



Newly Concluded Overseas Partner Universities



Université Paris-Sud, France

Gifu University concluded the Memorandum of Understanding for International Cooperation with Université Paris-Sud, France on December 16, 2014. With the latest signing of the MOU with Université Paris-Sud, the number of Gifu University's overseas partner universities stand at 45 in 16 countries.

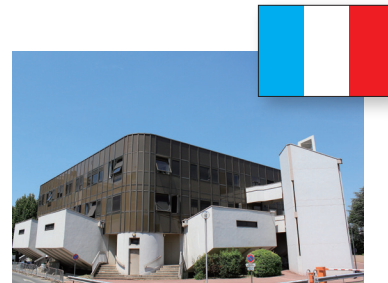
[Student Number] 27,600

[Overview]

Université Paris-Sud is one of 13 universities forming Université de Paris and is the biggest university in France with extensive 270ha of campus grounds. The university is renowned for its world-class research activities and has produced two Nobel Prize laureates and four Fields Prize winning mathematicians to date. The university has five campuses in the southern suburbs of Paris and its main campus is located in Orsay. Students study in the faculties of Science, Law, Economy, Pharmacy, Medicine and Sports Science. Currently 4,691 international students from 132 countries are enrolled in the university.

[Exchanges with Gifu University]

Exchanges started between the Graduate School of Medicine and School of Medicine, Gifu University, and Paul Brousse Hospital, Université Paris-Sud in June 2011. Student internship programs between the two institutions are now under consideration.



Université Paris-Sud, France



The Faculty of Engineering and the Faculty of Applied Biological Sciences Concluded Faculty Level Academic Exchange Agreements with Ten Universities

The Faculty of Engineering and the Faculty of Applied Biological Sciences concluded the following faculty-level academic exchange agreements with overseas universities to facilitate exchanges among students and faculties. The number of faculty-level agreements with overseas universities/institutions now reaches 31 in 16 countries around the world.

(as of March 10, 2015)

[Faculty of Engineering] Nine Universities

Indian Institute of Technology, Guwahati (IIT-G) (India)
The Faculty of Mechanical Engineering, Technische Universität Dortmund (Germany)
The Science Departments, University of Mandalay (Myanmar)
The Faculty of Mathematics and Natural Sciences, Brawijaya University (Indonesia)
The Science Departments, Yadanabon University (Myanmar)
The Science Departments, Meiktila University (Myanmar)
The School of Engineering, Dedan Kimathi University of Technology (Kenya)
The Faculty of Engineering and Science, Universiti Tunku Abdul Rahman (Malaysia)
The College of Engineering, Kyungpook National University (Korea)

[Faculty of Applied Biological Sciences] One University

Bioeconomy Unit, Häme University of Applied Sciences (Finland)



Indian Institute of Technology, Guwahati (IIT-G), India

Activities of Overseas Offices

The third Gifu University Overseas Office opened in Indonesia in December 2014.

[Shanghai Office]

The Shanghai Office participated in Japan Study Abroad Fair sessions, which were held in Shanghai and Changchun, China to introduce and promote Gifu University. President Hisataka Moriwaki of Gifu University and the Gifu University delegates visited the Shanghai Office in March, 2015.

[Dhaka Office]

Dr. Fumiaki Suzuki, Executive Director of Gifu University and other Gifu University delegates visited Gifu University Office in Dhaka University in June 2014 and attended the Office Opening Ceremony.

[Indonesia Office]

The Gifu University Indonesia Office at Universitas Sebelas Maret opened within the compounds of Universitas Sebelas Maret in December 2014. The Office Opening Ceremony was held in attendance of President Hisataka Moriwaki of Gifu University.



Shanghai Office



Dhaka Office



Indonesia Office

President's Visits to Overseas Partner Universities & Overseas Partner Universities' Courtesy Visits to President

President Hisataka Moriwaki made three overseas business trips and hosted ten delegations from abroad from April 2014 to March 2015.

