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**The prospects for an East Asian joint-degree program  
fostering internationally-minded educational professionals**

# Asia Joint-degree Project

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# The Conception of a Joint-degree

## Quality assurance of international level outcome

Through discussions with partner universities, develop joint mechanisms for assuring the quality and validity of postgraduate instruction:

- make the stands of credit clearly
- control and guarantee the quality of term paper · master paper together
- control the study history by portfolio

## Developing a network encompassing research and education

communication between scholars: not only in research, but also in education

- Deepen the network of scholars through the development of Joint Degree program

communication between students : change the mindset of Japanese students

- Fostering a greater awareness amongst Japanese and other East Asian students of the regional and international challenges that confront future educational leaders

to develop a deeper network : build up the global human network

- In order to build up the human network, Joint-degree is much more effective than credit change and short-term study abroad

# Why choose East Asia ?

rapid economic growth

rapid increase of international students

A continuing boom in study abroad

international students will increase rapidly

number: 2,000,000 (2010) → 5,000,000(2025)

To build up multicultural symbiotic society: facing to new Asia

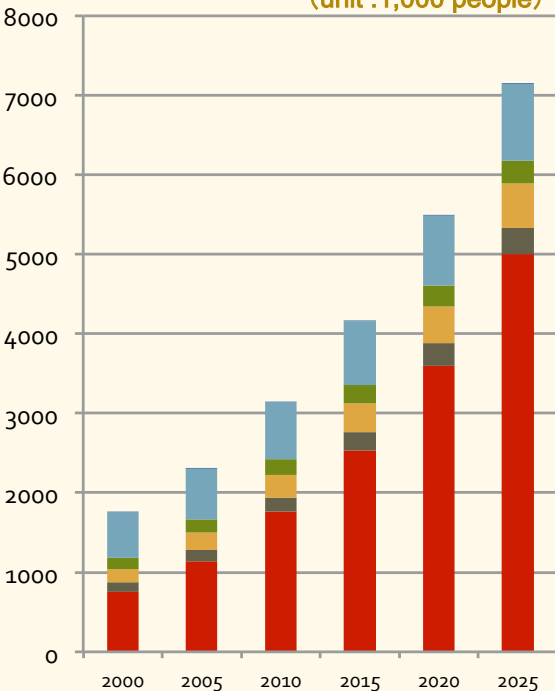
common education tasks and it's diversity

Japan • China • Korea • Taiwan • ASEAN10 nations + α

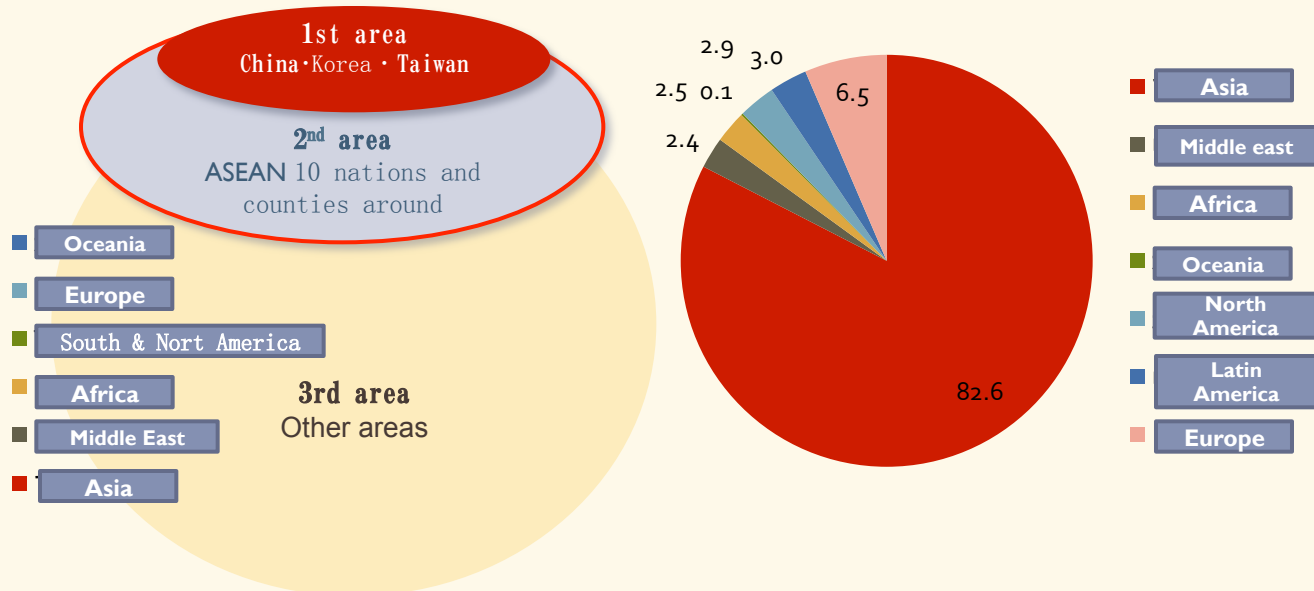
Fostering talented peoples together with the cooperation in East Asia and ASEAN

