

**Promoting Inter-university  
Exchanges beyond Language or  
Regional Research Activities.**

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# Regions and Languages for the Humanities

- For natural science and some social sciences, regions and languages are not necessarily essential factors.
- Without regions and languages, No appealing humanities studies.
- However, if we only keep within them, we cannot respond to the current situation appropriately.
- Apart from conventional individual overseas studies on regions and languages, **we need the new program of exchange.**

# Short-term exchange of student teams

- **Proposal of a short-term exchange scheme.**

*National Model United Nations*

the oldest and largest intercollegiate Model United Nations conference

(<https://www.nmun.org/index.html>)

Organised by National Collegiate Conference Association

**How about as an exchange model?**

# *Model United Nation model*

- Students make delegations of countries that are not countries of their own, and propose and discuss various international issues following the rules of the United Nations.
- By considering from the standpoint of others, students deepen international understanding and improve skills for solving problems.



# My Proposal (1)

- Students will conduct preliminary learning at their own university on themes decided in advance, then visit partner universities as teams and discuss with the teams of the partner schools.
- The discussion should be operated in languages other than their native languages. In English, many students can participate.

## My Proposal (2)

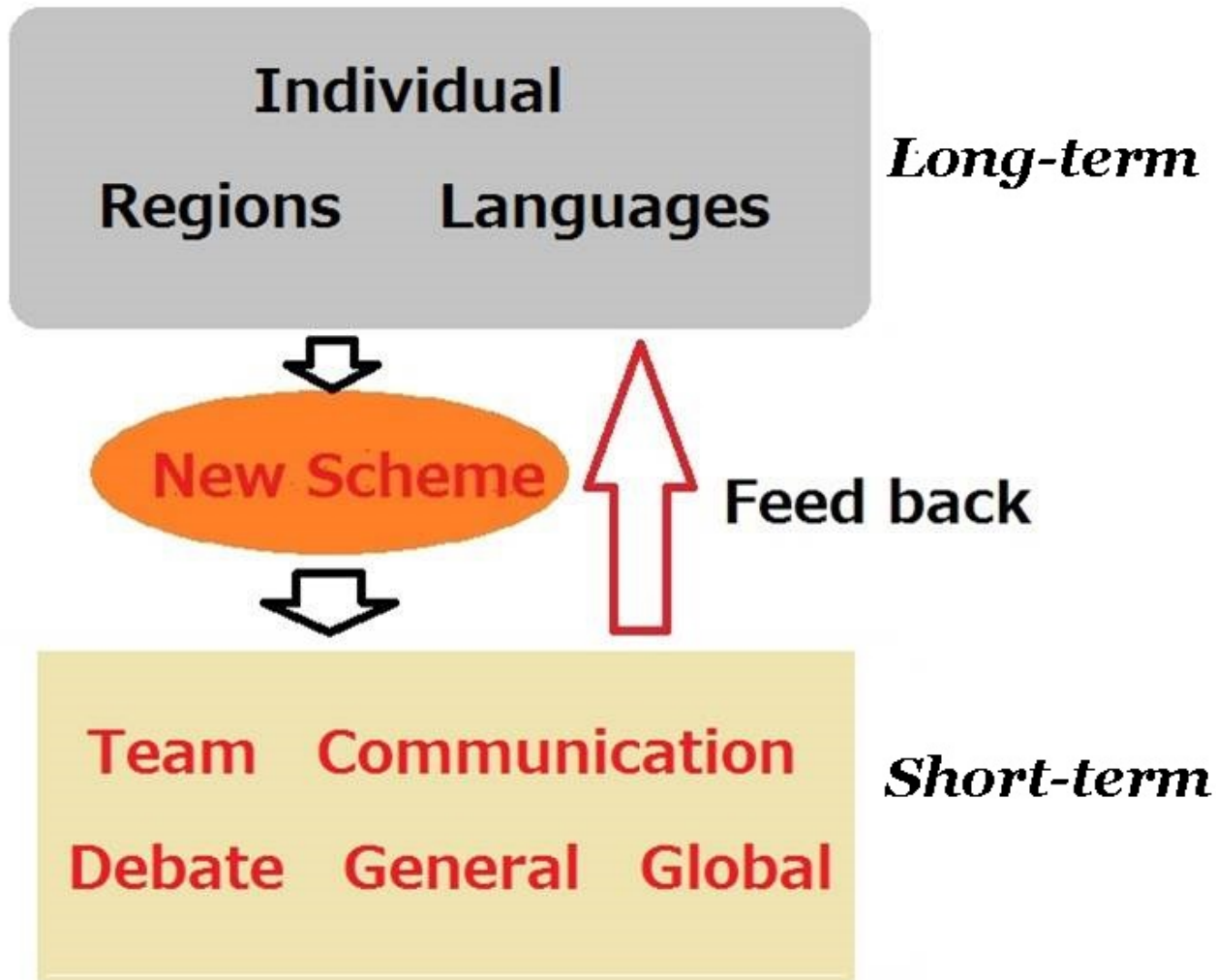
- By making a mixed team of several countries, we can expect more mutual understanding.
- Divide all participants into teams, and...
  - 1) Communicate within the team
  - 2) Investigate issues to be addressed
  - 3) Understanding through debate

Discussions should be based on surveys on areas less familiar to students, or on global issues.

**Students will understand diverse values and positions.**

# Merits of the scheme

- This system can be applied **between two universities, and three or more**, so a wide variety of university exchange will be realized.
- We can expect better results that are difficult to achieve with normal short-term program.
- This scheme will focus on methods of "problem solving", "consensus building" and "mutual understanding".
- Examples of assumed topics:  
Peace and reconciliation, Disaster, Poverty, etc.





*Thank you for your attention.*