

# The Top Global University Project at Keio University in AY 2016

## ■ Project-Wide Performance Indicators and Target Goals

### Internationalization

#### ○ Courses Delivered on FutureLearn

Keio University signed a Course Distribution Agreement with FutureLearn, the UK-based MOOC provider, making it an official member and the first from Japan to join the platform. In the 2016 academic year, two courses were provided: “Japanese Culture Through Rare Books” which looks at Japanese culture through writings from the earliest period in which books were written in Japan (8th century) to the Meiji Period (1868–1912), and “An Introduction to Japanese Subcultures” in which students study Japanese youth culture from the 1970s onwards. Both courses were taken by many people from around the world and received good reviews.



FutureLearn registration page

#### ○ Hiyoshi International Dormitory Opened

At the Hiyoshi International Dormitory, international students from around the world and Japanese students live together in units. It is Keio's first dormitory of this type, which is designed to allow students to interact and learn from each other on a daily basis to foster international mindedness. There are a total of 200 rooms (4 students per unit × 50 units) in the building. Each unit contains four highly soundproof private rooms (two for Japanese students and two for international students) and a shared living space, shower room, and wash basin. This setup ensures that the students have both their own private space and a space for interaction. Furthermore, there is a courtyard, meeting room, lounge, etc., where they can plan various exchange activities by themselves. A shared kitchen, dining room, a large communal bath, laundry room, etc., are also available inside the facility for students to use.

Two additional international dormitories, the Motosumiyoshi International Dormitory (tentative name) in Nakahara Ward, Kawasaki City and Tsunashima SST International Dormitory (tentative name) in Kohoku Ward, Yokohama City, will open in March 2018. When these are open, Keio University will operate 10 dormitories with a total capacity of 1,524 residents.



Hiyoshi International Dormitory

### Governance Reforms

#### ○ Development of a Medium-Term Plan for the Second Period

Following on from the medium-term plan for the first period, a three-year medium-term plan for the second period, from the 2017 to 2019 academic years, was developed and announced. The medium-term plan for the first period focused on communications, internationalization, and personnel system reform. It was decided to continue focusing on these three areas to promote the Top Global University Project at Keio University, but the medium-term plan for the second period also makes reference to concrete numerical goals. In order to achieve the various goals that center on globalization, the medium-term plan, which is designed to bring about the university's progress in stages, will be boldly and steadily implemented.

### Academic Reforms

#### ○ Law School: Master of Laws (LL.M.) in Global Legal Practice

In addition to its existing Juris Doctor (J.D.) program, Keio Law School (KLS) launched a new Master of Laws (LL.M.) program in Global Legal Practice. This new program will permit a select number of students to obtain an LL.M. degree in one year, with instruction entirely in English, and is the first of its kind offered at a law school in Japan. The LL.M. program welcomes lawyers who aspire to work globally and legal staff of global corporations and international institutions. It also welcomes Japanese lawyers and law school graduates who wish to improve their practical skills using English, international students who are interested in Japan and Asia, and university graduates who wish to work in an international institution in the future.

#### ○ Partnership with Washington University in St. Louis

The McDonnell International Scholars Academy partnership agreement was signed between Washington University in St. Louis (WUSTL) and Keio University.

The McDonnell International Scholars Academy is managed directly by the chancellor of WUSTL and provides scholarships and an educational experience at WUSTL to talented students from around the world who have the potential to become future leaders in academia, government, and the corporate world. Currently, it has partnerships with more than 30 universities in over 20 countries, and its partner universities in Japan are the University of Tokyo and Keio University. Keio students selected for the McDonnell International Scholars Academy program are expected to develop into future leaders who will thrive and compete on the global stage.



Signing ceremony

#### ○ PEARL Launched

The Faculty of Economics launched the Programme in Economics for Alliances, Research and Leadership (PEARL), an all-English degree program, in September 2016. Admission to this program is limited to 100 students. During its first three application periods, over 300 applications were received and 99 students were admitted to the program (including students from affiliated schools). For entry in 2017, over 350 applications have been received in just the first two application periods.

