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Friday, December 7<sup>th</sup>

# Japan - France

## Symposium in Higher Education

The universities' roles  
and internationalization  
in the regional development

### Venue

Symposium Hall of Maison Franco-Japonaise

### Organizers

The Japan Association of National Universities (JANU)

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Programme

## Programme

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9:30	<b>Registration</b>
10:00	<b>Opening Remarks</b> <b>Dr. Kyosuke Nagata</b> , Vice President of JANU, President of University of Tsukuba <b>Dr. Mohamed Amara</b> , Vice President of International Commission of CPU, President of University of Pau and Pays de l' Adour <b>Dr. Jocelyne Brendlé</b> , Vice President of the International & Development Commission of CDEFI, Dean of National Graduate School of Engineering Chemistry of Mulhouse (ENSCMu) <b>Dr. Cécile Sakai</b> , Director of the French Research Institute on Japan (MEAE-CNRS) at Maison franco-japonaise <b>Mr. Kazuhiko Hayashi</b> , Director for International Analysis, Higher Education Bureau, Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology <b>Ms. Béatrice Khaiat</b> , Acting Director of Campus France
10:30	<b>Keynote Presentations</b> <b><i>University reform in Japan and France</i></b> <b>Dr. Jean-Luc Nahel</b> , Advisor for Foreign Affairs at CPU, Honorary President University of Rouen <b>Dr. Kyosuke Nagata</b> , Vice President of JANU, President of University of Tsukuba Discussion
11:30	<b>Session 1</b> <b><i>The universities' roles in the revitalization of local regions</i></b> <b><i>- Collaboration between universities and society, industry and local governments in education and research</i></b> <b>Speakers</b> <b>Dr. Patrick Lévy</b> , President of University Grenoble Alps <b>Dr. Denis Duclos</b> , Director of European, International and French Overseas Departments Relations of National Museum of Natural History <b>Dr. Yasunao Hattori</b> , President of Shimane University <b>Commentators</b> <b>Dr. Karl Tombre</b> , Vice President of Lorraine University <b>Dr. Makoto Watanabe</b> , Vice President for Education and International Affairs of Chiba University Discussion

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12:45	<p><b>Short presentation of COMIX 2019, the Japan - France Joint Committee on Co-operation in Science and Technology 2019</b> <b>Dr. Jean-Christophe Auffray</b>, Scientific Counsellor at the French Embassy in Japan</p>
12:55	<p><b>Networking Lunch</b></p>
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15:30	<p><b>Wrapping up and Closing Remarks</b> <b>Prof. Eric De Chasse</b>y, General Director of French National Institute of Art History (INHA) <b>Dr. Sugata Takahashi</b>, President of Niigata University</p>
15:50	<p><b>Photo Shooting</b></p>
16:00	<p><b>Close</b></p>
17:40	<p><b>Doors Open</b></p>
18:00	<p><b>Reception Dinner at French Embassy</b></p>

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## Vice President, University of Tsukuba

Dr. **Caroline F. Benton**

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Dr. Benton was appointed as Vice President of Global Affairs of the University of Tsukuba in 2013, after serving as chair of the university's MBA Program in International Business. Her research interests lie in knowledge management and global leadership; her research projects include a 12-country study on the learning mechanism of global leadership competencies, a comparative study on global-mindedness in youth, and most recently a Japanese government-funded study on well-being and happiness in corporations.

In addition, she is Director General of the university's Global Commons, an expert member of the Japanese Association of National Universities' International Exchange Committee, and is working with the regional government on various committees, including the Ibaraki Prefecture's Master Plan Committee, and Tsukuba City Overcoming Population Decline and Vitalizing Local Economy Committee.

Dr. Benton earned her Bachelor of Science degree from the University of California, Davis, her MBA degree from the University of Tsukuba, and her PhD in Management Engineering from the Tokyo Institute of Technology.



**Vice President, JANU**  
**President, University of Tsukuba**

Dr. **Kyosuke Nagata**

Dr. Nagata is current President of University of Tsukuba. His major subject areas are virology and molecular biology, studying molecular mechanisms on replication and transcription of viral and host cellular genomes/chromatin, molecular mechanisms on virus multiplication and pathogenicity, and cell cycle control and oncogenesis. He received his Bachelor and Master of Pharmaceutical Sciences and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Tokyo. After graduation, he became a research associate at Albert Einstein College of Medicine and a research fellow at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Institute. He then became an assistant professor at National Institute of Genetics, and an associate professor at Tokyo Institute of Technology before becoming a professor at University of Tsukuba and the Vice President of the Japan Association of National Universities.



**Vice President, International Commission of CPU**  
**President, University of Pau and Pays de l'Adour**

Dr. **Mohamed Amara**

Mohamed Amara is president of Université de Pau et des Pays de l'Adour (UPPA) since May, 2012.

He is Professor in applied mathematics and numerical simulation. He is a member of the Applied Mathematics Laboratory of Pau (UMR CNRS 5142) and of the 3D Magic project team of Inria (French National Institute for Research in Computer Sciences).

From 1999 till 2007, Mohamed Amara was director of the of the Applied Mathematics Laboratory (UMR CNRS 5142), then director of the graduate school of sciences and applications (ED211) from 2007 till 2008, and lastly vice-president of the scientific research council of the UPPA till 2012.

He was also the of the head mathematics scientific program's at the French National Research Agency (ANR) for four years till December 2011.

He is actually vice-president of the International and European committee of the French Conference of University Presidents (CPU).



**Vice President of the International & Development Commission,  
Conference of Deans of French Schools of Engineering (CDEFI)  
Dean of the National Graduate School of Engineering Chemistry  
of Mulhouse (ENSCMu)**

**Dr. Jocelyne Brendlé**

Dr Jocelyne Brendlé is currently the dean of the National Graduate School of Engineering Chemistry of Mulhouse. Her research areas are focused on layered materials (clay minerals, organic-inorganic hybrids having a clay-like structure) going from the synthesis by hydrothermal or sol-gel process, to the functionalization through ion exchange or grafting and applications in the field of drug delivery systems, heavy metal cations retentions, polymer-clay nanocomposites. She received her Bachelor, Master of Chemistry, Ph.D. and HDR degrees from the University of Haute Alsace. After graduation, she became an associate professor and a professor of inorganic chemistry at the University of Haute Alsace and the Institute of Material Science (CNRS UMR 7361). She authored and co-authored 90 publications and 17 patents and was during 4 years President of the French clay Group before becoming Vice President of the International Clay Association (AIPEA). She is also elected member of the scientific council of the Freiburg Materials Research Center, Germany, and Vice President of the International & Development Commission of CDEFI in 2017.



**Director, the French Research Institute on Japan  
(MEAE-CNRS) at Maison franco-japonaise**

**Dr. Cécile Sakai**

Ph.D, Professor of Japanese Literature, Paris Diderot University, currently Director of the IFRJ-MFJ. Member of the Center for Researches on East Asian Civilizations (CRCAO, CNRS/EPHE/Collège de France/ Paris Diderot University). <http://www.crao.fr>

Administration : Former Dean of the Department of East Asian Languages and Civilizations (2001-2006) ; Vice-President of Paris Diderot University for Student and Cultural Affairs (2007-2009) ; Director of the Japanese Section of the CRCAO (2009-2013).

President of the Konishi Foundation French-Japanese Translation Jury 2005 -2016, and former President of the French Society for Japanese Studies.

