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UMAP Tomorrow - Issues and Challenges

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In order to maintain the world peace and welfare of mankind, one of the most important challenges for higher learning institutions today is how to promote creative endeavors in sciences and arts and to develop competent human resources who can support those academic activities. The nature of the challenge is far more global today for keeping the goals of higher institutions to higher level. It is, therefore, essential for those involved in higher education to promote academic exchanges on an international basis in order to cope effectively with this important challenge. The need for transnational cooperation is already well recognized by the business community, where the outcomes of academic endeavors are put into practical applications.

For graduates of higher education institutions, such as universities and graduate schools, their spheres of activities are expanding from their home countries into the world wide. These are part of reasons behind the recent trend of international partnerships among universities of different countries. Universities are expected to carry out further internationalization of their education and research activities, though the possibility is largely dependent upon the strategies of respective national governments on international student exchanges.

In the meantime, WTO and GATS identified cross-border education services as a target of trade liberalization talks. Distance education and student exchange services provided by higher education institutions are attracting attention as a service-sector trade issue as well. In order to ensure the quality of education services provided across borders, an integrated philosophy and system of quality assurance need to be established. OECD and UNESCO are discussing the possibility of creating a common database to assure the quality of cross-border education services. Although UMAP is neither an accreditation agency nor a quality assurance agency, with one of its objectives being promotion of international student exchanges, it is vital for the organization to discuss the issues associated with cross-border education services offered within the UMAP region.

Promotion of higher education is a common task of mankind. For Japan, where national universities were converted to independent administrative entities in April 2004, the number of overseas students exceeded 100,000, a target set 20 years ago in 1983, and a new direction on international student exchanges is currently formulated, it is opportune to hold the titled international symposium in October 2005.

With the above-mentioned background, UMAP Japan National Committee is organizing an international symposium among university presidents, administrators and exchange students, in order to communicate Japan's new direction on student exchanges to overseas counterparts and to support internationalization of domestic UMAP member universities, while enhancing the quality and quantity of student exchanges between Japan and other countries in the Asia Pacific region in line with the UMAP Constitution.

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Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, Japan (MEXT)
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The Japan Association of Municipal and Prefectural Colleges and Universities
The Federation of Japanese Private Colleges and Universities Associations
UMAP International Secretariat

The Japan International Cooperation Foundation
The Epson International Scholarship Foundation

Program	Thursday, October 13 Plaza Heisei, JASSO Tokyo International Exchange Center Representative chairpersons Takashi YAMAMOTO	
Inaugural Session	Session chairpersons Shuichi KURAMATA 09:30-09:40 Opening and welcome address Hideo MIYAHARA, Chairperson of advisory committee 09:40-09:50 Address Yasuo KITAHARA, President of JASSO	
Keynote Speeches	Session chairpersons Keiji TAKASE 10:00-10:30 Keynote Speech 1 “Japan’s Actions and Policies for the Promotion of Student Exchange in Asia and the Pacific” Higher Education Bureau Official (MEXT)	
Break	10:30-10:45 Coffee Break	
	10:45-11:15 Keynote Speech 2 “Significance of International Academic and Educational Exchange for Japan’s Universities” Masuo AIZAWA, President of JANU, President of Tokyo Institute of Technology	
	Session Chairpersons Satoru NAKAMOTO 11:15-11:45 Keynote Speech 3 “Policy for Promoting the International Student Exchange Program in Asia and the Pacific-1” Si-Chen LEE, UMAP Chairperson, President of National Taiwan University	
	11:45-12:15 Keynote Speech 4 “Policy for Promoting the International Student Exchange Program in Asia and the Pacific-2” Khunying Suchada KIRANANDANA, President of Chulalongkorn University	
Break	12:15-13:30 Luncheon* Venue: Rooms 401, 403-405 and gymnasium, 4F of Heisei Plaza, JASSO Tokyo International Exchange Center *Please make a lunch reservation when registering for the symposium. Lunch boxes will be provided in accordance with reservation numbers, and lunch tickets will be picked up at the registration desk.	
Panel Session I	13:30-15:15 Panel Discussion 1 “Issues in Cross-Border Education Services” (improving service quality, improving quality of graduates, accreditation) <div>Coordinator</div> Hidefumi KOBATAKE, President of Tokyo University of Agriculture and Technology <div>Panelists</div> Katsuhiko SHIRAI, President of Waseda University Toyoomi NAGATA, President of Ritsumeikan University Motoo FURUTA, Vice President of University of Tokyo Julia Maria GONZALEZ FERRERAS, Vice President of University of Deusto Stephern DUNNETT, Vice Provost of The State University of New York at Buffalo Masami TANAKA, President of ISO	

