

Undergraduate International Exchange at Kyoto University of Education

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Introduction of Kyoto University of Education (KUE)

- ❑ Founded in 1876 as Kyoto Normal School – Long history of 128 years.
- ❑ One of the 11 Universities of Education with a single faculty in Japan.
- ❑ Undergraduate course – 300 students a year; 160 teachers training course and 140 integrated science course.
- ❑ Graduate school with 70 students; about 30% is reserved for in-service training.
- ❑ 7 attached schools including 2 primary and 2 middle schools.

International Exchange at KUE

- ❑ 6 agreements with universities and faculty in China, Thailand, Australia, Korea, and CREPUC.
- ❑ Actively exchanging students with Shanghai Teachers University in China and Rajabhat Universities in Thailand.
- ❑ Assistance of JASSO (Japan Student Services Organization) is essential.

Exchange Program with Shanghai Teachers University

- ☐ Accept at least one student (graduate or undergraduate) from Shanghai every year.
- ☐ Send one student every two years from our side.
- ☐ Invite two young scholars every year.
- ☐ Send two professors every year.
- ☐ Held Alumni meeting in Shanghai.

Exchange Program with 41 Rajabhat Universities in Thailand

- ❑ Form a consortium with 6 Education Universities and Faculties in Kansai area are formed for exchange program with 41 Thai RU.
- ❑ Accept 4 to 5 students every year for about one year.
- ❑ Send at least one student to Thailand every year.
- ❑ Alumni meeting are held in Bangkok every year.

Advanced Student Exchange Pilot Project Support Program

- ❑ A student exchange project under the student exchange agreement between consortia, launched by the Ministry in 2003.
- ❑ Period: within 3 years.
- ❑ Scholarship: 100,000 yen (~1180 C\$) per month
- ❑ Support for 3 months to one year.
- ❑ Travel expenses are fully supported.

Exchange Program of the Pilot Project

- ❑ Kansai Educational Universities/Faculties consortium applied to the program of exchanging undergraduate students with Thai consortium and was accepted.
- ❑ Five Thai students take special consecutive courses in 3 different universities in Kansai area.
- ❑ Fifteen Japanese students also took similar courses in Chiangmai, Ayutthaya, and in Bangkok.

Students' Experience in Thailand

- ❑ Each university provided a special course of language, history, culture, politics and economy of Thailand.
- ❑ Japanese students lived in dormitories and experienced the life-style of Thai students.
- ❑ Upon their return home, they actively relate their experiences through talk, presentations, photos, etc.



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Conclusion

- ❑ The exchange program is very valuable in pre-service teacher-training program.
- ❑ If the program is well prepared in both side, the effect upon young students is great.
- ❑ This is a new style of exchange program for undergraduate students.