Cécile Sakai is a specialist of Japanese Modern Literature, working on the Sociology of Literature and Translation Studies. She has published numerous papers and books on Popular Literature and Contemporary Fictions. She has also translated into French about 25 works by Kawabata Yasunari, Tanizaki Jun.ichirô, Kôno Taeko, Enchi Fumiko, Tsushima Yûko, etc, published by Gallimard, Le Seuil, Albin Michel, Philippe Picquier.



**Director for International Analysis, Higher Education Bureau  
Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT)**  
Mr. **Kazuhiko Hayashi**

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Mr. Hayashi received his Bachelor of Laws degree from Osaka University and Master of Arts in Higher Education Administration degree from J. F. Oberlin University.

After graduation, he was employed as an official of the Ministry of Education, Science and Culture (in 2001 the ministry changed its name to MEXT).

Recently he engaged in higher education and science, such as Director General of Tokyo University of Agriculture and Technology, Senior Director of Hokkaido University, Professor of Assessment Office of Kyushu Institute of Technology and Senior Director of Japan Science and Technology Agency (JST).

Now he engages in research and analysis of international policy and activities of Universities of Japan.



**Acting Director, Campus France**

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Ms. **Béatrice Khaiat**

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Béatrice Khaiat is the acting director of Campus France since July 2018. She had been its director since July 2015. She obtained the diploma of ESCP Europe in 1981, the diploma (major in international relations) of Institut d'Etudes Politiques in 1984, and then Diploma of International Advanced Studies of John-Hopkins University. Having worked in Edufrance (which became Campus France in 2014) from the beginning of its creation, she had been its director from 2000 until 2006, and from 2009 until 2012. At the same time, she participated in the French delegation of European Union as the deputy general secretary from September 2007 to March 2009. She was also deputy director of the cabinet of Claude Allègre (1997-2000), and then deputy director of the cabinet of Jack Lang (2000-2002), Minister of National Education, and after that, technical advisor of cabinet of Jean-Marc Ayrault, Prime Minister (2012-2014). In April 2014, she became the deputy director of Campus France.



### Keynote Speaker

Advisor for Foreign Affairs,  
French Conference of Presidents of Universities (CPU)

Dr. Jean-Luc Nahel

#### Cursus

2007 : Professor of university : Exceptional Class

2002 : Professor of university : 1<sup>st</sup> Class

1995 : Professor of university : 2<sup>nd</sup> class

1989 : Assistant Professor

#### Graduations :

1994 : Post Doctoral Degree required to advise doctoral student (in French HDR)

1988 : Doctorat de 3<sup>ème</sup> cycle en anthropologie Thèse mention très bien à l'unanimité Paris 5 1975 : Master of philosophy

#### Administrative Responsibilities :

1994–1998 : Co-Director of the laboratory: « Innovation Research in societies » University of Rouen (Normandy)

1998–2002 : Dean of the faculty of psychology, sociology, anthropology, educational science – University of Rouen

2002–2007 : President of the University of Rouen (24000 students) Polythematic university with medical cursus

2005–2007 : President of the Normandy University pole (3 universities : Rouen, Caen, le Havre)

Mars 2008 : Member of the franco-american commission for the examination of the research programs (PUF) in Washington

Since 2007 : Advisor for foreign affairs at the Conference of Presidents of French Universities (CPU)

**Subject of research :** Health anthropology.



### Keynote Speaker

Vice President, JANU  
President, University of Tsukuba

Dr. Kyosuke Nagata

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**Speaker****President, University Grenoble Alpes**Dr. **Patrick Lévy**

Patrick Lévy, is currently President of Université Grenoble Alpes, after being President of the federative institution Communauté Université Grenoble Alpes (2015-dec. 2017), and President of Université Joseph Fourier (2012-2015)<sup>1</sup>.

He is also leading the project "Université Grenoble Alpes : University of innovation" labeled *Initiative of Excellence* by the French government in 2016. This project is based on an ambitious vision aiming at establishing a comprehensive world-class research and multidisciplinary university in the alpine area.

Patrick Lévy is a professor of Physiology, Doctor in Medecine and a respiratory physician, graduated with a Master degree in Animal Physiology (1986) and a PhD in Physiology (1989).

He led for 24 years the Pulmonary Function Test Unit- Sleep Lab (1988-2012) and for 12 years the Clinical research Department of Grenoble University Hospital (2000-2012). Between 2003 and 2015, he was at the head of the Hypoxia Pathophysiology Laboratory- HP2 (Université Grenoble Alpes; Inserm) which is one of the most active research laboratory on obstructive sleep apnea worldwide.

<sup>1</sup> Université Joseph Fourier merged with the two other universities of Grenoble (Stendhal and Pierre Mendès France) in 2015 to create the current Université Grenoble Alpes

**Speaker****Director of European, International and French Overseas Departments Relations  
National Museum of Natural History**Dr. **Denis Duclos**

Denis Duclos is the director of European, international and French overseas departements relations in National Museum of Natural History.

He was previously in charge of the international relations in Collège de France. He also worked in the French diplomatic network as counselor of cooperation and cultural matters in Estonia and in Latvia, while being director of the Institut français in Tallinn and Riga.

He began his career in one of the most famous museum in the world, Orsay Museum, Musée d'Orsay, where he was appointed as the director of the legal and budget department.

**Speaker****President, Shimane University**Dr. **Yasunao Hattori**

I am the president of Shimane University since April 1, 2015. Before I became the president, I was working at Shimane University since 1993 as an associate professor and professor at the Department of Mathematics and Computer Science. I was also the Dean of the Interdisciplinary Faculty of Science and Engineering from October 1, 2011 to March 31, 2015.

My major is Mathematics, especially Topology- a part of Geometry. Topology is the study of properties preserving by continuous transformations, and it has a big progress in the last one hundred years. I was awarded the Doctor of Science from Tsukuba University in 1992. I am a member of The Mathematical Society of Japan and American Mathematical Society.

**Commentator****Vice President for European and International Strategy,  
Lorraine University**Dr. **Karl Tombre**

Prof. Karl Tombre received a PhD degree in computer science in 1987. From 1987 to 1998, he was senior researcher at INRIA. In September 1998, he joined Institut National Polytechnique de Lorraine as full professor, before returning from 2007 to 2012 to Inria on secondment, to hold the position of director of the Inria Nancy - Grand Est research center. Since September 2012, he is vice-president of Université de Lorraine, in charge of the university's European and International Strategy; in addition, he is executive director of the Lorraine Université d'Excellence (LUE) excellence initiative. Prof. Tombre's scientific expertise is in pattern recognition and image analysis, more precisely document image analysis. From August 2006 to December 2008, he was the president of the International Association for Pattern Recognition (IAPR). He was a co-founder of the International Journal on Document Analysis and Recognition and one of its editors in chief until 2013, member of the editorial board of 3 other journals, and member of numerous international conference committees.

**Commentator****Vice President, Chiba University**Dr. **Makoto Watanabe**

Makoto Watanabe received his Bachelor's, Master's and Doctoral degrees of Engineering from Chiba University, Japan. Currently he is a Vice President for Education, Student and International Affairs at Chiba University. His major field of interest and publication are mainly on Industrial Design, Design Management and Design Expert System. He is also a member of Japan Society for the Science of Design. After graduation, he became an Industrial/Watch Designer, Design Department, Seiko Instruments Inc. He joined Chiba University in 1995 and he was Visiting Researcher, Brunel University. He experienced a Project Leader, Global Asia Design School Program and a Program Manager, Service and Product Design Program. He was WDO (ICSID) Executive Board from 2013 to 2017 and he is JDP (Japan Institute of Design Promotion) Board in design area. He is also Guest Professor of Zhejiang University and Nanjing University of the Arts (China).

