

# Monthly Report (July, 2013)

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Theme of the Month	
(1) Analyze why the number of exchange students in our university has decreased and consider how to deal with the current situation.	<b>Specific Mission of Action:</b> Draw up a report of analysis and measures to take.
(2) Promote the 2nd phase of the International Consortium for Universities of Education in East Asia as well as international collaborative research.	<b>Specific Mission of Action:</b> Promote the international collaborative research toward the 8th International Symposium on Teacher Education in East Asia.
Details	
<p><b>For Theme (1) : [Activities of Office of Promoting International Strategies]</b> Held the first meeting of Working Group for Promoting International Strategies, and discussed the reasons why the number of exchange students in TGU has decreased and what we could do to improve the condition.</p> <p><b>For Theme (2) : [Activities for the International Consortium for Universities of Education in East Asia]</b> Prepared for “Mutual Students Exchange Program in the International Consortium for Universities of Education in East Asia”(JASSO) and “Volunteer activities at school after the Great East Japan Earthquake and Tsunami” (Subsidized theme by Sports and Youth Bureau of MEXT)</p>	
Results	
<p><b>For Theme (1): [Activities of Office of Promoting International Strategies]</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The main reason would be the decline in the number of Chinese/Korean graduate students and research students at their own expenses. This could be due to temporary and structural reasons. The effect of the earthquake, the nuclear plant, and the relation between China and Japan can be thought as the temporary reasons. We also cannot overlook the structural reasons, such as recent trend of Chinese/Korean students studying abroad in English-speaking countries, renovation of college environment in China, and more Korean students choosing China as a place to study. The report was handed in to President Yasuko Muramatsu by the head of the Office Takeshi Fujii, which was to deal with the issue by “enriching Japanese/Japanese Studies Course” and “enriching programs on educational issues and training educators”.</li> </ul> <p><b>For Theme (2): [Activities for the International Consortium for Universities of Education in East Asia]</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● It will be the last year of the 2nd Phase of the Activities for the International Consortium for Universities of Education in East Asia next year. Therefore, we classified basic information on the project for the future and exchanged opinions on how this project should be developed.</li> <li>● Manager Akiho and Associate Professor Shimoda visited National Hanayama Youth Outdoor Learning Center, an elementary school, and a junior high school in Kurihara City to make an on-the-spot</li> </ul>	

inspection and to make an arrangement of “Volunteer Activities at School After the Great Earthquake and Tsunami.”

- In East Asian Educator Training Seminar, a project hosted by the sector meeting, the three doctoral students reported ideas on their presentation for the 8th International Symposium on Teacher Education in East Asia.

#### **Plans for August and September**

Select participants for “Volunteer activities at school after the Great East Japan Earthquake and Tsunami,” and decide the program. Hold the First Planning Board. Visit Osaka Kyoiku University. Visit Beijing Normal University. Visit Kurihara, Tome, and Ishinomaki. Take part in the 8th International Symposium on Teacher Education in East Asia. Get ready to receive JASSO Scholarship Program and select participants.