## ■ University-Specific Performance Indicators and Target Goals

### ○ Expansion of Double Degree Programs

A double degree agreement between the Faculty of Business and Commerce and ESSEC Business School in France, and another between the Law School and the University of Washington School of Law in the US brings the total number of double degree programs to 28. Keio and ESSEC enjoy a long-standing history of exchange going back more than 30 years, and there is currently already a double degree program between ESSEC and the Keio University Graduate School of Business Administration. At the Law School, the Master of Laws program in Global Legal Practice has become a central program, like at the University of Washington. There are plans to develop a curriculum that takes into account studying for an LL.M abroad as well as obtaining legal qualifications overseas through the signing of double degree agreements with other partner law schools in the US and other countries.

## ■ Expanding Global Visibility

### ○ Keio University Global Research Institute Established

The Keio Global Research Institute (KGRI) was established on November 1, 2016 as a base to facilitate the further globalization of the university and become an international research university that can contribute to the betterment of society. KGRI will collaborate closely with Keio's academics and researchers whose work is related to the three transdisciplinary initiatives of Longevity, Security, and Creativity, and extensively share these research findings with the international community.



Inaugural symposium

### ○ World's First InterNational Cyber Security Center of Excellence (INCS-CoE) Established

In November 2016, Keio University established the world's first InterNational Cyber Security Center of Excellence (INCS-CoE) in collaboration with US, UK, and Japanese universities. Researchers from 13 universities, five from the US, four from the UK, and four from Japan, have been invited as members. Cyberspace is effective and unique in that it is a borderless environment, but this also makes it difficult for any one nation or organization to adequately monitor and take countermeasures against cyberthreats. It is essential, now more than ever, to strengthen and advance international collaborations to collectively address and solve these issues. INCS-CoE's initial mission is to make use of the neutral environment that universities are known to provide to contribute a space that allows researchers to take on challenges and work on issues that span beyond organizational and national confinements. The future goal of INCS-CoE is to expand out towards a multi-stakeholder environment, collaborating internationally with governments, academia, and corporations.

### ○ Research-Intensive Universities from around the World Voiced the Need for Continued Support for Frontier

The "Global Network of Research-Intensive University Networks: 2016 International Annual Meeting" international conference was held at Keio University's Mita Campus for two days from November 7 to 8, 2016. The purpose of this conference was to bring representatives from research-intensive university networks from different countries and regions of the world together to discuss common issues, and work towards solutions through mutual collaboration. RU11 (Japan), of which Keio University is a member, has been part of this global network since 2014. In addition to RU11 members, approximately 30 representatives from networks including, AEARU (East Asia), C9 + HK3 (China), German U15, Group of Eight (Australia), LERU (Europe), and U15 Canada participated. Keio University, which is in charge of international matters of RU11, hosted and chaired the conference.



Tokyo Statement signing ceremony

At this conference, which was held in Japan for the first time, it was reaffirmed that although it has become more difficult worldwide to get research funding, research-intensive universities are playing a vital role to create innovation and to contribute to the growth of the world economy. Through the release of the Tokyo Statement, an appeal to governments of member institutions was made to make sufficient long-term investments in cutting-edge frontier research.

## [International Partnerships]

The university added two new double degree programs to bring the total number to 28, 13 new universities with agreement on academic linkage and collaboration to bring the total to 323, and four new overseas research hubs to bring the total number to 20. The university is working to further strengthen individual exchange between researchers by making these agreement-based international joint researches between the organizations. In November 2016, a joint workshop on the topic of Longevity was held at King's College London (KCL) in the UK. A total of 18 researchers from KCL and Keio University who work in different fields, such as medicine and economics, participated in the event. In addition, President Seike gave a talk about Japan's ageing society. Similar activities have been carried out at other overseas universities Keio University visits and it is believed that these efforts will lead to stronger partnerships in the future.

## ■ Other Activities

### ○ Study Abroad Program for Keio's Affiliated Schools

This program sends excellent students from Keio's five affiliated high schools to study abroad for one year at a prestigious boarding school in the US or the UK. Students are screened by both the high schools and host schools and those selected are awarded scholarships to cover tuition and other fees at the host school.

The program was launched in 2014, and in July 2016 a debriefing meeting was held with members of the first group of students who participated in the program. It was apparent that by living with the brightest students from around the world and interacting with them through studying and extracurricular activities, the students were able to not only improve their English, but gain new perspectives and the ability to proactively take action and seek new challenges. It is hoped that these students will create a ripple effect of inspiration among their classmates.



Study abroad debriefing meeting