**Speaker**

**Vice President, International Commission of CPU  
President, University of Pau and Pays de l'Adour**

Dr. **Mohamed Amara**

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**Speaker**

**Vice President for Foreign Affairs, University of Tours**

Dr. **Marc Desmet**

Prof. Marc Desmet is Vice President for foreign affairs at the University of Tours. Previously, he was the director of the geoscience research unit in this institution. His major subject areas are earth sciences and his research is dedicated to the study of the pollution of water bodies by trace elements and organic compounds. He is involved in many international projects focusing on geochemical urban footprint onto rivers in emerging megacities. He received his Master of Applied Earth Sciences from the university of Lyon and his Ph.D. degrees from the University of Strasbourg. After graduation, he became an associate professor at the University of Savoy and applied for a full professor position at the university of Tours, ten years ago. He is committed in several national and international expert groups.

**Speaker**

**Executive Vice President, Tohoku University**

Prof. **Toshiya Ueki**

Toshiya Ueki is the Executive Vice President for General Affairs, Financial Affairs and International Relations at Tohoku University and is also a Professor at the Faculty and Graduate School of Law. Presently he holds the position as the Director of Tohoku University China Office, Russia Office and of its Thailand Office.

He has been recognized for his exceptional work in the fields of transnational/international law and for his studies on the theory of international law related to international organizations. He was awarded the 27th Adachi Mineichiro Memorial Award in 1994. He was a Visiting Fellow at the Research Centre for International Law at the University of Cambridge and a Visiting Scholar at the Harvard-Yenching Institute at Harvard University. He is a member of distinguished academic societies including the Japanese Society of International Law and the International Law Association.

**Commentator**

Vice President of the International & Development Commission,  
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Dr. Jocelyne Brendlé

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**Commentator**

Vice President, Hiroshima University

Dr. Yasushi Maruyama

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YASUSHI MARUYAMA, Ph. D. (Florida State University) is Professor of Philosophy of Education and currently Vice President for International Exchange at Hiroshima University, Japan. He has served as an editor of various academic journals, including the editor-in-chief of *Studies in the Philosophy of Education*, a Journal of The Philosophy of Education Society of Japan. His research interests contain the philosophy of Wittgenstein, philosophy of mind, ethics of teaching, professional ethics education and postcolonialism. Among his publications are "Tragedy of Education, the Other in Education: Beyond the Colonialism of/ in Education" (in *Forum of Modern Education*, no.11, 2002); "Conceptual Captivity and Emancipation: Wittgenstein's Teaching of Philosophy" (in *Studies in the Philosophy of Education*, no. 96, 2006); "Ethics Education for Professionals in Japan: A Critical Review" (in *Educational Philosophy and Theory*, vol. 42, no. 4, 2010); *Teaching Moral Education* (Kyodoshuppan, 2014); and "How Should We Recognize the Otherness of Learners? Hegelian and Wittgensteinian Views" (in *A Companion to Wittgenstein on Education : Pedagogical Investigations*, Springer, 2017).

**General Director, French National Institute of Art History (INHA)**Prof. **Éric de Chassey**

Éric de Chassey is an art historian: he is the Director of the French National Institute of Art History (INHA), in Paris (since 2016), and Professor of Modern and Contemporary Art History at the École normale supérieure in Lyon, France (since 2012). He was the Director of the French Academy in Rome - Villa Medici between 2009 and 2015, where he organized and curated a residency program for artists from all fields as well as curated exhibitions, concerts, a cinema and literature program, and conferences, and lectures in art history and philosophy. From 2004 to 2009, he was a fellow of the Institut Universitaire de France.

He has published extensively on the work of Matisse, US art and transatlantic cultural relationships, abstraction in the 20th and 21st centuries, photography, and the visual culture of the second half of the 20th century.

**President, Niigata University**Dr. **Sugata Takahashi**

Professor Sugata Takahashi is current President of Niigata University in Japan. He received his M.D. and Ph.D. from Niigata University. His career started as an assistant professor at Niigata University Hospital in 1982, then he became a lecturer, specializing in Otolaryngology and Head and Neck Surgery. After joining St. Marianna University School of Medicine as an associate professor in 1995, he became a professor at Faculty of Medicine, Niigata University in 1998. Prior to becoming the President, he served as Dean of Faculty of Medicine (2010-2014). He also has been a board member of The Japan Association of National Universities since 2014.

## Hokkaido University

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Hokkaido University (HU) was founded in 1876 as Sapporo Agricultural College, the first modern academic institute in Japan. HU currently has 12 undergraduate schools and 21 graduate schools. We are also a research-intensive university and have 24 research centers or institutions. HU educates new generations of societal leaders with insight and a broad outlook through its liberal arts educational programs and with problem-solving abilities through its specialized educational programs. In addition, we established a new organization, "the Global Institution for Collaborative Research and Education (GI-CoRE)", as a faculty organization that brings together world-class teaching staff from around the world and within the University in fields such as quantum medical science and engineering; zoonosis control; food, land and water resources; soft matter; big data and cybersecurity; and arctic research.

HU also strongly promotes educational exchanges with Universities around the world mainly through two international programs, "Learning Satellites (LS)" and "Hokkaido Summer Institute (HSI)".

The HSI is a program that brings together world-leading researchers with proven educational and research records and provides educational courses in cooperation with HU faculty members. The HSI offers more than 100 courses mainly from June to August and allows more than 400 students from overseas universities and 1,100 HU students to expand their knowledge of subjects in research fields in which the university specializes.

The LS were established to offer courses to students from HU and overseas universities in line with its vision of becoming an institution that contributes to the resolution of global issues. By offering various programs around the globe that allow students from HU and from countries beyond Japan to learn together, this project aims to nurture talented individuals who are capable of contributing to the resolution of global issues and aims to promote collaboration between faculty members at HU and overseas universities in order to internationalize and enhance the quality of HU educational programs.

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## Iwate University

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Located in the prefectural capital Morioka, Iwate University is known for being the alma mater of the famous author and poet, Kenji Miyazawa. The university's main missions are: Disaster Recovery-Vitalization of Local Areas, Development of Global Human Resources, and Fostering Innovation. To this effect, Iwate University has become known as a leader for recovery of areas affected by the Great East Japan Earthquake in 2011. Thus, it is a "locally-oriented university," contributing to a sustainable local community.

Iwate University was founded in 1949 with the Faculties of Liberal Arts, Engineering, and Agriculture, and continues to grow to this day. As of April 2016, our four undergraduate faculties have been reorganized into Humanities and Social Sciences, Education, Science and Engineering, and Agriculture, with a master's program in each Faculty. These programs were integrated into the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences in April 2017, offering divisions in Interdisciplinary Cultural Studies, Regional Development and Creativity, Science and Engineering, and Agriculture. The university also offers a doctoral program in the Faculty of Engineering, the United Graduate School of Agricultural Sciences and the Graduate School of Veterinary Sciences.

In addition, we have many interdisciplinary departments and affiliated institutions to support our academic activities, such as the Center for Teaching, Learning, and Career Development (Global Education Center); Super-Computing and Information Sciences Center; and Health Administration Center.

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### Tohoku University

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Tohoku University is a research-oriented university located in Sendai. Established in 1907, it was the first Japanese university to accept female students. Tohoku University is one of Japan's leading universities, with 10 faculties, 15 graduate schools, 3 professional graduate schools, 6 research institutes, a hospital and affiliated research and education centers. It has academic exchange agreements at university level with 227 institutions, and at department level with 497 institutions in 60 countries and regions. It maintains 18 offices in 11 countries and regions. The number of students is approximately 18,600 including 2,100 international students.

