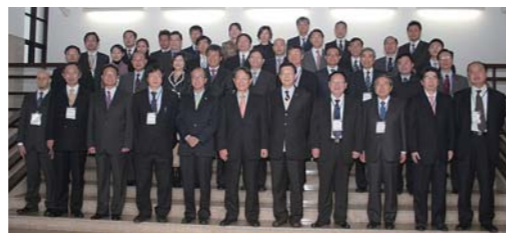
## Becoming a World-leading University through the Construction of a Global Network Creating a World-class Research and Education Center through International Exchanges

### Hosted the 15th Annual General Meeting, the Association of East Asian Research Universities (AEARU)

Tohoku University hosted the 15th Annual General Meeting of the Association of East Asian Research Universities (AEARU) on December 2–4, 2009. AEARU is an international consortium of 17 research-oriented universities in East Asia, Tohoku University, University of Tsukuba, The University of Tokyo, Kyoto University and Osaka University from Japan; Tsinghua University, Peking University, Fudan University, The University of Science and Technology of China, Nanjing University and The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology from China; Korea Advanced Institute of Science, Seoul National University and Pohang University of Science and Technology from Korea; and National Tsing Hua University and National Taiwan University from Taiwan, and furthers workshops and student exchange programs.

This Annual General Meeting chaired by President Matsumoto of Kyoto University reviewed its past activities and discussed plans for future activities.

Following the General Meeting, each of the member universities gave a presentation of its activities in a session led by President Inoue of Tohoku University, where attendees exchanged views about the improvement of undergraduate education and specialized education provided in English for universities to meet the globalization.



### Selected as a core university in the “Global 30” program of the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology



In July 2009, Tohoku University was selected as a core university to implement the Project for Establishing Core Universities for Internationalization (Global 30) of the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology with the aim to provide an educational environment that is very attractive for international students.

“Future Global Leadership,” a Global 30 program of Tohoku University, is designed to increase lectures and research guidance in English so that students can acquire a degree by taking such classes. Under this program, Tohoku University has established the Institute for International Education and the FGL Office as bases for the management of this program.

For the courses taught in English, our university is planning to increase to 16 courses until 2013, including the existing three courses. It is also planning to commence the International Program in Liberal Arts (IPLA) program in the autumn of 2010, based on its results in the Junior Year Program in English (JYPE) program, a short period English education program for students in science and engineering. Tohoku University has a plan to set up an overseas joint office with other universities for common use in Russia to support public relations there, and has established the Office of Japan-Russia Relations.

### Tohoku University Day (Shanghai Jiao Tong University, the Northeastern University of China and the Bandung Institute of Technology)

In FY2009, we launched Tohoku University Day to promote the understanding of our university's latest research results and educational activities to attract many more excellent international students/researchers, thereby making the university more internationally open.

Tohoku University Day was held at Shanghai Jiao Tong University in Shanghai on December 18, 2009, at Northeastern University in Shenyang, China on March 13, 2010, and at The Bandung Institute of Technology in Bandung on March 18, 2010.

The events included speeches delivered by the presidents of Tohoku University and each host university, presentations on the status and research results of Tohoku University, its divisions' teachers giving counsel to individuals, and poster/panel exhibition.



Northeastern University (China)

## United Nations University Global Seminar 8th Tohoku Session Increasing Poverty and Rich-Poor Gaps: From Glocal Perspectives

United Nations University Global Seminar 8th Tohoku Session under the title of “Increasing Poverty and Rich-Poor Gaps: From Glocal Perspectives” was jointly

co-hosted by Tohoku University and United Nations University on November 21–23, 2009.

UNU Global Seminars are held annually to enhance awareness about contemporary global issues and the role of the United Nations in addressing them. They are designed to provide a place where students who will lead the next can interact with distinguished scholars and practitioners and explore issues at once globally and be familiar in depth through lectures and group discussions.

This year's seminar was held as an event with two-night lodgings, with 83 attendees from across the country. They participated in lecture classes, group discussions, and presentation sessions.



### Study Abroad Program

Had the Tohoku University Study Abroad Program (SAP) at the University of California, San Diego (UCSD), in the United States, and at the University of Sydney in Australia.



Started in 2008, the SAP was carried out for the first time at USCD this year.

28 students participated in SAP at the University of Sydney, and 16 at USCD, mostly from undergraduate classes. During the spring academic break, they stayed about four weeks at the University of Sydney or USCD, where they received intensive English training and took lecture classes on special subjects together with local students. They also went on field trips or homestays to experience local culture and people's lives.

### Tohoku University Study Abroad Fair

Tohoku University Study Abroad Event was held by the Center for International Exchange on April 12, 2010.

This event is designed to encourage our students to go abroad for study or participate in international exchange activities.

This event included presentations about study abroad programs, short-period overseas training courses, language learning supports, etc., that our university carries out and about study abroad programs provided by overseas universities in partnership with our university, and from reports of students about their experiences as foreign exchange students or in short-period training programs. We invited universities

in partnership with Tohoku University and domestic institutions to support studying abroad. The students who were interested in going abroad had an opportunity to consult with the universities and institutions.



Tohoku University Study Abroad Fair

The Study Abroad Program at the University of Sydney

### 12 New Inter-university Academic Exchange Agreements Concluded. Total Agreements now at 144 (as of June 1, 2010)

Topics	Country/Area	Name of university	Date of conclusion	Country/Area	Name of university	Date of conclusion
* The 2009 version is based on information as of July 1, 2009. The 2008 version is based on information as of August 1, 2008.	Vietnam	Vietnam National University, Hanoi	2009. 7. 6	France	Université lumière Lyon 2	2009.10.20
	UK	The University of Sheffield	2009. 8.21	Taiwan	National Tsing Hua University, Hsinchu	2009.12. 2
	Italy	Università degli Studi di Firenze	2009. 8.21	Austria	Universität Wien	2010. 2.24
	Germany	Technische Universität Berlin	2009. 8.26	Korea	Kyung Hee University	2010. 3. 5
	France	École Polytechnique	2009. 9. 9	France	Université de Technologie Compiègne	2010. 3.15
	China	Shanghai Jiao Tong University	2009. 10.15	Indonesia	Bogor Agricultural University	2010. 3.23