

Preface

Kyoto University held the '4th University Administrators Workshop: Building International Partnerships: In quest of a more creative exchange of students' on February 12 and 13, 2009. The workshop was intended to build upon the discussions of the three previous Workshops, which were held in Kyoto in March 2006, February 2007 and January 2008. The purpose of these workshops is to enhance the quality of international activities at leading Asian universities through an exchange of information and opinions by administrative staff members in charge of international affairs and student exchange.

We invited members of the Association of East Asian Research Universities (AEARU), Asian members of the Association of Pacific Rim Universities (APRU), and partner universities in Asia with which Kyoto University has concluded academic exchange agreements. We also invited representatives from Japanese universities which have been selected for the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT) program, 'Strategic Fund for Establishing International Headquarters in Universities.' In addition to the two guest speakers, who hailed from Hiroshima University and the University of Helsinki, fifty-four representatives from twenty-six universities, including Kyoto University, participated in the workshop.

During the workshop, three presentation and discussion sessions were held on the following themes: 'The Role of the International Office,' 'Developing a Variety of Programs for Accommodating More Students' and 'Risk Management in International Exchange.' All participants actively contributed to the workshop by making presentations in one of the sessions and/or by chairing a session.

This booklet contains all of the abstracts and slides for the presentations, as well as the workshop schedule and the list of participants.

The workshop was convened with the support of MEXT's Strategic Fund for Establishing International Headquarters in Universities. The entire content of this booklet is also posted on the website of Kyoto University's Organization for the Promotion of International Relations (OPIR).

(<http://www.opir.kyoto-u.ac.jp/e/workshop/workshop4.html>)

Kyoto University would like to thank all of the participants, whose contributions made this year's workshop a success. It is our hope that this booklet will be of value to all universities aiming to further internationalize their research and education activities.