(as of March 10, 2015)

[President's Visits to Overseas Partner Universities]

- ★ September 21-22, 2014 : Indian Institute of Technology, Guwahati (IIT-G), India
- ★ December 2, 2014 : Universitas Sebelas Maret, Indonesia
- ★ March 9, 2015 : Guangxi University, China

[Courtesy Visits to President by Delegations from Abroad]

- ★ April 24, 2014 : His Excellency Dr. István SZERDAHELYI, Hungarian Ambassador to Japan
- ★ June 19, 2014 : Delegation of Sub-Committee on Energy and Environmental Security (STCEES) and Sub-Committee on Transatlantic Economic Relations (ESCTER) of NATO Parliamentary Assembly (NATO PA) (a total of 31 members)
- ★ July 2, 2014 : Assistant Prof. Dr. Tosak Seelanan, Director of Biological Sciences Ph.D. Program, Chulalongkorn University (Thailand) and four other members
- ★ August 5, 2014 : Representatives from participating universities of "The 3rd UGSAS-GU Roundtable & Symposium 2014" (Bangladesh, India and five other countries) (a total of 12 delegates)
- ★ August 25, 2014 : Prof. Dr. Maung Thynn, Rector, University of Mandalay (Myanmar) and one delegate
- ★ September 3, 2014 : Dr. Jiban Ranjan Majumder, Economic Minister of Embassy of Bangladesh
- ★ September 25, 2014 : Mr. Tae-cheol Kim, Division of Student Support/Scholarship & Welfare Team Manage, Seoul National University of Science and Technology (People's Republic of Korea) and other four delegates
- ★ January 20, 2015 : Prof. Dr. Helmi, Vice Rector for Planning, Development and Cooperation, Andalas University (Indonesia) and two other members
- ★ February 17, 2015 : Professor Carlos Suzuki, Advisor, International Relations, University of Campinas (Brazil) and four other delegates
- ★ February 25, 2015 : Professor P.S. Robi in Mechanical Engineering of the Indian Institute of Technology, Guwahati (IIT-G) (India) and one delegate



Courtesy Visit from University of Campinas, Brazil

International Week in Fall 2014



Lecture by International Alumni

The Lecture by International Alumni was held on November 4, 2014. The invited two international alumni of Gifu University, gave lectures and made presentations. Dr. Yu Ping from China, who graduated from the Graduate School of Engineering of Gifu University, and currently the President of his own company, Fuaying Software Incorporated Shanghai, made a presentation. He also serves as the Secretary of the Gifu University Alumni Association in China. Dr. M. Nasir Uddin from Bangladesh, who graduated from the United Graduate School of Agricultural Science of Gifu University and is presently Assistant Professor at the Texas A & M Health Science Center in the United States of America, also delivered a speech. After the lectures, the participants asked many questions of Dr. Yu Ping and Dr. Uddin and the two were given positive feedback from the participants.



Meeting between International Students, Researchers and Board Members hosted by the President

On November 5, 2014, a meeting between international students, researchers and their families, board members, deans of Gifu University was held with Hisataka Moriwaki, President of Gifu University as host in an effort to promote friendship among them. Approximately 130 people attended the meeting and all of them fully enjoyed a rare opportunity for talks and picture taking with the board members.



Network Meeting with Local Companies

The Network Meeting with Local Companies between Gifu University international students and local companies was held with the support of Gifu Shinkin Bank Ltd. on November 12, 2014. Presidents, board members and recruiting personnel from 15 local companies made short presentations about their products and business operations at home and abroad. About 70 international and Japanese students had a chance to browse through the company exhibition booths. At the reception, students intently listened to the explanations given directly from the company officials in the hope that they could build a business career of their choice in the future.



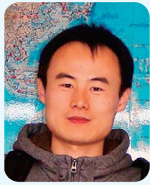
Special Lounge

A Special Lounge was held on November 6, 2014, as a special version of the regular English Lounge that is held on a monthly basis. In addition to the three languages, Japanese, French and Korean selected last year, Chinese was added this year. Around 40 participants were divided into four groups, and given a chance to study basic French, Korean, Chinese or Japanese in free conversation style. After the session, all of the participants said they would like to take part in the next lounge and some of them even proposed other new languages for the future lounges.



