

Project-Wide Performance Indicators and Target Goals

International Initiatives

Short-Term Study Abroad Programs

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, in-person study abroad programs were suspended until AY2022. However, in AY2023, in-person study abroad was resumed for both inbound (hosting) and outbound (placement) programs.

The placement programs participated by Keio students included 24 students to the summer course at the College of William and Mary in the U.S. held in August and September, 60 students to the summer course at Downing College, University of Cambridge in the U.K., and 25 students to the spring course at Sciences Po in Paris, France, held in February and March 2024.

For hosting programs, the Keio Summer Program, which utilizes a four-semester (quarter) system, saw 32 international students participating in it. These students took Spring Second-Half-Semester courses at the International Center and on weekends, they participated in a shakyo (sutra transcription) experiential tour, as well as a day trip to Tokyo together with Keio students from the Keio Organization of Student Members of the International Center (KOSMIC), thereby deepening exchanges with Japanese students.

Keio University held its Short-Term Japanese Studies Program (KJSP) over twelve days in February 2024. A total of 35 students from partner institutions participated in the program where they learned about Japanese culture in English and deepened exchanges.

Keio University took part in the APRU Virtual Student Exchange (VSE) Program, a student exchange program held by the Association of Pacific Rim Universities (APRU). 12 international students from APRU member universities overseas participated while Keio sent 7 students to participate. <https://vse.apru.org/>



Governance Reforms

Initiatives to Promote Diversity Equity & Inclusion (DEI)

In AY2023, Keio University officially launched its own original Mentoring Program based on the experience gained through participating in the APRU Asia-Pacific Women in Leadership (APWiL) Mentoring Program. Throughout the academic year, a total of 36 female faculty members learned about leadership, women’s empowerment, and other topics.

In June 2023, Keio University hosted the DEI Symposium, “Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Challenges in Universities: Learning from Diverse Experiences; Reaching Common Goals” in a hybrid format with both in-person and online components. Women who work as scholars and researchers at Keio and various universities in countries that are involved with the APRU Asia Pacific Women in Leadership (APWiL) Mentoring Program took to the stage to share their experiences and engage in lively discussions.



Strategic Partnerships Project: “Sharing Good Practices”

Keio University continued its participation in the “Strategic Partnerships Project” (organized by Tokyo University) as a part of the “Japan Forum for Internationalization of Universities,” sharing details of Keio’s activities with other universities.

At the 3rd Strategic Partnership Symposium, titled “Future Prospects for International Cooperation of Japanese Universities with Overseas Universities,” held in December 2023, Keio’s experience in identifying strategic partnerships and strengthening relationships, mainly through its activities in consortiums such as APRU and U7+ Alliance, was shared with both participating and non-participating universities in the project. <https://www.u-tokyo.ac.jp/content/400184826.pdf>

Global Advisory Council (GAC)

The presidents of the following two GAC member universities shared their thoughts and opinions with Keio University’s president.

September 2023 (Seoul), October (Tokyo)	Yonsei University	President Seoung Hwan Suh
January 2024 (Davos)	National University of Singapore	President Tan Eng Chye

Academic Reforms

“FutureLearn,” an Online Education Platform

In AY2023, 13 online courses were offered in English. From 2023, the course “Understanding Quantum Computers” has been selected to confer credits at Nanyang Technological University, indicating progress in utilization by overseas universities.



The Center for Global Interdisciplinary Courses (GIC)

GIC is a program that offers a variety of courses taught in English and other languages on various fields. Students can enroll in these courses regardless of faculty affiliation. In AY2023, a new course in the field of natural science, “Science and Environment I (Covid-19: Looking back and looking forward),” which offers a deeper perspective about infectious diseases in light of the current social climate, and a new history course, “History I,” were offered. The total number of students enrolled in AY2023 was 1,230 (1,173 in AY2022). The cumulative total number of students who had earned 40 or more credits in courses by the time of graduation and received a certificate of completion was 268 through AY2023.



## ■ University-Specific Performance Indicators and Target Goals

### ○ Expansion of Research Funding and Establishment of a Support System for University-Launched Startups with a Top-Class Track Record in Japan

Research funding reached a total of 28.8 billion yen in AY2023, approximately 1.5 times greater than when the project was first launched, far exceeding the initial target. One key reason for the expansion was the selection of the Human Biology-Microbiome-Quantum Research Center (Bio2Q) under the World Premier International Research Center Initiative (WPI) in AY2022, the first among private universities in Japan. The center was also selected for the Program for Forming Japan's Peak Research Universities (J-PEAKS) in AY2023.

