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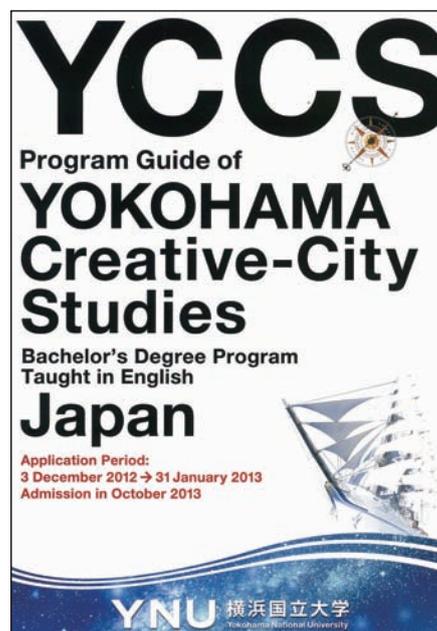
NEWS

All-English Undergraduate Program for International Students Starts in October 2013

In October 2013, Yokohama National University (YNU) will open YOKOHAMA Creative-City Studies Program, a new B.A. Program for international students. YNU seeks adventurous, world-class students for the pioneering first cohort of the YCCS program. The program offers innovative interdisciplinary courses for future leaders in the areas of "Urban Cultural Creation", "Urban Social Management" and "Urban Creative Technologies". The applicants' proficiency in Japanese is not an issue at the time of their admission. The YCCS students will be taught in English in the early stage of their studies, and

they will start taking courses offered in English and Japanese after two years of intensive study of the Japanese language. Since the selection process is conducted on the basis of documents and video self-introduction submitted by the applicants, they do not need to visit YNU personally for their entrance examination. YNU will start accepting applications on December 3, 2012. The application deadline is January 31, 2013. For further information, please access the following website (ENG).

➡ www.ynu.ac.jp/english/international/accept/yccs.html



TOPICS

Many Programs of YNU Successfully Chosen for JASSO Student Exchange Support Program

In 2011, Japan Student Service Organization (JASSO) started Student Exchange Support Program in order to increase the mobility of students and promote globalization of Japanese universities. Scholarships are given for student acceptance (short-term stay: SS) and student dispatch (short-term

visit: SV) programs of less than three months organized by Japanese universities. A total of 12 SS/SV programs of YNU were successfully selected by JASSO for the academic year 2011-12 and over 400 students participated in the programs. This year, 14 programs were selected, and some 300 students

have participated so far. We hope that students have learned different cultures and acquire broader perspectives through participating in the programs. For details please refer to the following website(JPN).

➡ www.ynu.ac.jp/international/support/shortstay/



Over 700 students from YNU and its international partner universities participate in SS/SV Programs in 2011 and 2012.

International Symposium “Be Active and Strong Away from Home!” was Held

On January 20th, 2012, YNU had an International Symposium called “Be Active and Strong Away from Home! -The Encouragement for Studying Abroad-” with the aim of advocating the importance of studying abroad to broaden the mind and think globally. Universities are now required to train students to become competent in the globalized society and foster excellent human resources who can actively play their roles in the multicultural world. To the end, YNU has been increasing its international partner universities, establishing student scholarships, developing international student exchange, organizing internship

programs and many other intercultural projects. By sending its students abroad, YNU hopes that they will experience different cultures and histories

and acquire creativity and global sense which are needed in the global society. Website (JPN):

➡ www.ynu.ac.jp/hus/kokusai/6207/



Be global and experience the culture of other countries! President Suzuki delivered an opening speech.

Other International Exchange Projects

A total of 200 Indian high school students had a reporting session on May 21st and June 11th, 2012 at the Media Hall of YNU Central Library under the JENESYS Program (Japan-East Asia Network of Exchange for Students and Youths). The students made presentations on their experiences in Japan, such as their visits to topic-related facilities and interaction with local citizens and high school students. After the presentations they exchanged the views and opinions animatedly with YNU

students. It was a good opportunity to enhance bilateral understanding between the students.

