

Promoting Student Exchange Program -Experience of Tsinghua University

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Tsinghua University attaches great importance to the education of students. In the context of globalization, exchange programs will provide students deeper understanding of different cultures, experience of working and living in other countries, and make students better prepared for the international competition. Thus, exchange program has become one of the major study abroad programs for most of the universities.

Being a university targeting to become a world class university, Tsinghua is facing challenges in courses taught in English, scholarship, and management system. To cope with these challenges, Tsinghua has made effort in supporting the courses taught in English, in fund-raising to encourage students to study abroad, and improving the management system to match the need of student exchange programs.

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Tsinghua at a Glance

- Tsinghua University
 - Established in 1911
 - Campus size (hectare) 395
- Faculty Members
 - Full professors 1,291
 - Associate professors 1,811
 - Research fellows 1,380
- Students population
 - Undergraduates 13,106
 - Graduates 12,831

(Ph.D. 5316)





Tsinghua at a Glance

- Comprehensive
 - 13 schools and 5 independent departments, covering
 - » Sciences » Engineering » Humanities and social sciences
 - » Management » Law » Arts and design » Medical science
- Research-intensive
 - \$190 million research fund for year 2006
 - 170 Labs and 6 National Engineering Research Centres
- Open to World
 - 182 international partner universities in 32 countries
 - 33 international partner companies from top 100 companies in the world
 - 57 international joint-labs and joint research centers





Current Situation of Exchange Program

- Exchange programs on two levels
 - University level: institutional agreements
 - School and department level: school level agreement:

38 students participated the programs(2007)

200+ students participated the programs (2007)

Efforts to Promote Exchange Program

- Expand Exchange Programs with Partner Universities

29 university level exchange programs
150 exchange places every year

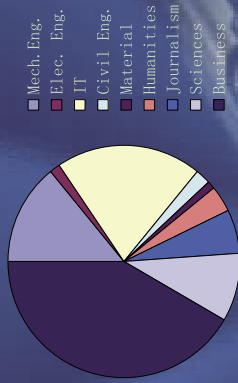
NORTH AMERICAN Programs	10 University Level Exchange Programs
EUROPE Programs	6 University Level Exchange Programs
ASIA	8 University Level Exchange Programs
OCEANIA	5 University Level Exchange Programs

Partner University	Number	Partner University	Number
Waseda University	2	UCSD	6-8
Kyoto University	4	Purdue University	4
Tohoku University	4	NCSU	6
Seoul National University	10	SBU	2
Korean University	4	University of Oregon	4
POSTECH	2	University of Utah	2
National University of Singapore	10	University of Toronto	4
Israel Institute of Technology	3	University of Calgary	6
Katholieke Universiteit Leuven	10	Simon Fraser University	4
Helsinki University of Technology	4	ITESM	*
University of Heidelberg	4	UNSW	4
RWTH AACHEN	5	University of Melbourne	4
University of Karlsruhe	10	Australian National University	4
Technical University of Denmark	4	University of Sydney	6
		University of Adelaide	4

Efforts to Promote Exchange Program

- Increase the Number of Courses Taught in English

The International Office and Academic Affairs Office jointly subsidized 90 courses taught in English. Together with the 10 English Master Programs, there are totally about 300 courses taught in English.



Efforts to Promote Exchange Program

- Set up Scholarship for Study Abroad
 - > 25% of the students coming from rural areas
 - > Every year, about 100 students will get scholarship to study abroad
 - > Exchange Scholarship with partner universities, such as Univ. of Melbourne, UNSW, etc.,
 - > Fund-raising to support more students

Next Steps

- Further expand the scale of exchange programs
 - > Our goal: 10% of the undergraduate students have the opportunity to study abroad
 - > Agreements under discussion with: Northwestern, UIUC, GIT, UGA, etc..
- Improve the management system of the exchange programs
 - > Set up an office / division to deal with the international education programs

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