

## **Recent Initiatives by the University of Tokyo to Promote International Student Exchange**

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In keeping with the progress of globalization, research universities of the world are pressed to respond to increasing demands to strengthen international competitiveness. How international student exchange programs are promoted at the University of Tokyo (Todai) will herein be discussed.

Todai is currently making full use of a new international alliance, the International Alliance of Research Universities (IARU) formed in January of 2006 to promote international exchange, in addition to existing mutual exchange activities, such as summer camps among the members of Association of Pacific Rim Universities (APRU) and the Association of East Asian Research Universities (AEARU).

Todai also has established the “Todai-Yale Initiative” at Yale University to promote exchange by sending doctoral students as well as faculty in the fields of humanities and social sciences. In the summer of 2007, Todai hosted Yale summer program for the first time. In addition, a plan to hold a global summer program is underway among the IARU member universities, which aims to start the actual program during the academic year 2008.


At some graduate schools at Todai, English courses are offered for students from abroad. Furthermore, the Graduate School of Frontier Sciences, in cooperation with the Integrated Research System for Sustainability Science (IR3S), introduced a new Master’s program in April, 2007. The program formally started in October, in which the entrance exams and all classes are given in English.

Todai’s overseas liaison office in Beijing plays a key role in the on-going student exchange programs, such as the acceptance of graduate students from the School of International Studies at Peking University, and “Chinese National Project for University Students to Study Abroad”.


The ultimate goal of international exchange of students is the internationalization of education. For this purpose, it is imperative that Todai enhance the international presence, provide more substantive international campus infrastructure, give opportunities for Todai students to study at international sites and encourage the promotion of international student exchange activities where the students play a leading role.




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**Introduction**

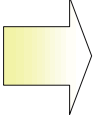
- Increasing demands to strengthen international competitiveness
- Establishment of Division for International Relations
  - Adoption of the Strategic Fund for Establishing International Headquarters in Universities
- Drafting a long-term plan to promote internationalization
  - Internationalization of faculty and administrative staff
  - Enhancement of international research activities
  - Promotion of student exchange program

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**International Activities**

- Acceptance of 2,372 international students
- 350 Todai students studying abroad
- 289 Academic Exchange Agreements with universities and institutions in 48 countries and region around the world



**The Majority was promoted by individual faculty members and departments at Todai**

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**From UT to Todai**

**UT → Todai**

Tokyo Daigaku  
(University)  
東京 大学

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**Recent Initiatives by Todai**

- Top-down international student exchange programs are strategically promoted
  - Active participation in the **APRU**, **AEARU** student activities
  - Full use of **IARU**
    - Yale Summer Session Program
    - IARU Global Summer Program
    - Todai-Yale Initiatives
  - **Todai Beijing Office** - etc -

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**Summer Camps**

The Association of Pacific Rim Universities (APRU)




The Association of East Asian Research Universities (AEARU)



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**UT Forum**

- UT Forum: Todai (UT) has held a series of Forums outside Japan in order to transmit the Todai's academic research activities abroad and to promote the international research collaboration
- UT Forum 2000 in Boston with MIT & JSPS
- UT Forum 2000 in Silicon Valley and the Bay Area with Stanford & UCSF
- UT Forum 2002 in Singapore with NUS
- UT Forum 2004 in Sweden with Stockholm Univ., Karolinska Institute Stockholm School of Economics, Uppsala Univ.
- UT Forum 2005 in Peking with PKU, Tsinghua, CAS
- UT Forum 2007 in Seoul with SNU, Korea Univ.




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**International Alliance of Research University (IARU)**



Yale, UC Berkeley, PKU, Todai, NUS, ANU, Copenhagen, ETH, Cambridge and Oxford

Programs supported by the IARU

- Research collaboration: "Global Changes and Sustainability" Todai will take the lead in "Energy, Resources and Environment" with ETH and NUS.
- Student exchange (undergraduate and postgraduate)
- Faculty exchange
- Conference Participation by faculty

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**IARU Global Summer Program**  
 “Frontier of Nanoscience and Sustainability”

- **Date:** June 16 – July 18, 2008
- **Level:** Undergraduate
- **Venue:** Hongo Campus, Tokyo
- **Lectures**
  - (1) Sustainable Urban Management
  - (2) Introduction to Japanese Language
  - (3) Nanoscience
  - (4) Study Visit (Industry, Univ. Lab and Culture)

INTERNATIONAL ALLIANCE OF RESEARCH UNIVERSITIES

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**Yale Summer Session Program**

- **Date:** July 7 -August 11, 2007
- **Place:** Hongo Campus at UT
- **Course:** “Macroeconomics in Light of Japan’s Experience Since the 1990s”
- **Instructor:** Dr. Koichi Hamada
- **Participants:** 11 Yale students (1 assistant), 4 Todai students

Dr. KOICHI HAMADA

Orientation

Class

Excursion

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**Todai-Yale Initiatives**

The Japanese Studies Laboratory established in 2007 with the cooperation of, and within the campus of, Yale University. It aims to contribute to the development of education and research on Japanese studies at Yale and in the US.

