Global 30 Project: Kyushu University’s Approach

Kyushu University

The University seeks to develop the *Asian-oriented Strategy*, having selected mainly in Asia 8 target regions from which to recruit students, namely China, South Korea, Indonesia, Taiwan, Vietnam, Thailand, Egypt, and Australia. Over the next 5 years, we will also build a comprehensive framework covering everything from on-site admissions to career support so as to create a truly globalized academic environment. Building on the accomplishments of the Global 30 Project, we intend to establish by 2020 the “International School of Arts and Sciences (tentative name),” where we offer a liberal arts education cross-departmentally in English, with the aim of strengthening our position as a global academic institution representing Asia.

We inaugurated our first 5 international undergraduate programs in agriculture and engineering in October 2010 with 25 newly-enrolled students. Same year, 9 of our graduate schools (including Human-Environment Studies, Economics, Sciences, and Pharmaceutical Sciences) launched 15 English-taught programs. (By April 2012, we will have offered 51 international graduate programs in all of our 17 graduate schools.) In order to offer internationally competitive programs, we have added to our teaching staff 26 highly able non-Japanese professionals.

In order to recruit brilliant students for the newly established international undergraduate programs, we visited in 2010 over 30 different high schools in 7 target countries/region, and talked to prospective students, teachers, and parents. In addition, we have actively participated in Japan university fairs overseas hosted by JASSO, the Fukuoka International Student Support Center, and the University of Tokyo (Coordinating University for the “Global 30” Project).