



Exchanging the Memorandum of Understanding with National Chengchi University (Taiwan)



On September 3, 2012, the Tohoku University delegation led by Prof. Kazuo Hongo, the Dean of the Graduate School of Education, visited the College of Education, National Chengchi University and exchanged a memorandum of understanding.

Established in 1946, National Chengchi

University was formerly known as the Kuomintang's Central Party Affairs School. In 1955, authority was transferred to the national government and it became a national university in Taiwan. Since then the university has consistently fostered excellent human resources in Taiwan. At present, the university has been selected as one of the top universities by the Top University and Elite Research Center Development Plan established by the Ministry of Education in Taiwan, and has been leading the universities in Taiwan as an internationally competitive university.

The delegation from Tohoku University received a warm welcome from Dr. Chin-Min Tang, the Dean of the College of Education, who had been newly appointed to his present post in August of this year. At the signing ceremony, Dr. Tang signed the agreement, and this was followed by Prof. Hongo's commemorative lecture for the signing.

The delegation visited the Affiliated



Senior High School and Kindergarten of the National Chengchi University. Dr. Tang had worked to found this Senior High School, which boasts state-of-the-art facilities for developing human resources able to compete at the highest international standards.

On September 4, the party received a warm welcome at the National Taiwan Normal University, College of Education. On this visit, lively discussions were held on various subjects, including the possibility for future research exchanges, and especially the idea for offering joint degrees in this project.

By promoting exchanges with these two universities representing Taiwan, the concept for offering joint degrees has finally reached the stage for concrete design and action.



Opening of Summer Course 2012 at Tohoku University



The Summer Course 2012 in Tohoku University, was held on August 22-29, 2012 as the touchstone of the Asia Joint-degree Project.

This Asia Joint-degree Project "Summer Course 2012" was an intensive course based on the theme of "Education in Asia." In the course, the students were recruited from partner universities in South Korea, China, and Taiwan, and they studied together with Japanese students from the Tohoku University Graduate School of Education, during the summer holidays. Every year, the summer course is held in English, and aims at deepening the Asian students' understanding of Japan through the experience of living in Japan, and improving the students' English skills, with the goal of developing human resources with a rich cosmopolitan outlook. In this academic year, four students from South Korea, four students from China, three students from Taiwan, and six students from Japan participated and attended lectures for eight days based on the theme of "Children and Youths in Asia" and "School in Asia."

The lecturers were rich in international flavor, from partner universities in South Korea, China, and Taiwan, as well as from Tohoku University's Graduate School of

Education. They offered a wide variety of experiences not only in the classroom but also through various activities, such as holding discussions, taking tours of educational facilities, and creating opportunities for communication with Japanese junior high and senior high school students.

The students not only attended lectures but also had active exchanges with each other through this summer course. Although many Asian countries face complex international issues, the students of Asia who participated in this course seemed to gain an understanding of many issues by actually observing and listening, holding discussions with each other, and visiting educational facilities in Japan. Through this summer course, the students from overseas started to feel a stronger desire to study at this Graduate School of Education in the future and the Japanese students from the Graduate School of Education, in turn, began to feel that they might study at universities in other Asian countries. In the near future, this experience is expected to serve as a catalyst for "human resource development for leaders who will work actively in Asian countries," which is the ultimate goal for this project.



Summer Course 2012 in Tohoku University: Timetable and Lecturers

Aug 22 (Wed)	Morning	Opening Ceremony, Tour of the Graduate School of Education	
	Afternoon	"Children and Youths in Asia (1)"	Prof. Takashi UENO (Tohoku University, Japan) Prof. Michiyo KATO (Tohoku University, Japan) Associate Prof. Tetsuji KAMIYA (Tohoku University, Japan)
	Evening	Campus Tour, Mini Party	
Aug 23 (Thu)	Morning	"Children and Youths in Asia (2)" (From South Korea)	Assistant Prof. Sang-Min LEE (Korea University, South Korea)
	Afternoon	"Children and Youths in Asia (3)" (From China)	Associate Prof. Chen CHEN (Nanjing Normal University, China)
Aug 24 (Fri)	Morning	"Children and Youths in Asia (4)" (From Taiwan)	Assistant Prof. Shih-hua CHANG (National Taiwan Normal University, Taiwan)
	Afternoon	"Children and Youths in Asia (5)" (On-site report from Japan)	Associate Prof. Kazuya TANIGUCHI (Tohoku University, Japan)
Aug 25 (Sat)	All day	Fieldwork (School tour)	Associate Prof. Kazuya TANIGUCHI (Tohoku University, Japan)
Aug 27 (Mon)	Morning	"School in Asia (1)" (From Japan)	Prof. Yoshikazu OGAWA (Tohoku University, Japan)
	Afternoon	"School in Asia (2)" (From South Korea)	Assistant Prof. Dae-Joong KANG (Seoul National University, South Korea)
Aug 28 (Tue)	Morning	"School in Asia (3)" (From China)	Associate Prof. Mei LI (East China Normal University, China)
	Afternoon	"School in Asia (4)" (From Taiwan)	Prof. Yue-Lun HU (National Chengchi University, Taiwan)
Aug 29 (Wed)	Morning	"School in Asia (5)" (From Europe)	Prof. Edward VICKERS (Kyushu University, Japan)
	Afternoon	"School in Asia (6)" (Student Presentations, Comprehensive Discussion)	Associate Prof. Kazuya TANIGUCHI (Tohoku University, Japan)
	Evening	Closing Ceremony, Talkfest	

Mobility in Higher Education and the Challenges Faced in Each Country

On September 19, 2012, the first international symposium for the current academic year was held at the large conference room in the Graduate School of Education. With the theme of "A Vision of an International Collaborative Joint-degree Program — Human resource development for the global age —," debates were held with more concrete content than those in last year's symposium.

