

## UMAP Japan National Committee

is the Japanese representative organization to UMAP (University Mobility in Asia and the Pacific). UMAP is a voluntary association of government and non-government representatives of the higher education (university) sector in the region and aims to achieve enhanced international understanding through increased mobility of university students, faculty and staff in Asia and the Pacific.

### Background

Japan has been involved in UMAP since the first conference organized by the Australian Vice-Chancellors Committee (AVCC) to promote discussion on educational cooperation in Asia and the Pacific. At the 5th UMAP Reference Group Meeting, Japan proposed the establishment of a UMAP secretariat and the proposal was welcomed with much appreciation. For a full representation of the university sector in Japan, as well as to support UMAP International Secretariat to be established in Japan (then in Thailand, Taiwan and in Japan again from 2016), the Japan Association of National Universities (JANU), the Japan Association of Public Universities (JAPU), and the Federation of Japanese Private Colleges and Universities Associations (FJPCUA) jointly established UMAP Japan National Committee in April 1999 in cooperation with the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT). UMAP Japan National Committee aims to promote international educational exchange between Japan and other countries of the Asia-Pacific region in line with the policies of UMAP.

### Activities

UMAP Japan National Committee members are composed of representatives from JANU, JAPU, FJPCUA, MEXT and JASSO (Japan Student Services Organization) and the Committee has been conducting following activities. Expert Sub-Committee of professors and researchers in the field of international education and student exchange also supports the participation of Japanese universities in UMAP activities.

- (1) Cooperation and exchange with UMAP member countries and regions
- (2) Exchange with educational and academic organizations in Japan and other countries
- (3) Seminars, workshops and lectures
- (4) Information dissemination of resources in the field of international educational exchange
- (5) Support for activities of UMAP International Secretariat
- (6) Cooperation for the development and use of UCTS (UMAP Credit Transfer Scheme)
- (7) Others deemed appropriate for the promotion of UMAP activities

Recent projects include USCO (UMAP Student Connection Online), UMAP Summer Program and UMAP Research Net.

## Activities as UMAP Chair Country and UMAP International Secretariat

Japan was elected as UMAP Chair Country for 2009-2010, and again for 2013-2014. UMAP Japan National Committee nominated Dr. Toshimasa Asahara (2009-2010) and Dr. Ichiro Tanioka (2013-2014) as the UMAP Chairpersons, who chairs the UMAP Board Meetings which discuss and determine the policies and the main lines of work for the smooth and effective operation of UMAP.

At the 2<sup>nd</sup> UMAP Board Meeting 2015, Japan was elected as the UMAP International Secretariat host country for 2016-2020, and designated Toyo University as the International Secretariat host University.

## UMAP Ambassadors

UMAP confers a title of UMAP Ambassador to those who have rendered prominent service to the UMAP activities and recognizes their contribution for the promotion of UMAP. Following is the list of UMAP Ambassadors as of 2018. (Titles shown are as of the year of conferment).

- |      |  |
|------|--|
| 2001 | Dr. Tong-In Wongsothorn<br>(Deputy Permanent Secretary, Ministry of University Affairs, Thailand)                              |
| 2003 | Mr. Bob Goddard<br>(Assistant Secretary General, International Relations, Australian Vice-Chancellor's Committee, Australia)   |
| 2006 | Dr. Mineo Nakajima<br>(President, Akita International University, Japan)   |
| 2009 | Prof. Akira Ninomiya<br>(Vice-President, Hiroshima University, Japan)  |
| 2011 | Dr. Sumate Yamnoon<br>(Secretary-General, Office of the Higher Education Commission, Ministry of Higher Education, Thailand)   |
| 2016 | Dr. Min-Ling Yang<br>(Director General, Department of International and Cross-strait Education, Ministry of Education, Taiwan) |

## List of UMAP Participating Universities

As the UMAP Japan National Committee is a joint organization formed by national, public and private university associations, all the universities in Japan constitute UMAP Japan. Universities wishing to participate in UMAP exchange programs and use UCTS are designated as UMAP Participating Universities. As of August, 2018, 111 Japanese universities are registered in the list.

