

International Symposium

| Date | Name | Description | Place |
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| October 22-23, 2003 | Tohoku-Göttingen Forum | By presenting the latest research achievement to European scholars and to the general public and with the aim of promoting research collaboration as well as researcher and student exchange between Tohoku University and various academic institutions in Europe, Tohoku University held a joint forum with the University of Göttingen and the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science. | Göttingen, Germany |
| June 10-11, 2004 | Tohoku-Cambridge Forum | The event was Tohoku University's second overseas forum, held to facilitate broad-based academic exchange with the research institutions in the United Kingdom and other parts of Europe. | Cambridge, United Kingdom |
| October 22-23, 2004 | The Centennial Anniversary Commemoration of Lu Xun's Enrollment at Tohoku University | To commemorate the 100th Anniversary of a Chinese writer, Lu Xun's enrollment as an exchange student at Sendai Medical School, the forerunner of Tohoku University Faculty of Medicine. The presidents and vice-presidents of six major Chinese universities with which the University has academic exchange agreements were invited to attend a series of events. The events consisted of a commemorative ceremony, a public symposium which includes panel discussions with Sendai's business leaders, a seminar to discuss the future academic exchange between Tohoku University and Chinese institutions, and also a special exhibition of Lu Xun, at the Tohoku University Archives. | Sendai, Japan |
| September 27-28, 2005 | The International Symposium on Lu Xun — His Starting Point and Memories in Sendai | Tohoku University and the Lu Xun Museum in Beijing jointly organized this event with the support of the Japanese Embassy in China, it provided a forum where the scholars, government officials, and members of the general public explored and exchanged views, on the significance of Lu Xun's studies from an interdisciplinary perspective, to contribute in furthering its research. The event was held to celebrate the publication of the Chinese edition of <i>Lu Xun and Sendai</i> ; "The 100th Anniversary of Lu Xun's Enrollment at Tohoku University," compiled primarily by the Tohoku University faculty and students, and published by Tohoku University Press. | Beijing, P.R.China |



Activities for International Exchange

Double Degree Program with Overseas Institutions

As society becomes increasingly globalized, Tohoku University launches a double degree master's programs with elite institutes of higher education in France and China, to develop the next-generation of human resources, able to spearhead the 21st century. From fiscal 2006, the Écoles Centrale Group (composed of five Écoles Centrale [Lille, Lyon, Marseille, Nantes, Paris]) and the Institut National des Sciences Appliquées de Lyon (INSA-Lyon) become our program partners in France. All are grandes écoles, leading institutes which attract top students from France and other countries around the world, offering the finest in education. The partner in China is Tsinghua University, an institute of higher learning which is presently attracting much international attention. The Double Degree Programs of Tohoku University are in the undergraduate and graduate fields of science and engineering.

Global Operations Centre

Global Operations Centre (GOC) was established on June the 1st 2005, with the support of Japan's Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology; to create a university-wide international strategy with the objective of exercising strategic international exchange. GOC, as a strategic headquarters, will achieve and advance a flexible strategic concept with world wide realization of internationally competitiveness in research and education, at Tohoku University, GOC will also serve as a coordinator and guide the university's promotion of (1) the internationalization of the composition in Tohoku University's student body and staff, (2) the internationalization of Tohoku University's research and education activities, and (3) reform Tohoku University's internal organization and activities in light of international standards.

The activities of GOC are listed below:

- 1) Development of Double Degree Programs with institutions of higher learning overseas
- 2) Consult, contact, and coordinate with universities, governmental agencies and related organizations in Japan and overseas
- 3) Participate in activities related to the preparation, organization and support of international conferences (held in Japan and overseas) symposiums, seminars and the like
- 4) Possess provisions of information in various languages via an Internet website
- 5) Hold training programs for administrative staff
- 6) Promote international collaborative projects between the academia and industry
- 7) Establish and support the international student alumni organizations and the creation of an international exchange database
- 8) Support the activities related to the operation of overseas facilities