This symposium started with the keynote speech "Mobility in higher education in Europe" by Professor Ulrich Teichler at the International Centre for Higher Education Research Kassel (INCHER-Kassel) and with the Department for Social Sciences of the University of Kassel in Germany who has been highly active in conducting research activities in Europe. Prof. Teichler explained the situation in Europe where there is increasing mobility in higher education and advocated the necessity for qualitative transfer of higher education in his speech.

Following this keynote speech, Prof. Kazuo Hongo, the Dean of the Graduate

School of Education made a proposal with the theme of "KASP: A new vision in the Tohoku University Graduate School of Education" on how human resources should be developed, which this project aims to achieve. Next, Assistant Prof. Sung-Choon Park (Seoul National University, South Korea,) Associate Prof. Yi-min Gao (Beijing Normal University, China,)

Prof. Hong Fu (Nanjing Normal University, China,) Associate Prof. Chuen-min Huang (National Taiwan Normal University, Taiwan,) Associate Prof. Yu-hui Chen (Chengchi University, Taiwan,) and others discussed the present situation for globalization at each university, and the specific problems faced by each institution.



Activity Report: First Half of 2012FY (April. 1st - Sep.30th, 2012)

Symposium & Seminar

- **International Seminar: "Internationalization of Higher Education #4"** lectured by YE Lin, Associate Professor, Hangzhou Normal University, China, at Tohoku University, Jul. 25th, 2012.
- **International Seminar: "Internationalization of Higher Education #5"** lectured by LI Mei, Associate Professor, East China Normal University, China & CHANG Shih-Hua Shona, Assistant Professor, National Taiwan Normal University, Taiwan, Sep. 13th, 2012.
- **International Symposium : "The Vision of Establishing International Joint-Degree Program: Development of Educational Professionals for Internationalized Age "** at Tohoku University, Japan, Sep. 19th, 2012. Keynote Speech by Prof. Ulrich TEICHLER (University of Kassel) . Lecturers Associate Prof. GAO Yimin (Beijing Normal University), Prof. HU Jianhua (Nanjing Normal University), Prof. FU Hong (Nanjing Normal University), Prof. HONG Hungi (Seoul National University) Assistant Prof. PARK Sungchoon (Seoul National University) Assistant Prof. LEE Sang Min (Korea University) Associate Prof. CHEN Yu-Hui (National Chengchi University), Associate Prof. HONG Huang-Yao(National Chengchi University), Prof. CHEN Chung-Yen (National Taiwan Normal University), Associate Prof. HUANG Chuen-Min(National Taiwan Normal University) Assistant Prof. CHANG Shih-Hua (National Taiwan Normal University).

Summer Course

- **Summer Course 2012**, Aug. 22nd-29th, 2012.

Collaboration Arrangement

- Memorandum of Understanding : Tohoku University – National Chengchi University, Sep. 3rd, 2012.

Overseas Investigation

- Korea University (Seoul, Korea), Apr. 15th -17th, 2012.
- East China Normal University (Shanghai, China) & Nanjin Normal University (Nanjing, China), Apr. 21st - 29th, 2012.
- Ministry of Education, Science and Technology (Seoul, Korea) & Seoul National University (Seoul, Korea), Apr. 29th - May 2nd, 2012.
- National Taiwan Normal University (Taipei, Taiwan) & National Chengchi University (Taipei, Taiwan), May 1st - 5th, 2012.
- University of Helsinki (Helsinki, Finland), Jun. 9th - 14th, 2012.
- National Taiwan Normal University (Taipei, Taiwan) & National Chengchi University (Taipei, Taiwan), Sep. 2nd - 6th, 2012.

Domestic Investigation

- Meiji University (Tokyo, Japan), May. 18th, 2012.
- The University of Tokyo(Tokyo, Japan), Jun. 2nd - 3rd, 2012.
- Kyushu University(Fukuoka, Japan), Jun. 14th - 17th, 2012.
- Waseda University(Tokyo, Japan) & Ritsumeikan University(Kyoto, Japan), Jul. 26th – 27th, 2012.
- Consulate-General of The Peoples' Republic of China in Fukuoka(Fukuoka, Japan) Sep. 23rd – 24th, 2012.

Visiting Professor

- YE Lin, Associate Professor (Hangzhou Normal University, China), Feb. 13th – Sep. 30th, 2012.
- KANG Dae-Joong, Assistant Professor, (Seoul National University, Korea), Aug. 1st - 31st, 2012.
- LI Mei, Associate Professor, (East China Normal University, China), Aug. 16th - Sep. 15th, 2012.
- CHANG Shih-Hua, Assistant Professor, (National Taiwan Normal University, Taiwan), Aug. 20th - Sep. 19th, 2012.

