

Common result indicators and targets

Internationalization-related

Online short-term study abroad program

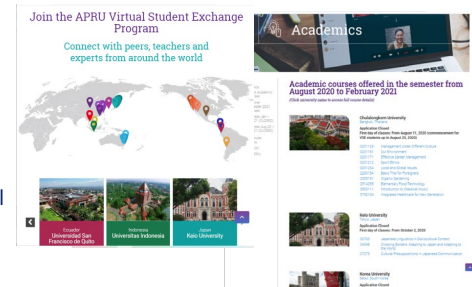
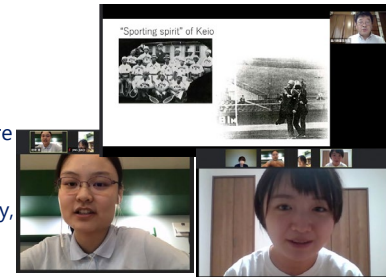
The "Understanding Japanese and Chinese Culture" lecture series was held with Fudan University from September 21 to 25. A total of 10 lectures on cultural exchange between Japan and China were held in English and Chinese on topics including "Keio University and Japan's Modernization," "Language exchange between Japan and China," "Occidentalism in Japanese Shōjo-Manga," and "Cooking." A total of 945 students from Keio and Fudan University participated, and on the final day, an exchange event was held online for the students to interact directly with each other.

The Keio Short-Term Japanese Studies Program (KJSP) was held from February 24 to March 9, 2021. A total of 27 students participated from Keio and partner universities including Chulalongkorn University in Thailand and McGill University in Canada.

A pilot version of the Association of Pacific Rim Universities' (APRU) Virtual Student Exchange (VSE) Program was launched among APRU member universities, for which Keio University also provided courses (11 universities provided approximately 80 courses). Although unable to replace the experience of actually studying abroad, a new form of student exchange program was realized whereby overseas students can be hosted and Keio students can take classes at other overseas universities online. Furthermore, this trial revealed new possibilities for conducting exchange with overseas universities and international education online in the future. <https://vse.apru.org/>

Opening of a new international student dormitory

The "Shonan Fujisawa International Dormitory" was completed on March 16, 2021. In addition to operating as a mixed student dormitory, it will also function as a place where students from Japan and abroad can interact with each other, and it brings the total number of international student dormitories at Keio to 10 (of which 7 are mixed dormitories). Until now, many of our international student dormitories were located around Hiyoshi Campus, and it took students about an hour to travel to Shonan Fujisawa Campus; however, by establishing a dormitory on SFC campus itself, we have created an environment where we can accept even more international students.



Governance reform-related

Exchange of opinions with university presidents, etc., around the world

As part of the activities of the U7+ Alliance (an alliance of international universities established at the G7 Biarritz Summit in July 2019 centered around leading universities of G7 countries), our president and vice-presidents participated in 7 online meetings with presidents, etc., of other leading universities around the world from May 2020 to March of the following year, where they discussed ways to address the serious challenges the world is facing today including COVID-19 (coronavirus disease), racial discrimination, inequality, and threats to academic freedom.

At the APRU Senior International Leaders Meeting held from October 6 to 9, the vice-presidents concerned and other faculty and staff members participated in online meetings with representatives of the 56 member universities under the theme of "Acting Together in the New Abnormal" to discuss how international exchange should be handled as well as how each university is planning their international strategies during the COVID-19 pandemic. The trial of a virtual student exchange program (see above) was also proposed.

Promotion of digital transformation (DX)

Along with the crisis management response by the Keio University Infection Response Center for COVID-19 (center director: president of Keio) established at Keio on February 4, 2020, DX was promoted as a necessary measure to ensure the stable and safe implementation of online classes and events, various meetings, and the telework of administrative staff members, etc. As a part of this, corporate contracts for online conference systems were expanded, common chat tools for faculty and staff members were introduced, and the internal administrative approval system was made available online.

Educational reform-related

Introduction of Canvas LMS education support system

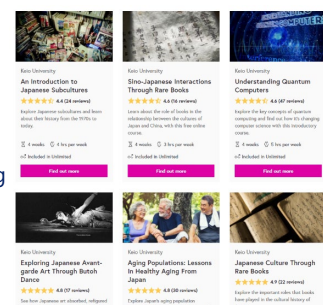
As part of internationalizing the academic affairs system, we became the first Japanese university to introduce and start operating Canvas LMS, a learning management system (LMS). It is used by leading universities in North America (Stanford, Harvard, Carnegie Mellon, Columbia, etc.) and can be easily set to work with external applications.

Center for Global Interdisciplinary Courses (GIC Center)

The GIC Center, which was established with the adoption of this project, provides a program in which courses are taught in English (or other foreign languages), and students who obtain a total of 40 credits or more from the courses that meet certain conditions by the time of graduation will be awarded with a certificate of completion. Students can freely take the courses regardless of the faculty to which they belong, and with many international students from abroad also taking these courses, the center is becoming a base for developing international and interdisciplinary human resources. Various courses such as those in the sciences, environment, music, bushido, poetry, and business are offered, and in AY 2020, 1,551 students took GIC courses.

