The Future of Regional Cooperation and Student Mobility

University Networks and UMAP (University Mobility in Asia and the Pacific)

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ASEAN University Network (AUN)

ASEAN + 3

AUN
30 universities

China (5 universities)
Japan (10 universities)
Korea (6 universities)
1. University Networks in Asia

AIMS: ASEAN International Mobility for Students

Self-sufficiency & Sustainability, Balanced Mobility

10 study fields:

1. Agriculture
2. Biodiversity
3. Economics
4. Engineering
5. Environmental Management and Science
6. Food Science and Technology
7. Hospitality and Tourism
8. International Business
9. Language and Culture
10. Marine Science

http://www.aims-rihed.net/
1. University Networks in Asia

GMS-UC: Greater Mekong Sub-region University Consortium

SEAMEO RIHED facilitated the establishment of the GMS-UC with 24 universities nominated by their respective governments.
2. About UMAP

What is UMAP?

• UMAP is an acronym for the “University Mobility in Asia and Pacific”.

• Initiated in 1991, it is a voluntary association of government and non-government representatives of the higher education (mainly university) sector.

• UMAP currently comprises 35 eligible countries / territories with over 570 participating universities.
Conference to Discuss Higher Education Co-operation in Asia/Pacific Region
(Canberra, Australia, 17-19 September 1991)
2. About UMAP

Organization of UMAP

Toyo University, Japan, serves as the UMAP International Secretariat for 5 years (January 2016 – December 2020).
3. About UMAP IS

TOYO UNIVERSITY

◆ Founded in 1887

◆ Number of enrollment : 30,500

◆ Number of international students : 650

◆ Hakusan Campus (main campus) is located in central Tokyo.

Selected for Top Global University Project by MEXT

One of only 37 universities nationwide to receive 10 years’ worth of grants aimed at spearheading the internationalization of Japanese universities.

Dr. Enryo Inoue, Founder
3. About UMAP IS

Toyo Global Alliance

1. Programs with high international validity (Asian Erasmus)
   - UMAP scheme/credit transfer
   - Coordination with FCE/International Transfer Promotion
   - Cooperation with EF, etc./Expansion of study abroad destinations

2. Global education for all generations
   - Joint courses with UCLA
   - Overseas summer camp for middle school students
   - Business English for adults

3. Sustainable education platform
   - Incorporation of a business entity/diversification of income sources
   - Toyo Global Diamonds

4. ISAS by IAU
   - Quality assurance
   - Leadership development
   - Support for study abroad

UMAP

- Accepting students from top U.S. universities, through the IES Tokyo Center
- Staff and facility management
- To global Japanese and international enterprises
- Career/portfolio
- Adult/Senior/Kindergarten to High School
- All 14 faculties
- Joint education/research
- Internship/volunteer activities
- Study abroad consortium
- Foreign Credentials Evaluation (FCE)
Challenges & Opportunities

For promoting outbound student mobility in U.S.A and Canada, **we should consider**.....

- Balancing outbounds with inbounds in student exchanges
- Facilitating credit transfer among different countries/territories.
- Providing more financial support to students studying abroad.

**UMAP** can be a solution.

*University Mobility in Asia and the Pacific*
Dr. Randall Martin (Executive Director, BC Council for International Education), expressed an intention that BCCIE will serve UMAP National Secretariat in Canada. Dr. George T. Sipos (Senior International Officer, Office of International Education, SUNY College at Brockport) and Mr. James Pasquill (SUNY Global) indicated possibility for SUNY to join UMAP in the near future. Dr. John Lucas (ISEP President and CEO, U.S.A.) joined this meeting and discussed possible collaboration between UMAP and ISEP.
UMAP comprises 35 eligible countries/territories. Currently 230 universities in 15 full member states are active.

Note: Currently 15 states/regions shown in orange among 35 eligible states are FULL members which participate in student exchanges by paying the membership fees ($500-$4,000/year).
5. What We Do

Programs Offered by UMAP

Program A
Multilateral Student Exchange

Program B
Bilateral Student Exchange

Program C
Super Short-Term Student Exchange

Research Net
Research Collaboration Program

......and more special programs such as UMAP Summer Program
UMAP Credit Transfer Scheme (UCTS)

Definition of UCTS

1 UCTS = 38 – 48 hours of student workload.
(This includes 13-16 hours of instruction.)
(1 “academic” hour can be between 45-60 minutes.)

Conversion with the world

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UMAP Scholarships

**Japanese Government Scholarship**
*(For short-term & semester-long)*
- Approx. $700/month for international inbound students in Japan under UMAP programs.
- Approx. $500-$900/month for Japanese outbound students under UMAP programs.

**Taiwanese Government Scholarship**
*(For semester-long only)*
- Approx. $700/month for international inbound students in Taiwan under UMAP programs.
- Approx. $700/month for Taiwanese outbound students under UMAP programs.
6. Merit of UMAP

Merit of Joining UMAP

• Universities can participate in the exchange programs without separately signing bilateral agreements with other universities.

• Students will have broader opportunities to study abroad and learn from other cultures.

• Credit can be transferred through the UMAP Credit Transfer Scheme (UCTS).

• Tuition at the host university is waived in Program A.
Statistical Data

Program A&B
Number of Participating Universities* (2011-2018**)

* Participating Universities:
Universities that submitted their program information to the UMAP-IS with the intention to receive students.

** 2018-1 only
Number of Participating Universities by country/territory (2011-2018*)

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** 2018-1 only
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360 students in the past seven & half years
Number of **students sent**
by country/territory (2011-2018*)

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Taiwan, Thailand and Mexico are active senders

* 2018-1 number of placement
Number of **students accepted** by country/territory (2011-2018*)

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* 2018-1 number of placement

Japan, Taiwan, Thailand, and Korea are active receivers.
UMAP
University Mobility in Asia and the Pacific

Program C
The numbers of programs which were participated by students are 12 short programs in 2016 and 18 in 2017.
Program C: Number of students exchanged by country/territory (2012-2017)
Activities

◆ UMAP 25th Anniversary Symposium

Date: September 23, 2016
Venue: Toyo University, Hakusan Campus
Participants: Approx. 200 people
University Mobility Networks in Asia: What are they good for?

Session No. 7 11:00 – 11:45, Room 4A

Venue: Sands Expo & Convention Centre, Marina Bay Sands

Wednesday, March 28

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Toyo University

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Hiroshima University

Dr. Imran Ho ABDULLAH
Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia

Christopher ZIGURAS
RMIT University
Thank you very much!

For more information, please visit our website.

www.umap.org