Tohoku University aims to become a university that is respected around the world for excellence in both education and research. In education, we founded the Institute for Excellence in Higher Education in April 2014, as we address the necessity of creating a GPA and course numbering system. Further, we are continuing to promote the "Tohoku University Global Leader Program (TGL)" and are improving the study environment for increasing student mobility. In research, we aim to enhance the quality of support for our young researchers. Further, through our international visitor research institute "Tohoku Forum for Creativity," we allow our young researchers to engage in exchanges with researchers from overseas. These efforts, which were highly evaluated by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT), led TU to be named a Designated National University, one of the first three universities to be selected under this new system by the Japanese Government in June 2017. Tohoku University has 23 university-level agreements and 25 department-level agreements with institutions in France. In 2016, Tohoku University set up ELYTMaX, a joint laboratory which promotes research in materials science and mechanical engineering in a Franco-Japanese environment, and which enhances further international industry-academia collaboration.

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### The University of Tokyo

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The University of Tokyo (UTokyo) was established in 1877 as the first national university in Japan. As a leading research university, UTokyo offers courses in essentially all academic disciplines at both undergraduate and graduate levels and conducts research across the full spectrum of academic activity. The University aims to provide its students with a rich and varied academic environment that ensures opportunities for both intellectual development and the acquisition of professional knowledge and skills.

UTokyo is known for the excellence of its faculty and students, and since its foundation, many of its graduates have gone on to become leaders in government, business, and academia.

Currently, UTokyo is comprised of 10 Faculties, 15 Graduate Schools, 11 affiliated research institutes (including the Research Center for Advanced Science and Technology), 13 University-wide centers, three affiliated libraries and three institutes for advanced study. Furthermore, the Faculties, Graduate Schools and research institutes have facilities associated with them; for instance, the University of Tokyo Hospital is one such facility.

In addition to the three main campuses of Hongo, Komaba and Kashiwa, facilities affiliated with UTokyo are spread throughout Japan.

[The University of Tokyo's Mission]

The University of Tokyo strives to be a world-class platform for research and education, contributing to human knowledge in partnership with other leading global universities. UTokyo also aims to nurture global leaders with a strong sense of public responsibility and a pioneering spirit, and encourages the development of both highly specialized and broad knowledge. In addition, UTokyo endeavors to expand the boundaries of human knowledge in partnership with society.

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## Tokyo University of Foreign Studies

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As one of the oldest institutions of higher education in Japan, the ancestor of Tokyo University of Foreign Studies (TUFS), Tokyo Gaikokugo Gakko (Tokyo School of Foreign Languages), was founded in 1873. After World War II, in 1949, TUFS was established as a university organized under a new postwar educational system. Initially, when it was formed as a new-system university, it had only one undergraduate program with twelve departments. Afterward, the University gradually increased the number of its departments and other organizational units. In 2012, the undergraduate program was reorganized resulting in the establishment of two schools: the School of Language and Culture Studies and the School of International and Area Studies. Today, in addition to these schools, TUFS has a Graduate School of Area and Culture Studies, which offers a master's program and a doctoral program, and two affiliated organizations: the Research Institute for Languages and Cultures of Asia and Africa, and the Japanese Language Center for International Students. The mission of TUFS where a total of 78 languages are currently taught, is to foster multi-lingual and globally-minded students who will play a leading role in the globalized world in the twenty-first century. At TUFS, internationality, interdisciplinarity, and interculturality are the foundations of research and education. The research and education opportunities offered at TUFS are not only focusing on language acquisition, but on foreign studies that involve in-depth studies about various regions of the world, including their culture and history.

Based on its history of more than 100 years, TUFS continues to play an important role as one of the hubs of international academic research and exchange in Japan in the 21st century. TUFS as a frontier of Japan's globalization nurtures students with the necessary knowledge and skills to engage in international activities, and the perspective of viewing the world through Japan, and reexamining Japan from international perspectives.

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## Tokyo Institute of Technology

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Founded 137 years ago, Tokyo Institute of Technology (Tokyo Tech) continues to develop global leaders in the fields of science and technology and contribute to the betterment of society through its research, focusing on solutions to global issues. In March 2018, Tokyo Tech was selected for Designated National University Corporation status by the Japanese government.

The Institute's three campuses are home to about 10,000 students and 1,200 faculty members. Student enrollment is almost equally divided between undergraduates and graduate students, and the university is host to a growing number of international students, who comprise approximately 12% of the total student body.

Tokyo Tech has been implementing ambitious reforms in its education and research systems with the aim of providing a world-class environment for learning and innovation. In 2016, Tokyo Tech became the first university in Japan whose schools offer undergraduate and graduate programs under the same roof, creating more opportunities for cross-disciplinary research and earlier involvement in graduate-level study.

Research laboratories at Tokyo Tech are organized under the Institute of Innovative Research (IIR). This open research environment is intended to foster active and organic cooperation within and beyond the university, thereby creating novel research fields, offering solutions to complex problems, and fostering future industrial infrastructures. Research at the IIR builds on Tokyo Tech's internationally recognized contributions in key areas, including materials science, supercomputing, and life sciences.

Tokyo Tech currently has formal cooperation agreements with 28 French universities and research institutions.

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## Ochanomizu University

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Ochanomizu University, established in 1875 as Japan's first higher education institution for women, celebrated the 140<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its founding in 2015. Over this period, the University has been a pioneer at the forefront of education for all women who are motivated to learn and wish to contribute to society.

The University has three undergraduate faculties - the Faculty of Letters and Education, the Faculty of Science, and the Faculty of Human Life and Environmental Sciences. There is also a Graduate School of Humanities and Sciences.

The most distinguishing feature of the education programs Ochanomizu University offers is the adoption of highly advanced curriculums taught in small class units. In the specialized education curriculum in particular, the intellectual capacity that each student aims for is cultivated through small seminars, labs and practical training. In addition, students may combine different programs that fit their objectives with the main program of their department.

Another pivotal focus of the university's platform is the cultivation of leadership education firmly connected to the current trend toward globalization. Ochanomizu University offers programs that will develop women capable of being influential leaders in politics, economics, academia, culture, and other fields on the international stage.

Ochanomizu University is located in the heart of Japan's capital, Tokyo. The campus, richly landscaped in the flowers and greenery of all seasons, furnishes a truly outstanding environment known for its tranquility.

No. of Students: 2,947

No. of International Students: 218 students from 35 countries

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## University of Tsukuba

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Located in the heart of Tsukuba Science City, Japan's premier science city, the University of Tsukuba is a leading national research-oriented university. Surrounded by nearly 300 research institutions, the university aims to nurture global leaders and promote research that can contribute to the resolution of the global challenges that we face today through transdisciplinary and trans-organizational efforts and initiatives. The university has the second most number of international university-industry collaborations in Japan.

With roots extending back to 1872, when it was established as modern Japan's first national institute of higher education, the university was reborn in 1973 as the University of Tsukuba with the founding philosophies of fostering transdisciplinary research and education and being open to society, which are now more important than ever in today's environment of accelerating complexity and interconnectivity. With this in mind, the university is promoting the sharing of research and educational resources through its campus-in-campus initiative, a platform for global cooperation.