80% of the international students in Tohoku University : from Asia

forecast: the needs of different areas  
(unit :1,000 people)



Tohoku University international students' mother countries 2009 (%)



# What kind of internationally-minded educational professionals ?

## In order to answer the subject

1. The people we need:
  - scholars capable of undertaking comparative analysis of educational issues in East Asia
  - policymakers and administrators with the knowledge and skills required to collaborate with partners across the region
  - leader teachers: practicing educators capable of engaging with researchers, policymakers and other practitioners
2. The abilities we aim to foster (KASP):
  - high professional knowledge (Knowledge)
  - an understanding of Asia (Attitude)
  - research skill & language「mother tongue + English + α」(Skill)
  - open network and information sending (Practice)

## current situation about raising talented people



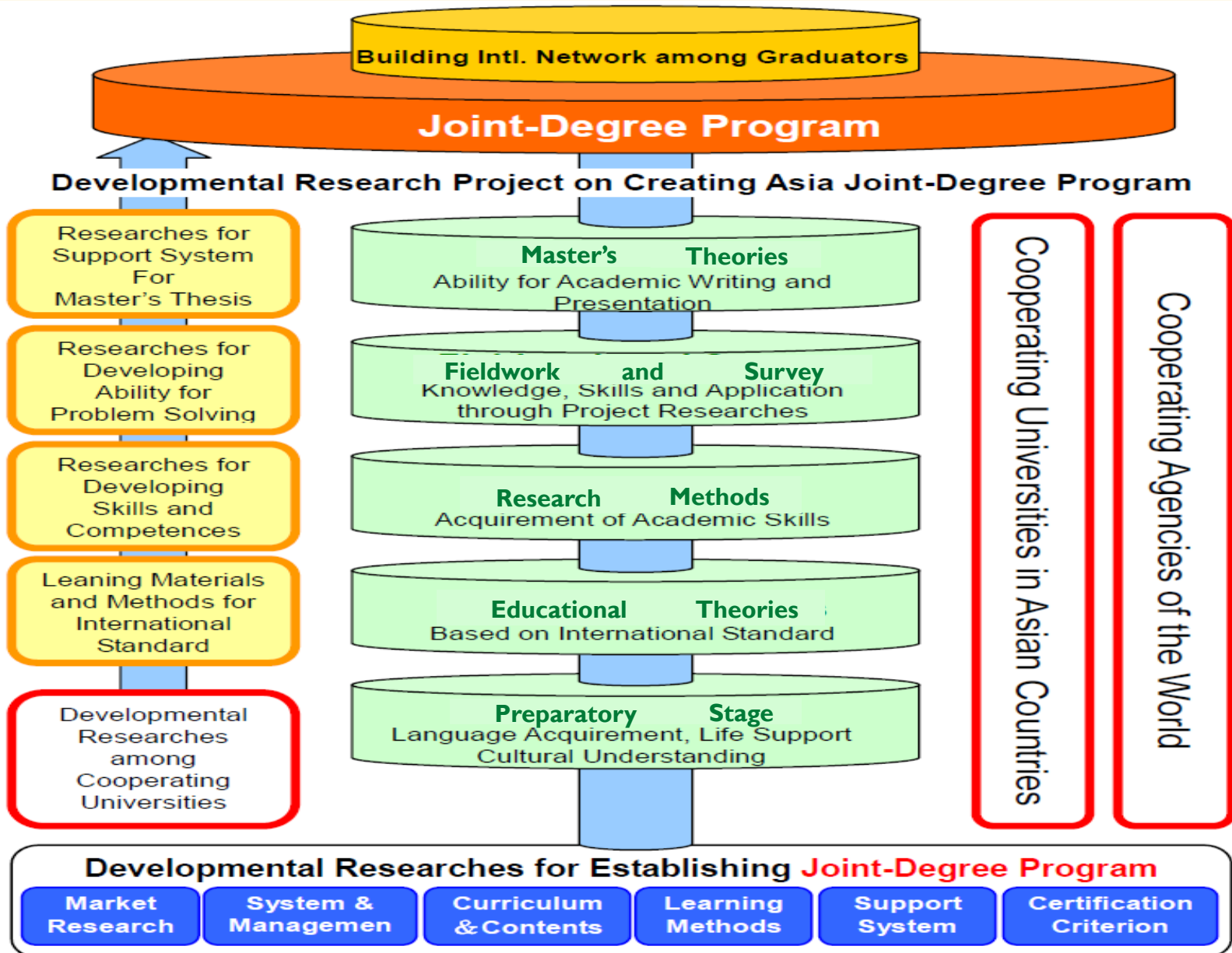
## We don't have any system to foster such kind of professionals by now.

