The Consortium of Universities in Kyoto

Mission

Our aim is to improve the levels of education and academic research conducted at member universities and junior colleges, while strengthening cooperation and collaboration between them. We strive to extend support for students, to enhance their growth; we also strive to expand international cooperation and exchange, so as to promote the internationalization of universities and colleges. In addition, we aim to develop higher education, mainly in Kyoto, and to foster human resources who can play leading roles in the international community, while encouraging cooperation with local communities, government and industry and promoting regional development and revitalization. To those ends, we will provide education, support for students and training, conduct research and studies, collect and dispatch information, and encourage social interaction to contribute to the development of higher education in Japan.

* Excerpt from Article 3 of the Chapter 1: General Provisions of Incorporation of the Consortium of Universities in Kyoto

Authorization for establishment: March 19, 1998
Transition to public interest incorporated foundation: July 1, 2010
Basic fund: 100 million yen
Competent government agency: Cabinet Office

Organization Chart

Corporate Management
- President
- Vice President
- Director

Executive Director
- President
- Vice President
- Director

Academic Advisor
- Managing Director
- Deputy Director

Division Director
- Manager
- Assistant Manager
- Researcher
- Staff

History
1994 Started as University Centre Kyoto / Credit Exchange System started
1997 Launch City College project (lifelong study project)
1998 Approved by the Ministry of Education and became an authorized judicial foundation,
    The Consortium of Universities in Kyoto initiated.
2000 Started to provide Internship Programs
2002 Completed Campus Plaza Kyoto
2003 Started Staff Development program
2008 Kyoto Faculty Development program and E-Learning Program awarded 3 year grant by MEXT
2009 Kyoto Internationalization project awarded 3 year grant by MEXT
2010 The Consortium of Universities in Kyoto is re-established as a Public Benefit Foundation Corporation

Member Universities and Junior Colleges

National Universities
Kyoto Institute of Technology
Kyoto University
Kyoto University of Education

Public Universities
Kyoto City University of Arts
Kyoto Prefectural University
Kyoto Prefectural University of Medicine

Private Universities

Bunkyo University
Doshisha University
Doshisha Women’s College of Liberal Arts
Hannan University
Heian Jogakuen (St.Agnes)’s College
Heian Jogakuen (St.Agnes)’s University
Jikei Junior College
Kacho College
Kyoto Kachio University
Kyoto Bunkyo Junior College
Kyoto Bunkyo University
Kyoto College of Economics
Kyoto College of Medical Science
Kyoto Gakuen University
Kyoto Junior College of Foreign Languages
Kyoto Koka Women’s University
Osaka Medical College
Osaka Saito University, Faculty of Art and Design
Osaka University
Osaka University Junior College
Ritsumeikan University
Ryukoku University
Ryukoku University, Junior College
Seian University of Art and Design
Seijo University
Seijo University Junior College
Shochiku University
The Open University of Japan, Kyoto Learning Center

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Business Content

General Affairs/Public Relations Division

Office for All Japan Universities Consortium

For All Japan Universities Consortium, for which we serve as secretariat, is an organization consisting of consortiums of universities in various areas in the country. With the aim of contributing to the development of higher education in Japan, providing support for the efforts of individual consortiums of universities and offering a platform for exchanges their research results and ideas matters.

Award/Scholarship for Working Students

Creation and offer a scholarship to students who serve as models for other students in terms of both character and academic work, who meet tuition and living expenses by part-time work and scholarships, with little money from their families, or who make remarkable contributions via social activities in Kyoto.

Kyoto International Students Housing Support Organization

This is a system by which member universities of the Kyoto International Students Housing Support Organization provide support to international students in cooperation with entities that approves the aim of this system. Supporting international students in securing residence in Kyoto without joint and several guarantees.

Credit Exchange System

This system enables students to take courses that are offered at other universities. To make students inquisitive, and more aware of a wide range of knowledge, a variety of subjects are provided so that students can take courses in individual fields such as humanities, society and nature, according to their interest.