With the university's history of involvement in the Japanese Olympic Movement stretching back over 100 years, the University of Tsukuba has been a driving force in Japanese sports and sport science. We established the Tsukuba International Academy for Sport Studies as part of the Japanese government's "Sport for Tomorrow" education program for the 2020 Tokyo Olympic and Paralympic Games. The university was ranked second among Japanese universities in the "World's Most International Universities 2017" list published by Times Higher Education. Having the largest percentage of international students, we have also attracted a large number of U.S. students with our more than 50 degree-seeking programs taught in English.

We have been actively developing academic and research collaborations with French universities, including the University of Bordeaux and The Communauté Université Grenoble Alpes as strategic Campus-in-Campus partners of the University of Tsukuba. We are continuing to develop our global platform for research and education by breaking down all barriers and re-envisioning research-oriented higher education.

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## Chiba University

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Chiba University was founded about 140 years ago, and has been taking great effort to provide the best curriculums and environment, as well as conducting world level research in upgrading the university status. Based on the University Charter, "Always Aim Higher", Chiba University will foster human resources with the knowledge of liberal arts, specialized subjects, professional skills, and the ability of solving problems.

Chiba University has 10 faculties with about 11,000 students and 13 graduate schools with about 3,500 students. Chiba University has about 500 partner institution agreements in 54 countries, conducting about 260 international joint research projects in 49 countries, and accepting about 1,700 international students annually.

Chiba University has campuses in 4 locations within Chiba Prefecture. Nishi Chiba Campus, Inohana Campus, Matsudo Campus, and Kashiwa-no-ha Campus. Nishi-Chiba Campus is our main campus, and it is surrounded by rich greenery. The 6 undergraduate schools of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Letters, Law, Politics, and Economics, Education, Science, Engineering, and corresponding graduate schools and facilities are located at Nishi-Chiba Campus. Also is our main library the Academic Link Center where students have the ideal environment for self-study.

Chiba University is constantly developing education and research programs, expanding various international activities all over the world, aiming to become a world class university.

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## Niigata University

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Niigata University (NU) is a large-scale, comprehensive university blessed with an abundance of nature offering the ideal environment for students and researchers with a student body of approximately 12,400 students and 3,000 academic and administrative staff members. Across our two campuses, we have 10 faculties, 5 graduate schools, one university hospital and two affiliated institutes that facilitate and engage in groundbreaking research; the Brain Research Institute, the Research Institute for National Hazard and Disaster Recovery. We offer courses in essentially all academic disciplines including humanities and social sciences, natural sciences, medical and dental sciences at both undergraduate and graduate levels.

As NU has been dedicating to strive to bring global perspective to all its programs and activities, we have promoted collaborative research and education with overseas institutions. In particular, NU places strong emphasis on cooperation especially with East Asia. As the university is located in Niigata City facing the Sea of Japan, one of our missions is to become the East Asia's center of excellence in education and research serving to find solutions to challenges East Asia is facing.

What makes NU unique is that we have established the "Sakeology Center" as the world's first base, which involves all academic fields relevant to the Sakeology. The Center aims to develop "Sakeology", covering vast academic field concerning Sake through education, research, international exchange and providing information in the hope of collaboration in the field of Oenology in Europe.

NU will continue to engage in more diverse international collaboration to become one of the leading institutions highly regarded all over Japan and the world.

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### University of Yamanashi

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Focused on putting “global professionals at the heart of the community,” the University of Yamanashi aims to contribute to society by encouraging cutting-edge, international research that fuses medicine, engineering, and agriculture and lays the foundation for advanced education to develop human resources capable of meeting community needs and thriving on the global stage.

The University, conveniently located just 90 minutes from the Tokyo metropolitan area, is surrounded by scenic beauty on all sides: magnificent views of Mt. Fuji—a World Cultural Heritage site since 2013—to the south, Yatsugatake to the north, and the peaks of the Southern Alps to the west. Thanks to the natural environment of the local area, which boasts the longest daylight hours in Japan and bountiful supplies of water, as well as the community’s long tradition of water control, which began with the work of famous general Takeda Shingen in the 16th century, the University plays a key role in formulating solutions to energy and environmental problems on a global scale. The Clean Energy Research Center and Interdisciplinary Centre for River Basin Environment, meanwhile, have already established the University of Yamanashi as a global center for research in their respective fields. The Institute of Enology and Viticulture, meanwhile, is the only research institution in Japan to specialize in fruit wine—a distinctive local product. In addition to featuring these innovative research organizations, the University is also working to promote world-class interdisciplinary research and development in areas like developmental engineering, advanced brain science, and medical device development through strong, institution-wide bonds among the medical, engineering, and agricultural fields. Drawing on the fruits of these research efforts, the University offers an education that gives students the sense of respect for diverse values, high levels of expertise in their chosen disciplines, and truly global perspective that they need to help create a sustainable society and fuel innovation.

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### Kanazawa University

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Kanazawa University originated in 1862 as a smallpox vaccination center, and became a university in 1949. It aims to be “a research university dedicated to education, while opening up its doors to both local and global society,” and strives to contribute to 1) opening up a new 21st century era, and 2) promoting world peace and the continuous development of mankind.

The university offers highly versatile undergraduate program through 17 Schools. Also, there are 7 graduate schools and 1 united graduate school. The university also takes pride in the most advanced research as one of the leaders in the globalization of Japanese universities. In 2014, MEXT selected Kanazawa University for the ‘Top Global University Project.’ In 2016, we opted to be among the “Excellent Global Universities” category financed by the Japanese government. In 2017, we were selected for the “World Premier International Research Center Initiative (WPI)” by MEXT. As of August 2018, Kanazawa University has over 180 institutional-level and 70 departmental-level partners. It actively exchanges students and researchers with partner universities, including double-degree and twinning programs and graduate programs especially modeled for government-sponsored students from Indonesia and Vietnam. The university strongly promotes student exchanges with partners in Russia, China, Thailand, etc. Research collaborations include the environmental measurement in the Angkor ruins, cultural resource studies of the Mayan civilization, research on chronic health conditions caused by dioxin exposure in Vietnam, and more.

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## Shizuoka University

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Shizuoka University is one of the leading national universities, located at the foot of Mount Fuji, the symbol of Japan. Established in 1949, Shizuoka University has its philosophy "Freedom and Enlightenment" and "Creation of the Future", inheriting the spirits of freedom from the predecessor colleges and schools. We aim to be a university with an active presence promoting high-quality education and creative research that collaborates and grows together with society.

Our educational goal is to prepare good citizens who will take leadership roles, drawing on international perspectives, to solve problems in an increasingly global society. With the core educational requirements as a solid foundation, we expect our students to develop specialist expertise and broad cultural understanding. Shizuoka University accepts both domestic and international students who :

1. have a great appetite for knowledge and approach new tasks without hesitating.
2. possess communicative ability, and respect differences, both in culture and in individual mentality.
3. are open minded and have unique ideas.
4. have a curious mind with regard to nature, society and culture.

There are 9,000 students in 6 faculties, and 1,600 students in 5 graduate schools in Shizuoka University. Shizuoka University devotes a large effort toward international exchange. At present, some 430 international students from 34 countries (including France), both graduate and undergraduate, are studying and are engaged in research. Shizuoka University promotes productive relationships with sister universities actively.

Under the philosophy of "Freedom and Enlightenment & Creation of the Future", our university recognizes diverse backgrounds and values, forms well-rounded characters full of a noble sense of mission and spirit of inquiry, promotes the discovery, passing down and utilization of knowledge, and develops along with society in the name of peace, the well-being of mankind, and the future of the Earth.