English Lounge 2014

The English Lounge opens during a lunch break twice a month to provide students and staff an opportunity to enjoy free English conversations. The participants are divided into groups of 4 to 5 people and exchange opinions about the given topics. A total of 11 sessions were held at the Incubation Hall, and the Learning Commons in the Library from April 2014 to March 2015. "The sessions are a great chance to speak English," "The sessions are becoming the venue to get acquainted with people from different countries and in different professions," said some participants. A large turnout for the English Lounge is expected for the year 2015.



Message from an International Student



“My Experience in Japan”



by **Zhou Bo**, Third Year of Doctoral Program,
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I came to Japan on September 25, 2009 from my home country, China. I still clearly remember the day I arrived at the Chubu, Centrair International Airport, Nagoya. Because it was still hot for September, I became very sweaty while I was lining up for immigration clearance at the airport. Just like many other international students, I wanted to study abroad to know more about what is going on in the world and gain new knowledge and expertise after graduation from my alma mater in China.

When I arrived in Japan, I was not able to speak Japanese at all, so I took the one-year Japanese intensive course offered by Gifu University for international students free of charge. There were as many as 11 Japanese classes per week, and I was very busy with my Japanese and my research activities every day, but while I was studying Japanese, I made many Japanese friends and had really a wonderful time at Gifu University. Also, my Japanese is quite helpful in conducting my research work as well as my life in Japan. There are many international students like me who study Japanese very hard and successfully land jobs in Japan after graduation. On the other hand, there are students who speak little Japanese and after completing their study in Japan, return to their home countries for work. In any event, I believe that we are the ones who take actions to shape our destinies with clear goals and purposes in mind.

I studied ultra high strength fiber reinforced concrete for five years and six months in Japan. In my view, a research laboratory is quite a special place for students. For international students, making friends with other research students is needed. At first, it may be difficult due to differences in languages and cultures, but if we open our hearts and interact with people in the sincerest manner, we can develop friendships with one another.

I would also like to make some comments about Gifu. Unlike metropolitan cities such as Tokyo or Osaka, Gifu is a quiet and beautiful prefecture and is blessed with a rich natural environment. In addition, I found some classic aspects of Japanese culture in Gifu. As opposed to the expensive lifestyle in major cities, I live comfortably in Gifu with low-priced goods and services available to the citizens.

During my stay in Japan for five years and six months, I met many kind and warmhearted people and they gave wonderful support and assistance to me. I would like to take this opportunity to express my deep appreciation to everyone for the kind considerations they gave to me during my stay in Japan.



Message from a Student Studying Abroad



My Experience Studying Abroad as an exchange Student”



by **Manami Kiuchi**,
Fourth-year student of Japanese Education Course, Faculty of Education

In this My Study-Abroad Experience Story, I would like to send a message to the students who intend to study abroad in the near future by looking back on my days at Lund University, Sweden that started in August 2014. For many international students, living a life with specific goals and purposes in mind every day is a common understanding. For instance, allocate report writing stint for a day, read ten pages of the assigned book for a day, and at least meet more than one friend a day even during the winter break instead of staying at home all day... Everyone here at Lund University has various goals and targets in their daily lives. When we think about how lucky we are being able to study abroad and live in an ideal environment for studying, we all may come

to realize one day, or even one hour is extremely invaluable to us.

Besides setting clear goals every day, I expect future international students to give serious thought to what they are going to do after returning to Japan, and also how to make the best use of their experiences abroad later in life.

I now have less than six months left to study at Lund University and am thinking seriously about what I should do to use my experiences in Sweden better after return to Japan. To look for some answers, I try to do something new each day.

At Lund University, excellent tutor systems are available to international students and numerous international events are held throughout the year, enabling the students to meet many new friends. If you want to develop friendships with students from different countries, active participation in these international event is advised. In the dormitories at Lund University, students from all over the world are sharing rooms and these dormitories and classes are a real venue for cross-cultural exchanges among students. However, generally speaking, Asian people are thought to speak little English by the students from Western countries. Therefore, my advice is that the students from Asian countries need to make an extra effort to speak English, and find every chance to interact with the western students for real cross-cultural activities.

Seven months have already passed since my first day at Lund University. It is still hard for me to say what I have learned from my study at Lund University, but every single day here is fulfilling to me. After returning to Gifu University, I want to volunteer to serve as an adviser for the students and offer consultations to them by sharing my experiences in Sweden.



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