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**Doctoral Student Exchange as well as faculty in the field of Humanities and Social sciences**

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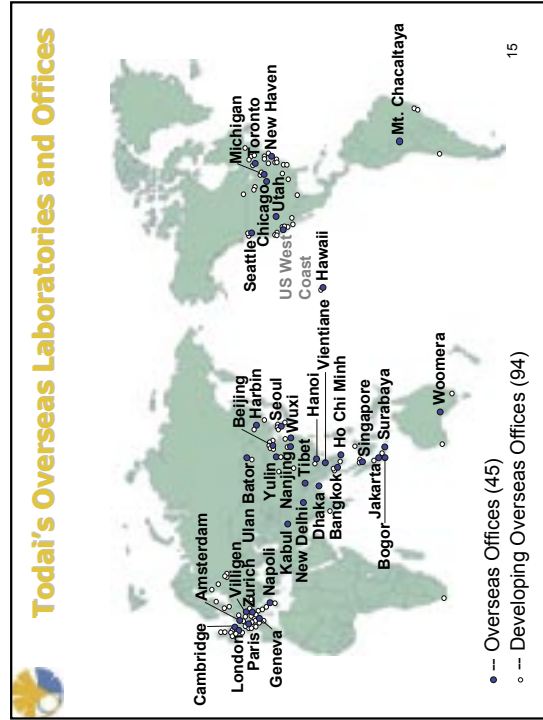
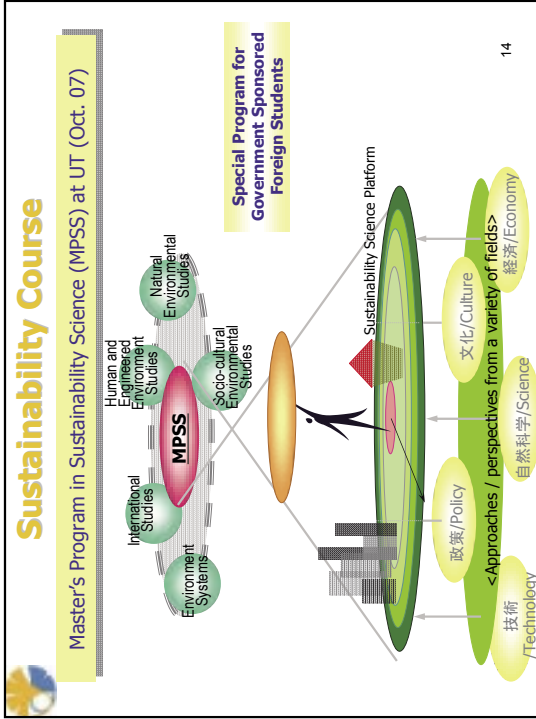
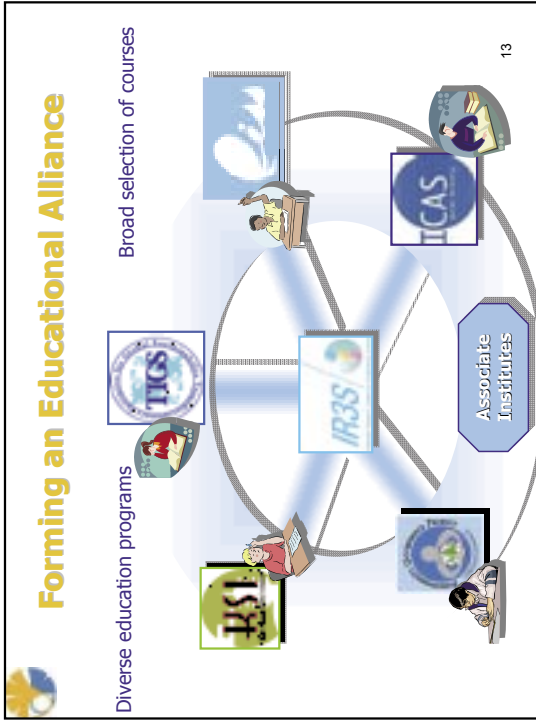
**English Courses at Todai**

English Courses are offered at

- Graduate school of Engineering
- Graduate school of Agricultural and Life Sciences
- Graduate school of Science -etc-

The International Priority Graduate Program (PGP) by MEXT

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## Beijing Office

- Promote university-level exchange and cooperation with top-class universities and research institutions in China
- Promote cooperation with Academia, Industry and Government in China
- Assist excellent Chinese students in studying at the University of Tokyo, and promote study by Japanese students at top Chinese universities
- Support the activities of University of Tokyo alumni organizations in China

Acceptance of students from

- the School of International Studies at Peking University
- "Chinese National Project for University Students to Study Abroad"

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## A Briefing Session on Overseas Study Program at Changchun

Objective: Government-financed Chinese Students



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## “Measures to Promote the Settlement of Overseas Researchers in Japan”

- **Research and Analysis** of Employees and Employers needs
- Holding of **symposium on job hunting** process of international students with business enterprise
- Creation of **Housing** information leaflet
- Development of **one-stop service center** “Academic Support Center” - etc -

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## Major Challenges in Promoting Student Exchange

- Enhancement of the **international presence**
- Development of substantive **international campus infrastructure**
- Give **opportunities** for Todai students to study at **international sites**
- Promotion of **international student exchange activities** where the students play a leading role






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