Website (JPN): ➡ www.ynu.ac.jp/hus/kokusai/7488/



A commemorative photo of all the participants



Prior to the reporting session, YNU student volunteers took the Indian students around the campus to show faculty buildings and research centers.

On August 1st 2012, 30 delegates from Brazilian Universities paid a courtesy visit to YNU to promote “Science Without Borders Program (Ciência sem Fronteiras)” proposed by the Brazilian government. The program aims to promote the development of human resources in the field of science and technology in Brazil and to strengthen the competitiveness of the nation, providing 75,000 scholarships for researchers and students over the next four years. The government is planning to send Brazilian students to the prestigious universities all over the

world. YNU will actively cooperate in the project.

Website (JPN): ➡ www.ynu.ac.jp/hus/kokusai/7982/



A group photo taken together with President Suzuki

Three Graduate Schools of YNU Sciences and Engineering Concluded an Agreement on Double Degree Program with Graduate Schools of Shanghai Jiao Tong University, China

On Friday, August 3rd, 2012, YNU Vice President Hitoshi Yamada, Professor Shin Morishita (Dean, Graduate School of Environment and Information Sciences), Professor Hiroshi Katsuji (Graduate School of Urban Innovation), Professor Haoyuan Xu (Information Technology Service Center) and Ms. Yoko Ito (Head, International Division) paid a visit to Shanghai Jiao Tong University (SJTU) to conclude an agreement on double degree program between three Graduate Schools of YNU Sciences and Engineering and the Graduate Schools of SJTU. Three YNU alumni, SJTU Vice President Gang Chen, Professor Ning Ma and Professor Xuefeng Wang, attended the signing ceremony as well as other professors from the School of Naval Architecture Ocean and Civil En-

gineering and SJTU International center. Availing of this program, a graduate student from SJTU will be joining YNU Graduate School of Urban Innovation in October 2012. We hope that YNU students will also make use of the program in the near future and successfully receive degrees both from YNU and SJTU. Since the conclusion of the academic exchange agreement in 1982, YNU and SJTU have been expanding the international exchange programs in educational and research activities. We expect that many students will seek and acquire degrees from both universities and become global human resources to play important roles in the world. On the next day, Saturday, August 4th, Associate Professor Yoshiaki Nishi (Graduate School of Engineering) and ten graduate students of YNU landed

in China to participate in a short visit program at SJTU for approximately two weeks. The welcome reception was held in the evening and students from YNU and SJTU introduced themselves and soon opened up to one another.

Website (ENG): [➡ www.ynu.ac.jp/hus/kokusais/8164/](http://www.ynu.ac.jp/hus/kokusais/8164/)



The signing ceremony was successfully held at SJTU.



YNU graduate students and Associate Professor Yoshihito Nishi on Short Visit Program at SJTU

The Signing Ceremony for an Academic Exchange between UNA and YNU Held on September 12, 2012

National University of Asunción (UNA), Paraguay, Rector Pedro Gerardo González paid a courtesy visit to YNU President Kunio Suzuki to conclude an academic exchange agreement between the universities. Paraguayan Ambassador to Japan H.E Mr. Naoyuki Toyotoshi also attended at the signing ceremony and made a speech. "I am very pleased to announce that Yokohama National University is the first Japanese univer-

sity that has concluded an academic exchange agreement with a Paraguayan university", he said.

This agreement is a fruit of the activities of Professor Fujikake, (Graduate School of Urban Innovation) and her students, who have been involved in supporting activities in the development and educational outreach in rural areas in the Republic of Paraguay since 1993. We hope that student and faculty exchange and further collabo-



A group photo taken after the signing ceremony

ration between the two universities will be promoted by making the best of this academic exchange agreement. After the ceremony, Rector González delivered a mini lecture on higher education in the Republic of Paraguay.

