

The Top Global University Project at Keio University in AY2015-2016

Project-wide Performance Indicators and Target Goals

International Initiatives

Establishment and Operation of All-English Global Interdisciplinary Courses (GIC)

The Global Interdisciplinary Courses Program started in earnest across undergraduate faculties and graduate schools in AY2015-2016. As of May 1, 2016, a total of 1,162 students are enrolled in 75 core courses established within the GIC Center. This total increases to 8,337 students enrolled in 471 courses when all other GIC courses (international center courses, research courses, etc.) are included. We expect even higher enrollment with the incoming class in Fall Semester. The GIC Program is Keio's first university-wide curriculum conducted almost entirely in English and is available to students across all of Keio's undergraduate faculties and graduate schools. It functions as a platform for English-language courses that allows more students to graduate entirely in English.

International Student Dormitories

Keio has gradually added international housing with the increase in international student numbers, and in March 2016 the university opened the doors to the Okurayama Dormitory, the university's newest housing complex designed with international students in mind. In March 2017, Hiyoshi International Dormitory*, the university's first attempt at a truly international dormitory, is slated to open. Additionally, Keio has plans to open another international student dormitory at Tsunashima Sustainable Smart Town in Yokohama by March 2018.



3D rendering of Hiyoshi International Dormitory* (*Name tentative)

Increasing International Partner Institutions

In 2014, the total number of partner institutions at Keio University was 261. This number includes both department-level and university-wide partnerships for academic exchange and joint research. As of May 1, 2016, this number has increased to 310. As partnerships continue to thrive and grow, Keio has placed particular emphasis on increasing the number of exchange students through university-wide agreements by partnering with selective institutions abroad, which are limited to the most selective universities in the world. Partnership agreements are signed only after confirming real possibilities for exchange, and, as a result, we have experienced a steady but incremental net increase in student exchange numbers. Moreover, Keio is committed to strengthening its relationships with current partners by revisiting former agreements and negotiating increased student quotas.

Governance Reforms

Development of a Medium-Term Plan

Keio has raised objectives and guidelines for a medium-term plan, which formed the basis for individual policies established as short-term measures. Keio's selection for the Top Global University Project made the institution reflect on what Keio should look like by the end of the project in 2023 and resulted in the Keio Vision for 2023, which divides the years up to 2023 into three periods. First unveiled in 2015, the plan is in the midst of the first of these periods. This first period, dedicated to the promoting the Top Global University Project at Keio, focuses on communications, internationalization, and personnel system reform. Keio has committed to a proactive communications strategy in order to better convey its interdisciplinary, international strengths in advanced education and research, which are firmly rooted in the three initiatives of Longevity, Security, and Creativity.

Academic Reforms

Development of Short-Term Programs

The development of short-term programs is underway to increase the number of international students who come to Keio. Thesis@Keio, a program geared towards graduate students, began in 2015. Graduate students at the master's or doctoral level who are accepted to the program are allowed to conduct research at Keio and gain access to university resources. They may conduct fieldwork and interviews and receive advisement from Keio faculty members for their research. This new system provides students from other universities direct access to Keio academic faculty in order to further their research while Keio benefits by building an international academic network with talented graduate students and early-career researchers from abroad. Additionally, numerous new programs are slotted for Summer 2016 and beyond across many different faculties and graduate schools.



Keio Short-Term Japanese Studies Program

PEARL Applications Begin

The Faculty of Economics began accepting applications for the "Programme in Economics for Alliances, Research and Leadership (PEARL)," a brand-new economics program offered entirely in English. The university has received a large volume of applications from students of various backgrounds from Japan and abroad. As of June 2016, inaugural applicants are finishing their final admissions procedures.

University-specific Performance Indicators and Target Goals

Improving and Increasing Overseas Research Hubs

Keio is dedicated to building an environment that makes it easy to deliver world-leading research findings and promote international joint research. The university is enhancing collaboration with research hubs abroad to improve its visibility abroad and increase its number of internationally co-authored publications. Since 2014, Keio has increased its number of research hubs abroad from four to sixteen. The university will continue to increase these hubs in both quality and quantity and provide the high degree of mobility essential to successful joint research.

International Partnerships (As of May 1, 2016)

Australia	University of New South Wales	Singapore	Keio – Nus CUTE Center
Australia	University of Sydney	Switzerland	The European Organization for Nuclear Research
Austria	University of Vienna The Faculty of Historical and Cultural Studies	USA	National Institute on Aging Intramural Research Program
Austria	University of Vienna The Faculty of Psychology	USA	Broad Institute of MIT and Harvard
France	The Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique	USA	Georgia Institute of Technology
France	Commissariat à l'énergie atomique et aux énergies Alternatives	USA	University of California, Berkeley Precision Manufacturing Center in the Department of Mechanical Engineering
France	The ITER International Fusion Energy Organization		
India	Indian Institute of Technology Hyderabad		
Korea	Yonsei University Center for Information Technology and Governance	USA	Washington University in St. Louis School of Medicine

Visiting Research Co-Advisor Scheme in Full Swing

The university commenced full operation of its cross-appointment scheme to employ researchers from abroad as visiting research co-advisors to advise doctoral candidates at Keio. In AY2015, Keio welcomed a total of 60 co-advisors. Just as the year before, all parties involved—main research advisors, visiting research co-advisors, and doctoral candidates—expressed a high degree of satisfaction with the scheme. Several joint research and co-authored papers have been or are currently in the process of being published. The university expects their contributions will have a positive impact on citation and ranking indices.



A visiting research co-advisor meets with a Ph.D. candidate

Expanding Global Visibility

Communicating Keio Research Better Than Ever

In November 2015, Keio implemented Pure, a researcher information system made by Elsevier, to announce the findings and contributions of Keio research to the world. The research findings of full-time academic faculty recorded on Scopus, the world's largest abstract and indexing database of research information, are released on Pure. Making this information readily available to other institutions and researchers, especially those abroad, joint research.

Keio Ageing Week

Keio Ageing Week was held from Sunday, October 4, to Friday, October 9, 2015. Organized by Keio University with the collaboration and cooperation of various organizations, including the World Economic Forum (WEF), the World Health Organization (WHO), and Osaka University, the week consisted of an international conference and various events including lectures focused on healthy ageing, or more specifically, exploring solutions to challenges related to an ageing society. World-leading researchers convened to discuss issues related to a super-ageing population and cognitive decline as part of Keio University's ongoing research on longevity, one of Keio's global initiatives and a field in which Keio has long had a strong reputation. This meeting provided new insights needed to spark joint research on building a society that can cope with an ageing population through ongoing interdisciplinary and international research.



International Conference on Cognitive Decline and its Economic Consequences Co-hosted by Keio University and the World Economic Forum