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## Toyohashi University of Technology

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The mission of Toyohashi University of Technology (TUT) is to conduct research and education in technological science, developing new technologies through scientific inquiry.

Based on this mission, TUT targets new graduates from technical colleges and high schools for enrollment, and with its graduate school emphasis, TUT conducts research in technological science, fostering practical, creative, and leading engineers and researchers as it forges a path toward a new era.

A major feature of TUT's education is its "spiral-up curriculum". In this curriculum, students who received specific technical instruction (basic and specialized) in their first and second years of undergraduate education and technical college will repeat the subjects from their third year with more advanced approaches in order to accumulate further competence in their basic and specialized education, creating a spiral-like education.

In their fourth undergraduate year (before advancing to graduate school), students will undertake long-term internships in the business sector, and through their experiences in dealing with problems as a working engineer, they will come to understand the meaning of their education, and how the master's program is meant to create practical, creative, and innovative engineers.

In this way, TUT is able to nurture students who understand science and have a deep interest in technology due to their repetition of basic and specialized education and their practical training in the work place.

As a globally focused university, TUT sends Japanese students abroad, accepts international students, and promotes joint international research and personnel exchanges through collaborations with its overseas education base established in Penang State, Malaysia and other affiliated exchange schools. These activities are mainly centered on the area of Southeast Asia.

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### Shiga University

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Shiga University was established as a national university in 1949, through the consolidation of Hikone Commercial College and Shiga Normal School.

The university headquarters, Faculty of Economics, Graduate School of Economics as well as Faculty of Data Science, are all located in Hikone City, while Faculty of Education and Graduate School of Education are located in Otsu City. The Faculty of Data Science, founded in 2017, is a newest addition to the university, giving the university new aspect of "integration of Sciences and Humanities."

With a student body of approximately 4,000 students, Shiga University is a relatively small academic institution. However, this small stature means that strong bonds are fostered both among students, and between the student body and university staff. Furthermore, with enhanced library, IT, and sporting facilities, it is possible for students to study by themselves, with friends, and with faculty members. At Shiga University, both students and university staff strive to form a community in which they can enjoy their life on campus.

The goal of Shiga University is to "nurture the development of highly-specialized, sophisticated professionals, who, while possessing a global perspective, also possess a sense of humanity." At the university, we have traditionally placed emphasis on practical education; resulting in many of our alumni holding leading positions in both the business and education fields. As we enter the 21st Century, an era of heightened trans-border human exchange, to contribute to human development on a global scale, Shiga University is dedicated more than ever to providing students with study opportunities, thus contributing to global peace and human prosperity.

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### Kyoto University

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Kyoto University is dedicated to promoting advanced and creative research in diverse disciplines, and pursuing its mission to contribute to harmonious coexistence among the world's human and ecological community. The quality of the university's research is reflected in the accolades conferred on its faculty and alumni, including nine Nobel laureates, two Field Medalists, a Gauss Prize-winner, and the recipients of many other prestigious international awards.

Under the Japan Gateway: Kyoto University Top Global Program, the university is currently offering a range of international joint education programs, called Super Global Courses, in which the core curricula are provided jointly with highly respected international partner institutions, as well as joint and double degree programs. These courses focus on fields in which Kyoto University is particularly internationally competitive, such as mathematics, chemistry and chemical engineering, human biosciences, social sciences and the humanities, environmental studies and public health.

In 2016, the university established the Kyoto University Institute for Advanced Study (KUIAS) to pursue cutting-edge research, foster the next generation of leading researchers, and concentrate the collective knowledge of distinguished researchers from Japan and around the world.

In 2017, the university was appointed as a Designated National University (DNU) by the Japanese government. DNU status will enable the university to advance new initiatives for knowledge creation, innovation, and social contribution, serving as a model for higher education institutions in Japan, while continuing its efforts to address the complex issues facing global society.

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### Kyoto Institute of Technology

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Location is vital to the design, science and engineering programs at Kyoto Institute of Technology. We were established over 100 years ago in the thousand-year capital of Kyoto. Historically, Kyoto lead numerous developments in Japanese culture and the production and refinement of traditional craft. Today, it is home to novel technological innovation. At KIT, we benefit from this heritage as we innovate for positive social and environmental change by being acutely attuned to feedback. We consistently verify the influences and consequences of the technology and products we create and develop to improve people's lives.

This is particularly true of three of our leading innovative areas of expertise: Kyoto Design Lab, the Polymer and Fiber Science Lab, and the Green Innovation Center. These initiatives bring world-renowned researchers to KIT broadening our students' vision of what is possible, improving their communication skills, and developing their intercultural understanding. We are on the verge of improving energy supply efficiency, elucidating disease mechanisms, re-purposing traditional buildings, and much more.

In addition to focusing on what we can do for our students, we set an example for other universities of how labs can establish international workshops, conduct collaborative research and establish active networks. We are enabled in this through the decade of annual Top Global University Project funding we were awarded in 2014. We now accept more international students and researchers, send more domestic students abroad, and initiate more internships every year. KIT has established a unique academic environment that fosters aesthetic awareness, technological skill and experience-based wisdom.

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### Osaka University

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Osaka University was founded in 1931 as one of the seven imperial universities of Japan and now has expanded to one of Japan's leading comprehensive universities with the population of 23,304 students, and 3,541 academic staff and 3,113 non-academic staff members. The University has now embarked on open research revolution set out in a vision of openness for 2021 from a position as Japan's most innovative university and among the most innovative institutions in the world according to Reuters 2015 Top 100 Innovative Universities and the Nature Index Innovation 2017. The university's ability to innovate from the stage of fundamental research through the creation of useful technology with economic impact stems from its broad disciplinary spectrum.

With the motto "Live Locally, Grow Globally", as is characteristic of the city and people of Osaka, we strive to make our education, research and community more open and inviting, and ensure that our three campuses are places where outstanding students and researchers from around the world can gather, learn, discover, and collaborate. Since the merger with the Osaka University of Foreign Studies in 2007, Osaka University has enhanced its capacity in the studies of language and culture, and we are intensifying efforts to enhance degree programs conducted in English and Japanese language support for international students and faculty. The university has also actively expanded its global outreach by setting up Overseas Centers in San Francisco, Groningen, Bangkok and Shanghai.

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## Kobe University

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Formally established in 1949, Kobe University is a national university based in western Japan. Its roots date back further, to 1902, when it was originally known as Kobe Higher Commercial School. Today, Kobe University is made up of 10 faculties, 15 graduate schools, one institute and many centers covering these disciplines. As one of the most comprehensive universities in Japan, with departments covering the humanities, social, natural, and biomedical sciences, Kobe University promotes innovative research and education in collaboration with other universities, research institutes, and industry in Japan and abroad.

We have University-wide and Faculty-specific links with 351 partner institutions in 63 countries/regions worldwide including 24 partners in France. To increase international student mobility, we aim to have an intake of 2,000 international students and 1,200 outgoing students every year and established more English-taught courses. We also initiate establishment of international programmes such as double-degree and Cotutelle programmes.

Kobe University has been a pioneer in developing cooperation between Japan and Europe. Kobe was the first Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence in Japan in 2015. It has been actively participating in the Erasmus+ programme and in FP7. Since its opening in 2010 Kobe University Brussels European Office has been promoting high-level dialogue between EU and Japanese researchers and policy makers. In 2018 we established a new overseas office, in Cluj-Napoca, Romania. Using these bases alongside other initiatives, we continue to take dynamic approaches to serve as a hub connecting overseas institutions, corporations, and public organizations based in Kobe and abroad.

