University Consortia

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AEARU (The Association of East Asian Research Universities) Established: 1996 Membership since: 1998 Countries/Regions: 5 Participating Institutions: 18	AEARU was established in 1996 with the goals of forming a forum for the presidents of leading research-oriented universities and carrying out mutual exchanges between major universities in East Asia. Expectations are that this regional consortium, on the basis of common academic cultural backgrounds among member universities, will contribute not only to the development of higher education and research but also to the opening up of a new era leading to cultural economic and social progress in the region.
APRU (Association of Pacific Rim Universities) Established: 1997 Membership since: 2008 Economies: 19 Participating Institutions: 60	APRU was established in 1997 with the aim of fostering cooperation in education and research contributing to the economic, scientific and cultural advancement, and it has grown rapidly to become a reputable international organization of leading research universities in 19 economies of the Pacific Rim. As the Voice of Knowledge and Innovation for the Asia-Pacific region, APRU brings together leaders, researchers, and policy-makers to exchange ideas and collaborate on effective solutions to the challenges of the 21st century. As part of Tohoku University's active participation, we have taken on the role of regional program hub for APRU's Multi-Hazards Program from 2013.
HeKKSaGOn The German-Japanese University Alliance: Heidelberg, Kyoto, Karlsruhe, Tohoku(in Sendai), Göttingen, Osaka-network Established: 2010 Membership since: 2010 Participating Institutions: 6	HeKKSaGOn, a German-Japanese University Network founded in 2010, is a bilateral university network composed of three Japanese and three German research-intensive universities (Kyoto, Osaka, Tohoku; Göttingen, Heidelberg and Karlsruhe) that aims to further develop international cooperation and the exchange of ideas in education, research and innovation to further advance science, technology, industry and culture between member universities. It brings together two of the world's high-tech countries facing similar challenges in society like Global Change and Adaptation.
MIRAI 2.0 project Established: 2017 Membership since: 2020 Participating Institutions: 20	MIRAI, which connects Swedish and Japanese universities through research, education and innovation, was started as a three-year project addressing scientific issues within Ageing, Materials Science and Sustainability between 2017 and 2019. From 2020, the MIRAI collaboration has entered a new phase, called MIRAI 2.0 (2020-2022) and Tohoku University is a new participant in this project. This project aims to contribute to long-term collaborations and research excellence between Sweden and Japan through activities in research, education and innovation and preparing the next generation of researchers. From 2020 until 2022, MIRAI 2.0 aims to develop further and expand the collaboration activities started in the MIRAI project in a new context, to meet what society today expects of research universities.
RENKEI (Japan-UK Research and Education Network for Knowledge Economy Initiatives) Established: 2012 Membership since: 2012 Participating Institutions: 12	RENKEI, the Japan-UK Research and Education Network for Knowledge Economy Initiatives, is a bilateral consortium that was formed in 2012 by leading universities from Japan and the UK with the support of the British Council. Its aim is to further knowledge exchange and research collaboration between institutions and individuals. This group of leading research intensive universities in the two countries will also develop collaborations with industry, governments and society to address global research challenges. The six participating Japanese universities are Osaka, Kyushu, Kyoto, Tohoku, Nagoya and Ritsumeikan. From the United Kingdom, the six members are Edinburgh, Southampton, Newcastle, Leeds, Liverpool and Durham.