Break	15:15-15:30 Coffee Break
	15:30-17:15 Panel Discussion 2 “Cross-Border Education Services: Strategies for UMAP Universities” <div>Coordinator</div> Ichiro TANIOKA, President of Osaka University of Commerce <div>Panelists</div> Kazuo OIKE, President of Kyoto University Tisato KAJIYAMA, President of Kyushu University Mineo NAKAJIMA, President of Akita International University Abu Hassan OTHMAN, President of University of Malaysia at Sabah President of an Australian university (to be confirmed)
Reception	18:00-19:30 Venue: Gymnasium, 4F of Heisei Plaza, JASSO Tokyo International Exchange Center
	Friday, October 14 Plaza Heisei, JASSO Tokyo International Exchange Center
Panel Session@	09:30-11:20 Panel Discussion 3 “Issues and Challenges in the Provision of Cross-Border Higher Education Services” (reports on pilot studies of student exchange funding, credit transfer, recognition of degree/diploma, etc., and related discussion) <div>Coordinator</div> Taiji HOTTA, Associate Professor, Hiroshima University <div>Panelists</div> Yosimi SUGIMURA, President of Konan University Yukihiro NAGATA, President of Kagoshima University Taizo MUTA, President of Hiroshima University Tatsuya SAKAMOTO, Vice President of Keio University President of a Mexican university (to be confirmed) President of a Philippine university (to be confirmed)
Break	11:20-11:30 Coffee Break
Concluding Session	Session chairpersons Yuji YAMAZAKI 11:30-11:50 <div>Overview</div> Akira NINOMIYA <div>Tokyo Declaration</div> Hideo MIYAHARA
Closing Address	11:50-12:00 Address Ichiro TANIOKA

General Information

Passports and Visas

Every foreign visitor entering Japan must possess a valid passport. Visitors from countries where visas are required for entry into Japan should apply to Japanese consular offices or diplomatic missions in their home countries. For further details, please contact a travel agent or the local consular office in your country.

Official Invitation

An official invitation will be sent to each participant on request. Participants may use this invitation when making applications for visas or travel expenses. Please contact symposium organizing committee (p.11).

Insurance

The organizer cannot accept responsibility for accidents or other problems that might occur. Participants are encouraged to obtain travel insurance (medical, accident, and luggage) in their home countries prior to departure.

Climate

In October, the climate in Tokyo is generally mild. The average temperature is 20°C and the average humidity is 70%.

Currency Exchange and Banks

Foreign currency can be exchanged at banks and at the front desk cashiers of official hotels. Most banks are open from 9:00-15:00, Monday through Friday.

Credit Cards

American Express, Diners Club, MasterCard, VISA, and other credit cards are widely accepted at hotels, restaurants, and department stores. Cash is necessary, however, for shopping at smaller stores.

Electric Power Supply

Voltage: 100V, 50Hz

Tipping

Tipping is not necessary in Japan, even at hotels and restaurants.

Business Hours

Almost all department stores and other types of retail shops in Tokyo are open from 10:00 to 19:00 or 20:00 daily, including Sundays. A 5% consumption tax may be added to purchases, if not already included.

Submission of Article

The representatives of each university are responsible for submitting an article to the registration secretariat via the Internet (URL:<http://www.tuat.ac.jp/~umap2005/top.html>) by September 30.

An article should be made available in the form of PDF files to be uploaded through individual web addresses, which will be sent to the registrants after their registration procedures have been completed.

Please note that submission is only possible once. If you would like to make a replacement or have any questions, please contact the registration secretariat (P. 11).

Registration

It is possible to register via the Internet (URL: <http://www.tuat.ac.jp/~umap2005/top.html>) until September 30. The representatives of each university should be the registrants of the symposium, and attendant(s) will also be able to participate in the symposium through same URL.

Registration Fees

Category	Symposium materials	Luncheon* (Oct.13)	Reception (Oct.13)
University, its institution, governmental organization (located outside Japan)	Free	Free	Free
Embassy, consulate, and representative (located inside Japan)	Free	Free	Free
University, its brunch, and organization, and company (located inside Japan)	JY3,000	JY1,000	JY6,000
Professor, researcher, and student (residing in Japan)	JY3,000	JY1,000	JY6,000

* Please make a lunch reservation when registering for the symposium.