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## Shimane University

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Shimane University was established as a national university in 1949 and consists of the Matsue campus and the Izumo campus. On the Matsue campus, we have the Faculty of Law and Literature, the Faculty of Education, the Interdisciplinary Faculty of Science and Engineering, and the Faculty of Life and Environmental Science along with specialized Graduate Courses. On the Izumo campus, we have the Faculty of Medicine and its graduate courses.

Shimane University aims to foster students who enjoy international perspectives and can play major roles as leaders in each region of the world by taking advantage of accumulated knowledge, culture, and technologies. Thanks to a high-level curriculum, students are equipped with the ability to cope with diverse problems in modern society. Currently, we have 187 foreign students from various countries, who are working hard to master their specialized fields with Japanese friends and other foreign students, as well as learning Japanese traditions and culture.

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### Hiroshima University

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A successor with the history and tradition of various pre-war educational institutions originating in Hiroshima, including Hakushima School founded in 1874, Hiroshima University was reorganized into its present form under the National School Establishment Law in 1949. Based on its founding principle, "a single unified university, free and pursuing peace," Hiroshima University aims "to cultivate peace-pursuing, cultured individuals with an international mindset and a challenging spirit." Now Hiroshima University has 12 faculties and 11 graduate schools, and around 15,000 students. Recently, Hiroshima University has been selected as one of the institutions designated under MEXT's "The Program for Promoting the Enhancement of Research Universities." In addition, it has also been selected as one of the 13 Type A (Top Type) universities (including the University of Tokyo and Kyoto University) under the FY2014 Top Global University Project, providing world-class research and education. In April 2018, the School of Informatics and Data Science, and Department of Integrated Global Studies at the School of Integrated Arts and Sciences have been launched. We are committed to actively promote reforms in education and research to go global.

- As of 1st April 2018, 664 exchange agreements with overseas institutions (6 French institutions).

- As of 1st May 2018, 1,660 international students from 73 countries or regions are studying at the University.

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### Kyushu University

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Founded in 1911, Kyushu University is a leading research-oriented institute of higher education in Fukuoka, Japan. With enrollment of 20,000 students, it is comprised of 12 undergraduate schools, 18 graduate schools, 17 faculties, five research institutes, and University hospital, as well as over 50 affiliated research centers. The international student population is about 2300, representing over 90 countries. The University is held in high regard particularly for its innovative research on organic materials and devices as well as new energy technologies, including hydrogen energy, clean coal technologies, nuclear fusion, and wind turbine technology. We have a long standing relationship with Université de Bordeaux as well as Aix Marseille Université. In May 2017, the University of Bordeaux held the ceremony of awarding the title of Docteur Honoris Causa to Professor Toyoki Kunitake, Kyushu University. Through his excellence in teaching and many scholarly activities, he has made contributions to academic exchange between France and Japan. Also, Professor Sanae-I. ITOH received an honorary doctorate from University of Provence in 2006, and "Itoh Project Prize", named after Professor ITOH, is awarded at the European Physical Society (EPS) Conference on Plasma Physics every year. We have worked closely with the International Thermonuclear Experimental Reactor (ITER) as well. Kyushu's new campus with state-of-the-art facility is designed for the development of science-driven technological solutions to realize a sustainable and environmentally-friendly society. Our relocation to the new flagship campus has just been completed this fall. Kyushu University is one of the 13 venues for "Top Global University Project" funded by the Japanese government.

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## University Grenoble Alpes

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### Key figures

- 45,000 students
- 5,800 staff including 3,000 lecturers and research professors and 2,500 administrative and technical staff
- 23 faculties, schools and institutes
- 80 laboratories
- A budget of 450 million euros
- 500,000 m2 of buildings on 12 sites spread across 6 departments
- A landscaped campus of 175 hectares

Created from the merger on 1 January 2016 of the Joseph Fourier, Pierre-Mendès- France and Stendhal Universities, Université Grenoble Alpes is one of France's leading institutions for higher education and research. On the strength of its 80 laboratories and its six-centre structure, research at the Université Grenoble Alpes enjoys greater cross-disciplinarity to place it at the forefront of innovation. The range of courses offered, split into four main areas, now covers all academic disciplines.

Université Grenoble Alpes, the « grandes écoles » and research organisations of the territory of Grenoble have partnered together to create a consolidated university (Univ. Grenoble Alpes) in 2020. This project that have been awarded in 2016 by the French Government with the label « Initiative of Excellence », restricted to a few dozen universities in France, to support the creation of 5 to 10 highly visible research universities and ensure the competitiveness of French HE&R institutions at an international scale.

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## Lorraine University

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With more than 60.000 students, Université de Lorraine is one of the largest French universities. It boasts an unusual organization within the French system, as it is the only university in France which incorporates within the same institution classical university faculties and a significant number of schools of engineering (Grandes Écoles), which are usually independent of universities. Université de Lorraine can be characterized as being both comprehensive (multidisciplinary) and technological, with a strong focus on engineering seen in a global way.

Université de Lorraine offers curricula in all fields of knowledge: sciences, health, technology, engineering sciences, human and social sciences, law, economy, management, arts, literature and language. A specific focus is given to crossovers between fields and skills, to help students develop their own pathway, and to entrepreneurial training. Another distinctive asset lies in its geographical position, at the heart of the historical kernel of the European Union, and developing a strong alliance with partner universities across the border with Germany, Belgium, and Luxembourg. At the international level, the university wishes to emphasize its strategic partnership with a limited number of partner universities, with which it shares both educational programs and joint research.

Université de Lorraine organizes its research around ten major scientific areas. Its scientific strategy is defined in close cooperation with the national research organizations with which it shares a number of large research centers. The Lorraine Université d'Excellence label granted in January 2016 as part of the PIA's centres excellence (ISITE) as given the University major, added recognition at an international level. The initiative aims at building an original model for a global engineering university, with a strong emphasis on technological research and education through research.

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## French National Institute of Art History

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The National Institute of Art History (Institut national d'histoire de l'art) was created in 2001 for the purpose of consolidating and promoting research in art history and heritage studies.

Its main mission is the advancement of scholarly research and international cooperation in the field. It sets up research and educational programs as well as activities for the dissemination of knowledge that serve both art historians and the general public.

With its library, the Institut national d'histoire de l'art also provides a unique collection of resources and documentation in this field.

The different research programs are raised by The Department of Studies and Research (DER) which consists of eight research fields led by as many scientific advisors : the four chronological areas are complemented by four thematic areas. Within these fields of research, a variety of programs aims first and foremost to respond to the two major The Institut national d'histoire de l'art objectives : to generate resources for art historians, be they curators or teacher-researchers, and to enhance the The Institut national d'histoire de l'art library collections. Every year, the Institut national d'histoire de l'art organizes an international even : The Festival of Art History which takes place in Fontainebleau. This international event will allow the world of art history and the public to meet. The goal is to reach the broadest audience possible, to capture the interest of families and curious passersby : students, teachers, and professionals. The festival goes beyond the usual academic limits, periods, and methods, offering an opportunity to compare different practices and forms of creativity.

The Institute is run jointly by the Ministry of Higher Education and Research and the Ministry of Culture.