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| 1 Aichi Prefectural U *  | 57 Miyagi Gakuin Women's U  |
| 2 Aichi Shukutoku U  | 58 Momoyama Gakuin U  |
| 3 Aichi Toho U   | 59 Muroran Institute of Technology  |
| 4 Aichi U  | 60 Musashi U *  |
| 5 Akita International U *  | 61 Nagaoka U of Technology  |
| 6 Akita Prefectural U  | 62 Nagoya Institute of Technology   |
| 7 Akita U  | 63 Nagoya U   |
| 8 Aomori U of Health and Welfare   | 64 Nagoya U of Foreign Studies *  |
| 9 Aoyama Gakuin U  | 65 Nanzan U *   |
| 10 Bunkyo Gakuin U   | 66 Nihon U  |
| 11 Bunri U of Hospitality  | 67 Niigata U *  |
| 12 Chiba U *   | 68 Okayama U  |
| 13 Chuo U  | 69 Osaka City U   |
| 14 Doshisha U  | 70 Osaka Gakuin U *   |
| 15 Fukuoka Jo Gakuin U   | 71 Osaka Institute of Technology *  |
| 16 Fukushima U   | 72 Osaka Jogakuin U *   |
| 17 Future U Hakodate   | 73 Osaka Prefecture U   |
| 18 Gakushuin U *   | 74 Osaka U  |
| 19 Gifu U  | 75 Osaka U of Commerce  |
| 20 Hijiyama U  | 76 Otaru U of Commerce *  |
| 21 Himeji Dokkyo U   | 77 Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific U   |
| 22 Hiroshima U *   | 78 Ritsumeikan U  |
| 23 Hokkaido U  | 79 Saitama U  |
| 24 Hokuriku U  | 80 Sapporo City U   |
| 25 Hosei U   | 81 Seigakuin U  |
| 26 International Christian U   | 82 Seinan Gakuin U  |
| 27 International U of Health and Welfare                                 | 83 Shibaura Institute of Technology *   |
| 28 International U of Japan (Graduate School of International Relations) | 84 Shigakukan U   |
| 29 Iwate U *   | 85 Shirayuri U  |
| 30 J. F. Oberlin U *   | 86 Shokei Gakuin U  |
| 31 Japan Advanced Institute of Science and Technology                    | 87 Showa Women's U *  |
| 32 Kagoshima U   | 88 Soka U   |
| 33 Kanazawa U  | 89 SOKENDAI (The Graduate U for Advanced Studies)                                   |
| 34 Kanda U of International Studies                                      | 90 Sonoda Women's U   |
| 35 Kansai Gaidai U   | 91 The U of Electro-Communications (Center for International Programs and Exchange) |
| 36 Kansai U *  | 92 The U of Kitakyushu  |
| 37 Keio U  | 93 Tohoku U   |
| 38 Kibi International U *  | 94 Tokai U  |
| 39 Kitami Institute of Technology  | 95 Tokyo City U   |
| 40 Kobe Design U   | 96 Tokyo Institute of Technology  |
| 41 Kobe U  | 97 Tokyo U of Agriculture and Technology  |
| 42 Konan U   | 98 Tokyo U of Foreign Studies   |
| 43 Kumamoto Gakuin U   | 99 Toyo U of International Studies *  |
| 44 Kumamoto U  | 100 Toyo U *  |
| 45 Kwansai Gakuin U  | 101 Toyohashi U of Technology   |
| 46 Kyorin U *  | 102 Toyota Technological Institute  |
| 47 Kyoto Institute of Technology   | 103 Tsuru U   |
| 48 Kyoto Notre Dame U  | 104 U of Fukui *  |
| 49 Kyoto Sangyo U  | 105 U of Marketing and Distribution Sciences  |
| 50 Kyoto U of Education  | 106 U of Miyazaki   |
| 51 Kyoto U of Foreign Studies  | 107 U of the Ryukyus *  |
| 52 Kyushu Institute of Technology  | 108 U of Tsukuba  |
| 53 Kyushu International U  | 109 Utsunomiya U  |
| 54 Kyushu U  | 110 Waseda U  |
| 55 Meiji U   | 111 Yokohama National U   |
| 56 Meiji U   |   |

\* Universities which signed "UMAP Pledge of Agreement"

## UMAP Japan National Committee

c/o Japan Student Services Organization (JASSO)  
2-2-1 Aomi, Koto-ku, Tokyo 135-8630 Japan  
Tel: +81-3-5520-6012 Fax: +81-3-5520-6013  
E-mail: [umap@jasso.go.jp](mailto:umap@jasso.go.jp)

(2018.8)