1. Educational administrators, policymakers and teachers are generally the products of very inward-looking, nationally-based systems
2. The systems about scholars and the staffs in international organizations is they are basically being fostered recruited in Europe and the USA
  - more concerns about Europe and the USA , less concerns about Asia
  - scholar : the system of fostering people facing to East Asia is weak
  - the staffs in international organizations concerned with education have tended to be interested primarily in “educational development”, rather than in issues more relevant to East Asia
3. current situation: no any program of raising international educational professionals facing to the tasks in East Asia

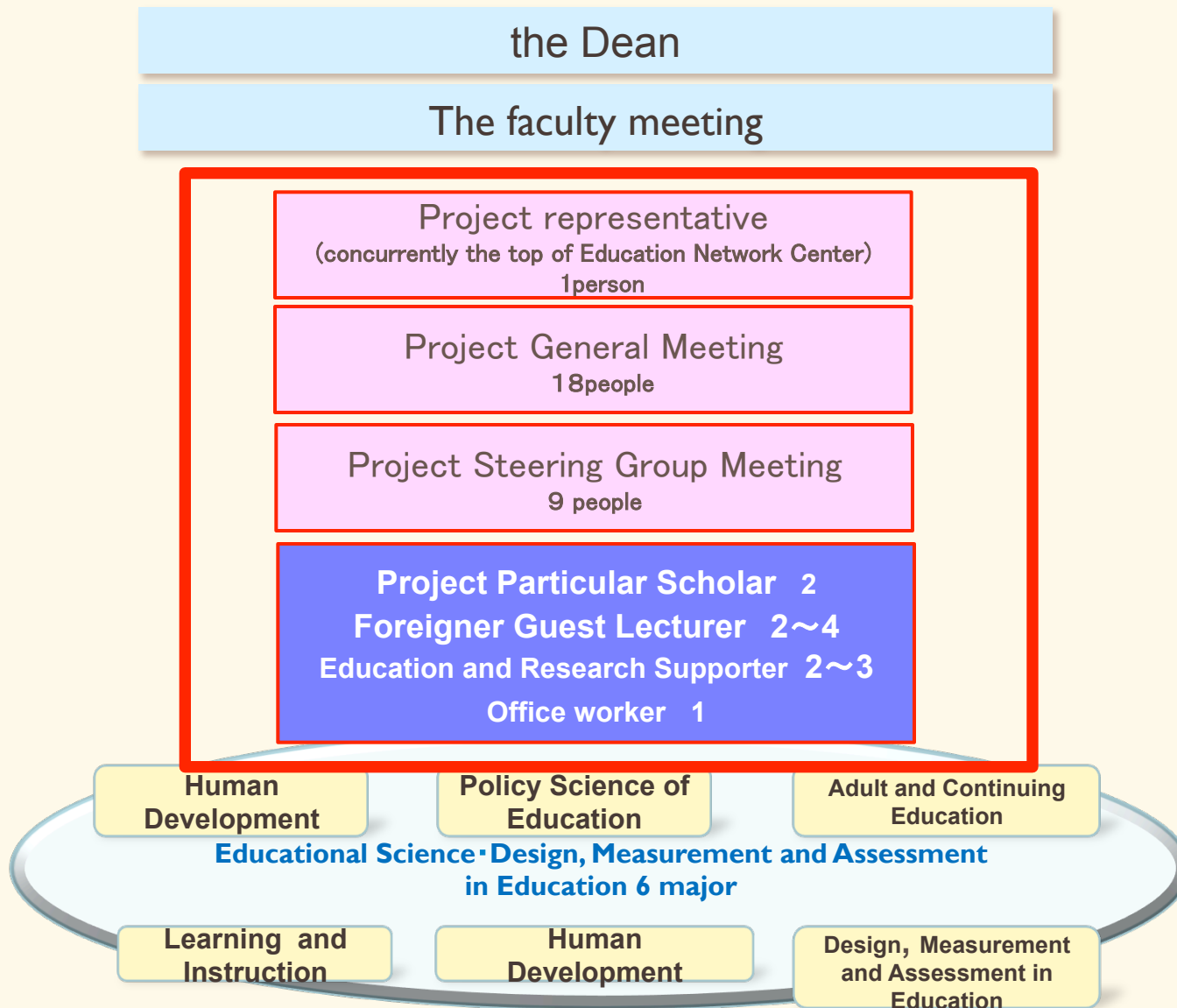
**Emergency subject:**

**to build up an educational research base which leading East Asia**

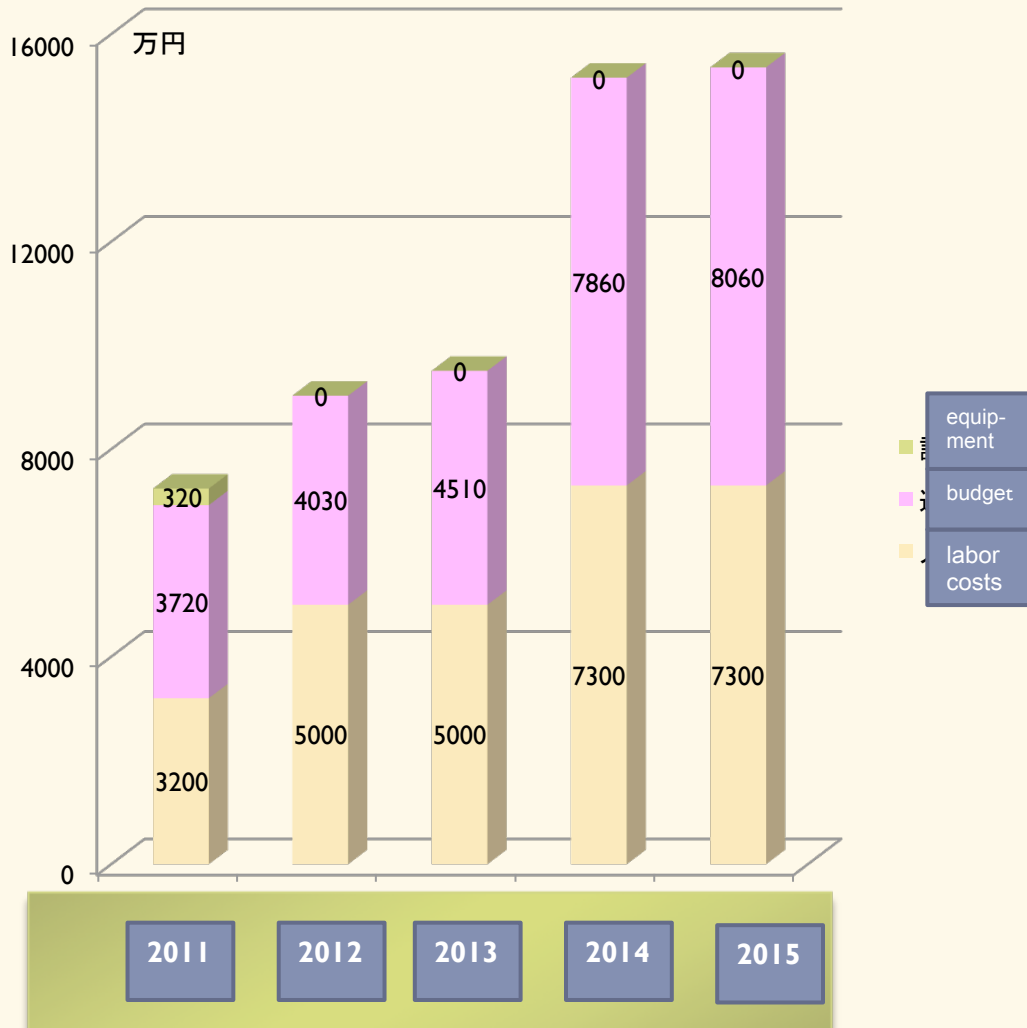
# What's the content of Joint Degree?



