

The 3rd University Administrators Workshop

Laying Firm Foundations for
University Internationalization

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Preface

Kyoto University held the ‘3rd University Administrators Workshop: Laying Firm Foundations for University Internationalization’ on January 24 and 25, 2008. The workshop was intended to build upon the discussions of the 1st and 2nd University Administrators Workshops, which were held in Kyoto in March 2006 and February 2007. The purpose of the workshop was 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 keynote speakers, who hailed from Australia and the United States of America, forty-nine persons from twenty-five universities, including Kyoto University, participated in the workshop.

During the workshop, two concurrent presentation and discussion sessions were held with the themes of ‘Networking to Promote Student Exchange,’ and ‘Advancing Campus Internationalization.’ 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 the ‘Strategic Fund for Establishing International Headquarters in Universities’ by Japan’s Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT). 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/workshop3.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 educational activities.