Payment

Payment of the registration fees should be made in Japanese yen by bank transfer. The remittance should be made to the following bank:

■ Bank: Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation, Fuchu Branch

■ Account No.: 7386201

■ Account Name: ユーエムエーピーコクサイシンポジウム

Please bear the bank transfer charge and use the remittance confirmation as a receipt. If you need an official receipt, please contact the registration secretariat (p.11).

Cancellation

Cancellation must be made by E-mail, or letter (fax) including bank information for reimbursement to the registration secretariat by October 5, 2005.

The registration fees will be reimbursed after the Symposium.

Accommodations

If you wish to apply for hotel accommodation, please access the following site.
Keio Travel Agency will make your hotel arrangements according to your application.

URL: <http://www.kingtour.com/umape/>

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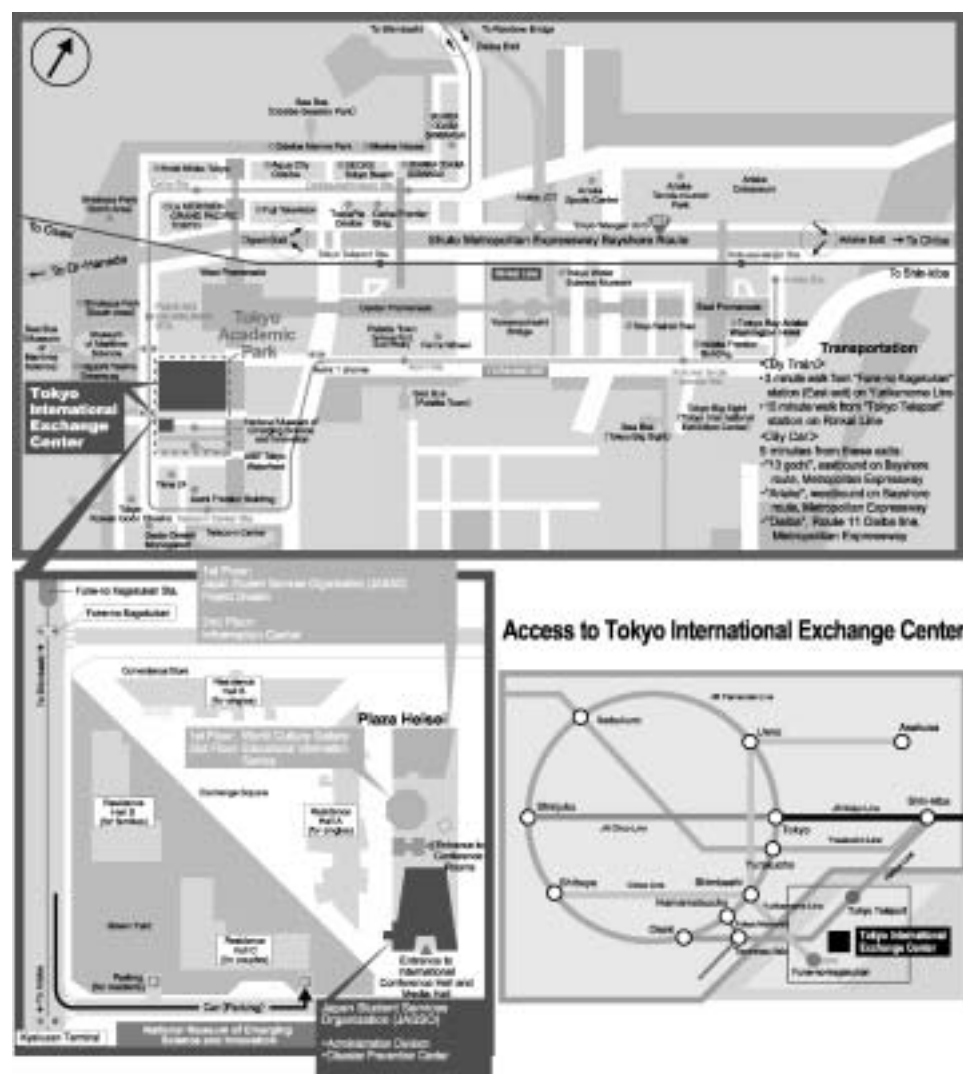
Symposium Information

Venue

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Official Languages: English and Japanese

Simultaneous interpretation between English and Japanese will be provided.