

The Fukuoka Declaration on the Internationalization of Japanese and Chinese Universities in the Global Era

The 9th Forum for Japanese and Chinese University Presidents

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On October 29, 2015, the presidents and other representatives of Chinese and Japanese universities gathered at Kyushu University in order to debate the role that should be played by universities of both nations - the leaders of Asia - under the theme of “the internationalization of Chinese and Japanese universities in the global era,” and to share an awareness of how the collaborations between Japanese and Chinese universities should be pursued in the future.

During the meeting the two parties reconfirmed the manner in which **social contributions** should be made through the **internationalization of universities** against a background of an ever-progressing global society, shared a number of actual examples and debated the meaning of and concrete policies for promoting the internationalization of Chinese and Japanese universities.

Furthermore, both sides reaffirmed the fact that as international competition between universities becomes fiercer due to the rapid acceleration of the mobilization of both researchers and students, the trend of planning to reinforce the international competitiveness of education and research through university collaborations that cross national borders is becoming more evident. The participants debated the significance and efficacy of cooperation between Chinese and Japanese universities to **foster the human resources of the next generation** who will lead future academic research and make major contributions to the development of academic pursuits worldwide. The desirable way that Japanese-Chinese cooperation should contribute to the development of higher education and scientific technology was also raised.

In addition to the senior university personnel attending, a team of 32 students representing universities from both nations and members of the Student Committee for Internationalization of Kyushu University also participated. They exchanged opinions on the need for the internationalization of both countries' universities and the role that students should play in this, and put forward **their own suggestions for the ideal way in which the next era of international exchange should be molded.**

All the participants at the meeting gained a new recognition of the fact that maintaining an awareness of the international nature of education and research that contributes to enabling young people to perform in an era of globalization is one of the responsibilities of the higher education community. Based on the results obtained thus far, both parties consider that the matters listed below to be vital for further cooperation, and hereby declare these concrete actions to promote cooperation and collaborations between Chinese and Japanese universities.

1. The promotion of interdisciplinary joint research projects and interdisciplinary educational collaborations aimed at solving important problems in a global society.
2. The promotion of industry-academia collaboration between China and Japan.
3. The promotion of education and research collaborations and use of educational resources in order to foster human resources who are equipped with the global skills necessary to be active on a worldwide basis.
4. The promotion of the creation of both long- and short-term educational collaboration programs, with an emphasis on the students' perspectives.

Participating Japanese universities

The University of Tokyo (organizing university on the Japanese side, remaining participants listed in alphabetical order), Aichi University, Chuo University, Hiroshima University, Hitotsubashi University, Hokkaido University, Keio University, Kobe University, Kyoto University, Kyushu University, Nagoya University, Osaka University, Ritsumeikan University, Tohoku University, Tokyo Institute of Technology, University of Tsukuba, Waseda University and Nagasaki University participated as an observer

Participating Chinese universities

Peking University (organizing university on the Chinese side, remaining participants listed in alphabetical order), Beihang University, Beijing Normal University, Dalian University of Technology, Fudan University, Harbin Institute of Technology, Huazhong University of Science and Technology, Jilin University, Nanjing University, Nankai University, Northeastern University, Shanghai Jiao Tong University, Sichuan University, Xiamen University, Xi'an Jiao Tong University, Xinjiang University and Sun Yat-sen University participated as an observer