Manabi Forum - Collaborative Open Campus

High school/university collaborative educational program introduces manabi (learning) at universities in Kyoto to high school students, their guardians and high school teachers, through simulated lectures and hands-on courses that offered by member universities and colleges. The forum helps participating students find academic fields that arouse their interest, improve their motivation for learning and clarify their ability in the higher education, thereby giving them the best opportunity to consider their future career design.

Life-long Learning Project

Since 1997, in cooperation with Kyoto City, this project has been responding to the needs of working people who continue to study. Under the project, people can take various inform programs as well as regular courses offered by universities and junior colleges.

Internship Project

One of the pioneers in developing this kind project in 1998, not aimed to help students find jobs, is an educational program aiming at fostering student motivation for learning by integrating real experience and educational research, promoting their vocational consciousness and developing independent and ingenious human resources.

Kyoto One Campus - Joint information session

Public relations activities in collaboration with universities and junior colleges in Kyoto, having a joint info session and introduce Kyoto—home to universities and students—to high school students, their guardians and high school teachers across the country.

Practical Research Collaborative Education Program

The objective of this program is to jointly develop regular course programs so as to achieve the learning goal established at high schools, based on collaboration between high school teachers and university faculty members, and to implement the programs through the year.

Outreach Program "Kyoto Katariba (place for sharing)"

Initiated the program in 2012, with the aim of enhancing the learning motivation of high school students through educational intervention and often informal setting.

High School/University Collaborative Education Forum

In collaboration and connection with high schools and universities, Conducting the forum in order to share information on domestic trends, and contributing information on efforts in educational issues.

Higher Education Research Division

Faculty Development

Faculty Development became mandatory for all universities since 2008, is a collection of organizational efforts to make academics to improve their course content and teaching method. Since 1995, shortly after the establishment, several support activities, such as training and forums have been provided to member universities.

Staff Development

Targeting administration staff and technical support staff at universities and colleges, Conducting joint training programs and forums to enhance staff qualifications, including management and administration skills, as well as education and research support capacities.

Kyoto Intercollegiate Conference for Policy Studies

Providing policy studies students opportunities to make presentations and exchange research results between other students as well as academics, with the aim of disseminating, on reflecting their research results in actual policies.

Research Fund for Policy Studies

Offering subsidies to young researchers in the urban policy field, as well as providing guidance from Kyoto Intercollegiate Committee members for researcher development.

Gakumachi (Student-Community) Collaboration Project

Nominate projects in which universities and local communities make concerted efforts to create attractive local communities and resolve community issues; grants are offered to awarded projects.

Think Tank Project (Kyoto Future Creation Project)

Aim to return knowledge gained through research at universities to local communities and society by reflecting university researchers’ creative and academic research results in policies and projects of Kyoto City.

Internationalization Project

Through collaborations with the consortia in the Fenway area of Boston, the U.S., and the University Cooperation Body in the State of Victoria, Australia, promoting the project with the aim of creating an environment that ensures access by all university students and faculty members to international interaction. In doing so, seeking to increase the international competitiveness of higher education and to assure and improve the quality of education in Kyoto.

Student Activity Division

Kyoto Intercollegiate Festa

By integrating the power of students in Kyoto, transcending the university framework, and introducing Kyoto—home to students, society based on collaboration with government, businesses, universities and local communities, aiming to reinvigorate Kyoto and create its new attractiveness, in addition to the main festival held at Hōzen-ji and Otazuki Park in October, conduct ongoing activities, such as local exchange activities.

Kyoto International Student Film & Video Festival

Japan’s largest international student film festival, this is planned and organized predominantly by students. Aiming to create opportunities for international exchanges and mutual understanding, and to activate Kyoto by showcasing values, which can add a new area to the film, from various international film works full of many possibilities, and introducing these abilities through the works.

Arts Bar-Kyoto Student Arts Project

There are 12 art universities in Kyoto, where many exhibitions are held, including graduate exhibitions, grade promotion exhibitions and students’ personal exhibitions. By providing information on exhibitions and holding art-related events, create an opportunity for local residents to view works of students and become interested in art and culture.