

Kyushu University

Kyushu University (QU) was founded in 1911. It is among the prestigious universities and the largest public university on Kyushu Island. The Faculty of Agriculture, established in 1919, includes 8 departments covering broad range of the sciences of biological resource and the environment. The number of enrolled students is 1837 including 1013 undergraduates and 824 graduates.

Tokyo University of Agriculture and Technology

Tokyo University of Agriculture and Technology (TUAT), established in 1877, is a unique institution that focuses on education and research of agriculture and engineering, the core of the industrial base. The Faculty of Agriculture has more than 120 years of education history and represents a diverse range of specialties covering not only agriculture but also the humanities and social sciences.

Kobe University

Kobe University (KBU) is a leading university located in Kobe, and its inception can be traced back to 1902 with the establishment of Kobe Higher Commercial School. The Faculty of Agriculture has 5 departments and strives for superiority in education and research by integrating a range of disciplines in animal, plant, and microbial biology, chemistry, engineering, and social science.

University of Hohenheim

The University of Hohenheim (UHOH) was founded nearly 200 years ago and is one of the leading universities in the field of agricultural sciences and natural resource management in Europe. Approximately 6,000 students are enrolled at the campus, which has a castle and one of the most beautiful botanical gardens in Germany. The 13 Master programs in agriculture fulfill top standards.

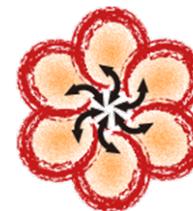
Kasetsart University

Kasetsart University (KU), a state university of Thailand, emerged initially in 1938 as the first university to offer post-secondary degree-bound educational programs in agriculture. As a specialized university emphasizing agricultural science, it is presently a leading comprehensive university offering as many as 78 bachelor's, 64 master's, and 19 doctorate programs to students.

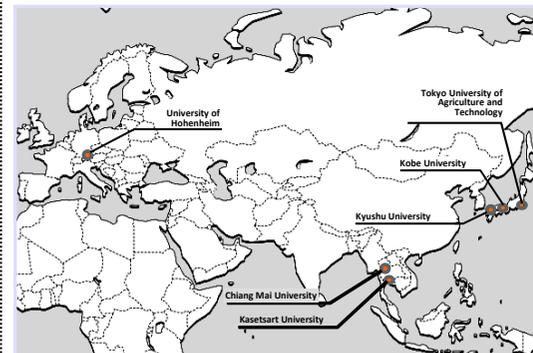
Chiang Mai University

Chiang Mai University (CMU), founded in 1964, is among the leading Thai universities in the field of agricultural science. It has 9 international Master's degree programs and features excellent facilities at the campus, which offers a unique multicultural environment. Adjacent mountains and tropical watersheds provide outstanding opportunities for field studies, surveys, and excursions.

International Platform for Asian Agricultural Education



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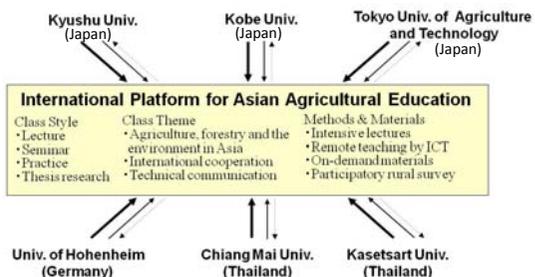
Project Overview

The roles of the university are becoming diverse and critical in a knowledge-based society, and thus universities are reforming for quality education, advanced research, and effective outreach. University international programs are increasingly important as vehicles for these types of reform. Excellent programs will attract foreign students from both developing and developed countries, and raise a global mind.

The purpose of the International Platform for Asian Agricultural Education is to establish an international standard for higher education in agricultural studies. The program targets the Master's course students.

To promote high-quality education in an international course, six universities of Japan, Thailand, and Germany have joined to offer subjects on current issues of Asian agriculture through international teacher's mobility.

International Platform



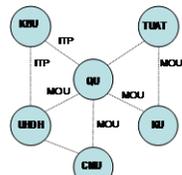
The platform comprises six universities as shown above. The platform will provide an international curriculum including relay lectures, practices, international seminars, overseas field surveys, and thesis research. The program promotes faculty mobility that is designed to support visits to/from platform university.

Steps

Project developers intend to create a new standard of international curricula by implementing three steps. Within one year the current bilateral cooperation among participating universities would extend to more comprehensive networks.

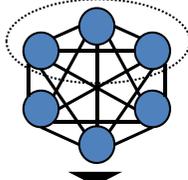
Present

- Joint research projects
- Isolated exchange programs
- Bilateral cooperation



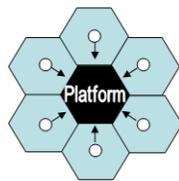
Step 1

- Adjustment and coordination of education system and infrastructures
- Reaching of agreement about the collaboration project
- Establishment of liaison offices



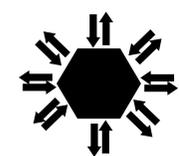
Step 2

- Establishment of a credit transfer system based on the platform
- Promotion of teachers' and students' mobility



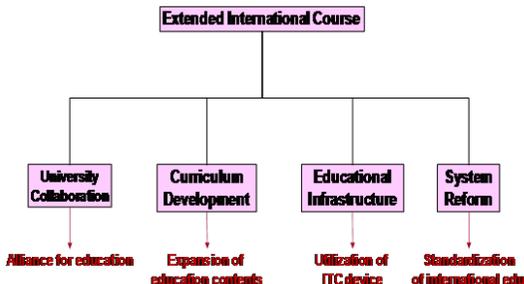
Step 3

- Expansion of the platform for other Asian universities
- Utilization of a double degree system



Subprogram Packages

To implement the project, four components have been identified: (1) cooperation among six universities of Japan, Germany, and Thailand; (2) development of an international curriculum; (3) improvement of educational infrastructure; and (4) improvement of the educational system. Each of the issues will be treated in different subprograms. They will be assembled and packaged for the platform.



(1) University Collaboration

This subprogram aims at the establishment of multi-lateral relations among the universities, or an alliance for international education. Teachers and students are mutually exchanged with university cooperation.

(2) Curriculum Development

This subprogram focuses on the expansion of educational contents. A relay lecture would be possible by several teachers from different universities teaching about the same topic.

(3) Educational Infrastructure

This subprogram focuses on the development of the educational environment, including ICT techniques, a video archive system, and a video conference system among the universities.

(4) System Reform

To establish international standards of agricultural education, the existing rules and regulations will be reviewed and modified to improve the quality of education. This can occur at each of the participating universities.

Organization

The project is managed by the Coordination Committee of six participating universities. The committee regulates the projects operations the overall in platform. The project office, located at Kyushu University, supports the Committee.

Each of the universities establishes a liaison office to communicate with other offices and to handle education matters. Kyushu University has organized a Platform Steering Committee to handle matters of subprogram packages.