# Build up a Research Base in Tohoku University



# Human Resources and Budget



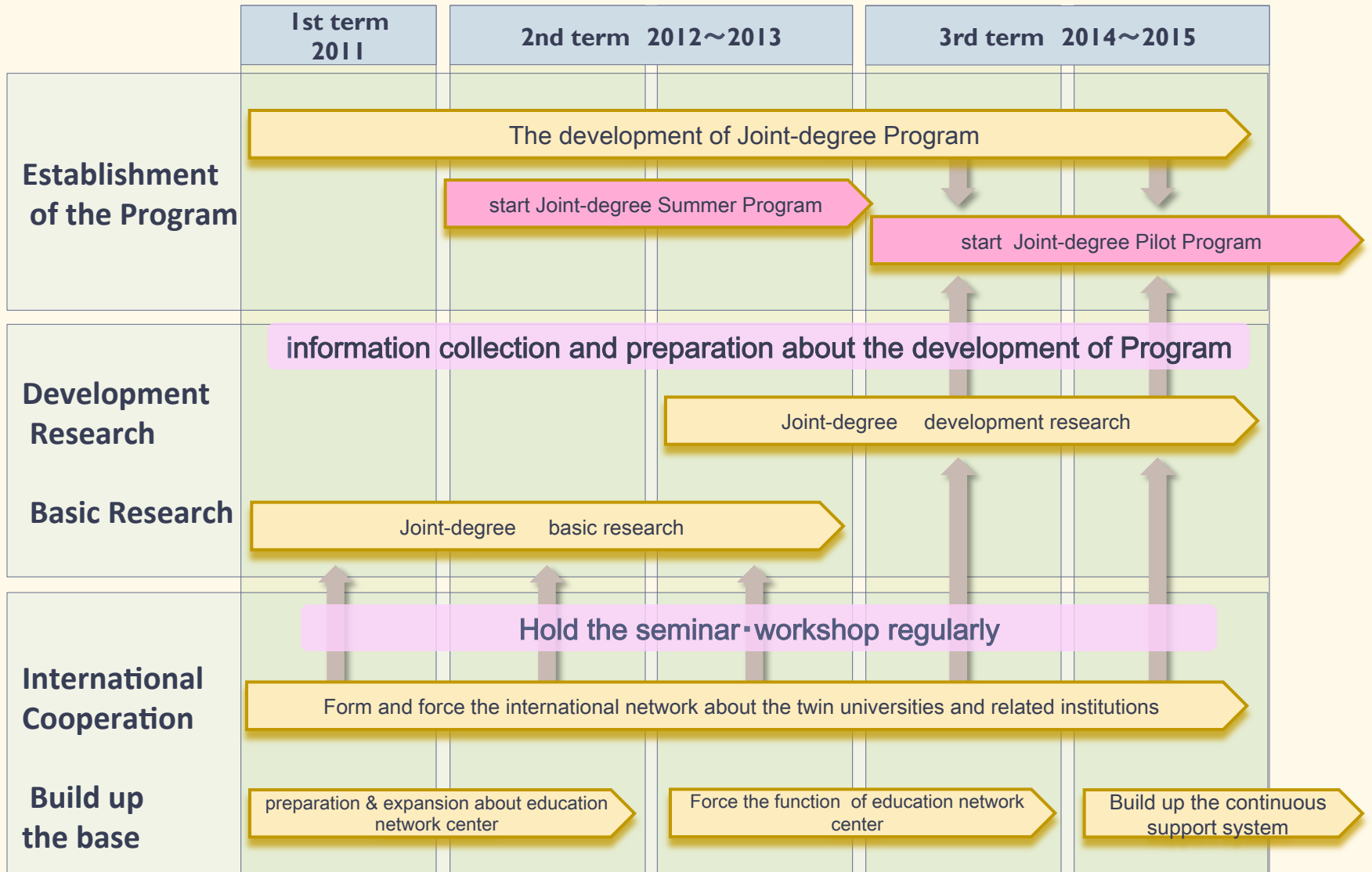
○Project General Meeting  
(18 teachers)

○Project Steering Group Meeting  
(9 teachers)

年度	11	12	13	14	15
Project Particular Scholar	2	2	2	2	2
Guest Lecturer	2	2	2	4	4
Education and Research Supporter	2	2	2	3	3
office worker	1	1	1	1	1

**Total: 564 million yen**

# Project's Year Plan





# The Ripple Effect of Research Results

**Build up a Joint Degree Program Research Base**

**Promote and deepen a network of interested universities and scholars**

**To Launch Joint Degree Program Systematically**

**carry out East Asia's Erasmus Mundus Program from East Asian countries**

**Enhance Attractiveness of Higher Education in East Asia**

**Transfer Know-how to Other Research Area**

**(about how to establish and manage Joint degree Program)**

# Levels of collaboration amongst universities

Level 1

**Research Communication (Exchange)**

Level 2

**Concluding the agreement between the faculties  
Student Exchange**

Level 3

**Credits Exchange  
Double degree**

Level 4

**Joint-degree**