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## National Museum of Natural History

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The Muséum National d'Histoire Naturelle is the National Natural history museum of France and a "grand établissement" of higher education, part of Sorbonne Universities. It was founded in 1793 during the French Revolution in its actual structure, but was established earlier in 1635. The Museum is organized through 5 complementary missions : conservation and the expansion of its collections (living, natural and documentary collections), basic and applied research (multidisciplinary research center on biodiversity sciences), education (Masters, PhD and further trainings), dissemination of knowledge (exhibitions and publications), and expertise (especially as scientific and technical adviser in the main international biodiversity negotiations areas). All these activities make The Muséum an international reference in the fields of ecology and biodiversity. The Museum has 14 sites throughout France, with four located in Paris, including the original location, the Jardin des Plantes where the head office is located.

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## University of Tours

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University of Tours is a higher education and research institution created 50 years ago in the heart of the Loire Valley at one hour from Paris by train. In 2018, the University enrolled 30000 students and offered degrees at various levels, typically including bachelor's, master's and doctorates. 2500 employees make the university a large place to work in the region Centre-Val de Loire. 7 faculties, 1 engineering school and 2 institutes of technology are spread out over the city of Tours. A course offer covers the entire range of disciplines : Arts, Humanities, Languages, Social Sciences, Law, Economics, Management, Science, Technology and Health.

University of Tours is an innovative institution including 35 labeled research unit with the CNRS, INSERM or INRA ; the research budget is about 75 millions euros. Biomedical research (Medical Imaging, Therapeutic antibodies, Vaccinology, Cancerology, Infectiology, ...) and Cultural & Natural Heritage are the two best recognized fields of interest. The university of Tours hosts 3000 international students standing for 130 nationalities and annually sends more than 1000 students to study abroad in the best and most prestigious universities of the world. In 2017, The university of Tours welcomed 264 international researchers, invited professors, Post-docs, and PhD students.

Our forthcoming strategy is to strengthen the partnership with the developing countries in the global south. A partnership based on a combination of academic research, student mobility and socio-economic development. This model will be sustainable if we take into account the reciprocity and interchange. Our project is designed to set up the University of Tours in a new approach of international affairs, an another way to invent the globalization of higher education.

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## University of Franche-Comté

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Established in 1423, the University of Franche-Comté enrolls nowadays +24 000 students, out of which 20% are international students from all over the world. The main campus is based in Besançon, the capital of Franche-Comté. It is a multidisciplinary university composed by six UFR or academic faculties (social sciences, humanities, and linguistics ; law, economics and political science, and management ; science and technology ; Health ; Sports science ; industrial sciences, technology, and management), two institutes of technology, a school of engineering (ISIFC) and the renowned Center for applied linguistics (CLA), 1 Observatory of Space and 1 School of Education.

Its recognized research units maintain close relationships with universities in Europe and throughout the world. They fall into the areas of environmental and health sciences, humanities and social sciences, engineering, and basic sciences. Labs, internationally renowned, for example, in mechanics and microtechnics have produced important discoveries and technical advances. All of the research teams in the various Research areas rely on several COMUE UBFC's doctoral schools.

About 100 bilateral agreements and 200 Erasmus+ interinstitutional agreements provide for exchanges of students and academic & administrative staff with partner institutions on five continents. Moreover, Besançon annually welcomes thousands of international students and trainees who come to learn French at the university's world-renowned Center for Applied Linguistics.

In addition, being a founding member of the COMUE UBFC, UFC operates several international masters of excellence taught in English, including in Engineering and environmental Sciences.

At the center of Western Europe, its location is ideal, 2 hours away from Geneva, 2h30 from Zurich, Paris, Lyon and Strasbourg, or Basel/Mulhouse international airport.

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## University of Pau and Pays de l'Adour

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The Université de Pau et des Pays de l'Adour (UPPA) is a multidisciplinary university, network of 5 campuses between the mountains and the ocean, near the Spanish border.

It covers three major areas of study and is reorganised into three Colleges :

- The College of Sciences and Technology for Energy and Environment
- The College of Social Science and the Humanities
- The College of Cross-border, European & International Studies

Each College is composed of two multi-disciplinary Departments ; one for Undergraduate Studies, one for Graduate Studies, and is governed according to the following pattern.

Ranked in the French top 10 out of 70 universities for best student environment for success, within 3 Colleges and 2 Doctoral Schools, UPPA offers initial or continuing education, work/study programmes or apprenticeships, at Bachelor, Master and Doctorate levels as well as vocational degrees.

UPPA has been selected as one of the 18 "universities of Excellence" in France for the «Energy and Environment Solutions (E2S)» project and awarded the French national initiative "Science-Innovation-Territories - Economy" (I-Site) which aims at establishing universities of excellence, in focused domains of specialisation and strongly connected with their territory.

The core scientific domain of the project focuses on Environment and Energy and relies on strongly recognised laboratories supported by state-of-the-art equipment. The assessment and acceptance of new solutions and the public regulations will supply the area with interdisciplinary reflection.

One of E2S UPPA principal assets is its strong relationships with major international companies which can find in this partnership the scientific excellence they expect. Their industrial R&D centres on the site are already a key factor in consortium policy and will play a growing part for the next ten years.

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## Sup' Biotech (The School of Biotechnology Engineers)

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Sup' Biotech is an engineering school specialized in Biotechnology offering a 5-year program.

Sup' Biotech's pedagogy strikes a multidisciplinary balance between science and engineering-based material (such as theoretical lessons, laboratory experimentation and projects), management skills, industrial know-how, and understanding of both domestic and international biotechnology markets. Our professors come from diverse professional and educational backgrounds including universities, research centers and the biotech industry. Our international programs are all taught in English, with classes in French available for those who wish to improve their language skills.

Sup' Biotech's curriculum allows for a high degree of specialization that has led our graduates to success in the fields of health, cosmetics, environmental and "green" industries, pharmaceuticals and agribusiness, both in France and abroad. The five-year program grants students a Biotechnology Engineering diploma as well as the coveted "titre d'ingénieur", a highly prized title granted by a limited number of French institutions.

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### **The Japan Association of National Universities (JANU)**

Founded in 1950, the Japan Association of National Universities (JANU) is the organization consisting of all the 86 national universities as regular members and the 4 inter-university research institutes as special members. The objectives of JANU are to contribute to the promotion of national university corporations and the improvement of standards of higher education and academic research in our nation with well-balanced development, creating the circumstances to ensure outstanding achievements by national university corporations on various activities related to education, research and contribution to the society.

### **French Conference of presidents of universities (CPU)**

The Conference of University Presidents (CPU), as defined in Article L233-1 of the French Code of Education, is composed of the directors of universities, national polytechnic institutes, écoles normales supérieures, grandes écoles, and research and higher education clusters.

The CPU participates actively in the public debate on education issues, and plays a proactive consulting and negotiating role with the public authorities, the various higher education and research networks, social and economic partners and national and international institutions.

At a time of profound change in the higher education and research sector, the CPU also supports presidents in their new responsibilities and promotes the French university system and its values.

### **Conference of Deans of French schools of engineering (CDEFI)**

Created by law in 1976, the Conference of Deans of French Schools of Engineering (CDEFI) is a non-profit association that gathers all the deans of French public and private schools of engineering and universities of technology authorized by the "Commission des titres d'ingénieur" (CTI – the French organization which leads to the accreditation of the institutions to award the engineering degree "titre d'ingénieur diplômé"). Today, there are 201 French schools of engineering which represents about 142.000 students in 2017-2018 and 14.3% of foreign students. The French schools of engineering have different status and cover a wide range of fields. Among its actions, CDEFI defends the interests and the specificities of French schools of engineering, promotes engineering trainings and jobs in France and all over the world and fosters French schools of engineering to develop their trainings and scientific collaborations wherever there is a dynamic industrial fabric.