In addition, in 2015, the Keio Innovation Initiative was established as a venture capital company to invest in Keio-launched startups. With a support system in place to support university-launched venture businesses, the funds raised for Keio-launched startups reached 51 billion yen in AY2023 (highest figure in Japan), and the number of Keio-launched venture businesses reached 291 (second highest in Japan).

### ○ Cross-Appointment System for Guest Professors (Global)

The Guest Professor (Global) program saw 286 overseas professors appointed in AY2023, far exceeding the target of 200 for that year and marking the highest figure since the system was introduced in AY2014. During the COVID-19 pandemic, the program was mainly centered on online remote instruction, but from AY2022, the appointment of overseas professors coming to Japan to teach in-person (direct instruction type) was resumed, and in AY2023, the number of professors appointed under the direct instruction type exceeded that of those appointed under the remote instruction type. In addition, 279 students, the highest number since the program started, had the opportunity to receive guidance from researchers based at overseas universities.

## ■ Expanding Global Visibility

### ○ Strategic Collaboration Through Consortiums of Research Universities

Keio University has participated in a series of meetings organized by consortiums of research universities, such as APRU and U7+ Alliance, which include many of Keio's partner institutions, to discuss issues and plans.

At the APRU Presidential Summit held in Hong Kong in June 2023, Keio University's president participated in the panel discussion and showcased the Keio Mentoring Program, a new initiative and strategy to advance progress towards achieving the SDGs. He also highlighted the Keio Student Conference, a student-driven initiative which proposes a vision, goals, and targets for Keio University to achieve the SDGs. In addition, the president has been appointed as a member of the APRU Steering Committee, representing the member universities in Japan, effective June 2023.

In AY2023, Keio became a member of RENKEI (Japan-UK Research and Education Network for Knowledge Economy Initiatives). In AY2024, Keio hosted a workshop for RENKEI at the Tsuruoka Town Campus of Keio (TTCK).



### ○ Experience Japan Exhibition 2023

Keio hosted the 13th Experience Japan Exhibition (EJE). The event represented the culmination of the Top Global University (SGU) project, and a symposium on studying abroad in Japan and the globalization of Japanese universities was held in-person in September 2023. An archived video of the symposium was also made available on the official website. As in the past 12 iterations of the event, in cooperation with other universities and institutions in Japan, a portal site was launched in August 2023 to provide an online consolidated source of information on studying in Japan for international students who aspire to study at Japanese universities. (The site was operated until the end of July 2024 with the cooperation of 26 universities and 7 institutions across Japan).

### ○ Keio University Global Research Institute (KGRI)

At KGRI, a total of 17 research projects were carried out across the clusters of "Longevity," "Security," and "Creativity," as well as "Cross-disciplinary," which encompasses these three clusters. In addition to numerous lectures, workshops, and other activities held under each cluster, researchers and prominent figures involved in cutting-edge research and education in Japan and abroad were invited to give lectures under the KGRI Lecture Series and Great Thinker Series. The archived videos of these lectures were made available to the public on the official website.

### ○ International PR

For international PR, Keio publishes a monthly e-newsletter (The Penmark), as well as regularly updates a website (Keio Research Highlights), among other social media, with information on admissions and research activities in English so as to disseminate information to global audiences. The number of followers on Keio's social media platforms has increased steadily and organically over the years, with 23,000 followers on Instagram and 27,000 followers on Facebook as of April 2024.



## ■ Other Activities

### ○ Keio University Ranked in the Top 100 Universities in the World for Three Categories of the SDGs in the 2023 THE Impact Rankings

The Times Higher Education (THE) Impact Rankings aims to measure the contribution of universities to society based on the degree of achievement of the SDGs advocated by the United Nations. It serves as an indicator to measure the progress of Keio University in fulfilling its mission of "improving the sustainability of global society through science," which lies at the core of Keio's project concept theme. Out of 1,591 institutions in 112 countries and regions around the world, Keio University's overall ranking was 101-200th in the world and 32nd in Goal 16: Peace and Justice for All.

In AY2023, Keio University published the Keio University Sustainability Report, a summary of its initiatives, on its official website. In doing so, the university hopes to communicate its efforts towards achieving the SDGs both within Japan and overseas. <https://www.global-sdgs.keio.ac.jp/en/sdgs/>