FutureLearn

Continuing on from previous years, through the online education platform FutureLearn, we have not only disseminated Keio University's research and findings but also distributed information focused on Japanese culture through the sharing of archives of rare books, works of art, etc., possessed by Keio. In AY 2020, we offered 10 courses, an increase of 3 courses from the previous year.



■ The university's own result indicators and targets

○ Placed in the top 100 for the QS Rankings by subject

In the QS World University Rankings by Subject, Keio was ranked in the top 100 worldwide in 7 research fields. Regarding the number of fields ranked in the top 100, we ranked 6th among Japanese universities along with Tohoku University. The QS World University Rankings by Subject ranks 51 research fields in the humanities, engineering and technology, life sciences, natural sciences, and social sciences.

○ Cross-appointment through the Guest Professor (Global) system

Under the Guest Professor (Global) system, 52 people were appointed in 2020 (89 people in 2019). In the beginning, we were planning to appoint 71 people, but 19 appointments were cancelled due to the spread of COVID-19. In AY 2020, many Guest Professors (Global) conducted instruction remotely online. Since we began this system in AY 2014, a total of 460 people have been appointed.

■ Initiatives to increase international reputation

○ Hosting international conferences and events

From June to July, the KGRI Virtual Seminar Series "Japan and the World in the Era of COVID-19: Considering whether the new paradigm is a crisis or an opportunity" was held 4 times online (supported by APRU). About 1,000 people participated (including 80 overseas participants), including university students, researchers, senior high school students, and working adults. The 4 themes were as follows:

- June 17 Health and Science & Technology
- July 1 Economy and Work
- July 15 Society and the Law
- July 29 Summing Up

<https://www.kgri.keio.ac.jp/en/news-event/070204.html>



Introducing study and research opportunities in Japan

EXPERIENCE JAPAN EXHIBITION 2020 Online

ONLINE EVENT HALL

Saturday, 21 November

9:00 ~ 12:00 (GMT) 18:00 ~ 21:00 (JST)

On September 30, we hosted the "1st MEXT Top Global University Project Online Symposium International Collaboration in Higher Education during the COVID-19 Pandemic." Guest speakers from Sciences Po and the Chinese University of Hong Kong were also invited to the symposium held in English to discuss responses to and issues caused by COVID-19 as well as the possibility of online study abroad. About 430 people participated from Japan and abroad.

<https://www.keio.ac.jp/en/news/2020/Oct/8/48-75604/>



On November 21, we hosted the Study in Japan Fair "Experience Japan Exhibition 2020 Online." The fair had been held every year in London, UK, since 2001, but due to the impact of COVID-19, it was held online for the first time. 20 universities and organizations from all over Japan, many of which were selected as Top Global Universities, participated in the event, which provided information on the study in Japan programs of each university and the scholarships that are available as well as stories from students sharing their experiences of studying in Japan. By holding the event online, the numbers of exhibitors and attendees were the largest ever. With 1,353 people participating not just from the UK but also from Asia and Europe, the number of attendees greatly exceeding that for previous years (around 500), and lively question and answer sessions, etc., were held.

<https://www.keio.ac.jp/en/news/2020/Dec/1/48-76532/>

The "APRU Population Aging Research Hub 2018-2020 Summing Up Report" was published

Keio University took over as the host of the APRU Population Aging Program from the University of New South Wales (UNSW), and for 3 years from 2018 to 2020, operated as the research base (hub) of the program, organizing the annual conferences and various seminars. A report summarizing our activities over the 3 years was published, which is also available below:

https://www.global-sdgs.keio.ac.jp/wp-content/themes/Keio_University/assets/pdf/2018_2020FinalReport2021_finalversion.pdf

■ Other

○ THE World Reputation Rankings 2020

The THE World Reputation Rankings 2020 was announced and Keio University ranked between 151st and 175th, while in Japan, Keio placed 9th overall and 1st among private universities. This ranking asks researchers from all over the world about the reputation of universities in terms of research and educational capabilities and ranks universities based on the results.

○ Four researchers from Keio University were selected as Highly Cited Researchers 2020

Four members of the School of Medicine, Professor Kenya Honda (Department of Microbiology and Immunology), Associate Professor Koji Atarashi (Department of Microbiology and Immunology), Assistant Professor Takeshi Tanoue (Department of Microbiology and Immunology), and Professor Toshiro Sato (Sakaguchi Laboratory—Department of Organoid Medicine) were chosen as Highly Cited Researchers (HCR), who are selected by Clarivate Analytics every year. HCR are outstanding researchers who have published multiple papers in the past year (2019) for which the number of citations fall in the top 1% in 21 scientific fields. In the 2020 edition, 6,167 people (from about 60 countries) were selected from across the world, with about 90 people being selected from Japan.