Website (ENG): [➡ www.ynu.ac.jp/hus/kokusais/8422/](http://www.ynu.ac.jp/hus/kokusais/8422/)

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YNU Graduate School of Environment and Information Sciences and United Nations University – Institute of Advanced Studies signed a credit exchange agreement on March 6th, 2012.

Website (ENG): [➡ www.eis.ynu.ac.jp/hus/envk/6657/](http://www.eis.ynu.ac.jp/hus/envk/6657/)

YNU and Prince of Songkla University, Thailand, concluded a Memorandum of Understanding on Academic Cooperation on April 4th, 2012.

Website (JPN): [➡ www.ynu.ac.jp/hus/kokusai/6999/](http://www.ynu.ac.jp/hus/kokusai/6999/)



YNU Student Formula Project Team Ranked Second in the World

Originated in the US, Student Formula SAE Competitions are held in more than ten countries throughout the world. In Student Formula Project, students design, build, present formula cars and obtain sponsor companies on their own. Calculated based on the results at ten competitions among those events Yokohama National University Formula Project(YNFP) Team achieved second place at overall performing ranking, (as of 2012 January, among 481 teams). With YNFP creed of learning independently and responsibly without faculty handing knowledge to them, students

improved, cultivated themselves, performed brilliantly and got this good result. To view the records of YNFP, please

access the following website.

➔ <http://ynfp.jp/english/>



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Two Athletes from YNU Competed at the 2012 Olympic Games in London

Two athletes from YNU participated in the 2012 Olympic Games in London. Ms. Ayako Kimura (Team Edion), YNU alumna of the College of Education and Human Sciences, competed in athletics for the women's 100 meter hurdles as a member of the Japan national team. Philippino-Japanese Mr. Tomohiko Hoshina, a third year YNU student of the Graduate School of Education, competed in the World Judo Championship as a member of the Philippines national team. Although they had to leave the tournament after the first round, the two made a strong impression on students and staff of YNU. With their experiences, we wish them

further success in the future.

Website (JPN): ➔ www.ynu.ac.jp/hus/koho/7779/



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YNU Student Won the Second Place in 2012 Worldwide Competition on MS Office Specialist

From July 29th to August 1st, 2012 Worldwide Competition on Microsoft Office Specialist was held in Las Vegas, the USA. Ms. Ai Hoshino, a fourth year student of Department of Mechanical Engineering and Materials Sciences, College of Engineering, participated in the competition in the category of MS. Word and won the second place out of 521,000 students from 53 countries throughout the world (among which 65,000 were

Japanese). The representatives from various countries competed their skills in the field of MS. Word, Excel, and Power Point respectively. After the final, Ms. Hoshino shared her feeling saying that "I was really amazed when my name was called at the Awarding Ceremony. Having met with many students from other countries, I experienced different cultures which broadened my view and way of thinking. I feel very lucky for having such a great opportunity during

my university life." We hope that this successful experience will help her develop further in the future.

Website (JPN): ➔ www.ynu.ac.jp/hus/koho/8005/



At the awarding ceremony in Las Vegas

Reunions Held in Vietnam, Taiwan, China and Malaysia

Even before the government set the "Plan of 300,000 Exchange Students" in 2008, there had been many international students studying at YNU, and its alumni have been playing active roles in the fields of politics, finance, business, and education. There are also many Japanese alumni working overseas.

In order to strengthen the network with these alumni, YNU holds reunions in which President and Executive Directors participate and deepen exchanges with alumni as well as putting relevant news on its website and issuing e-mail newsletters. We hope that the alumni will keep "YNU spirit" and that the number of "Japanophiles" will increase.

In 2012, YNU has held reunions in Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh (Vietnam), Taipei (Taiwan), and Beijing (China). Some thirty alumni participated in Hanoi, twenty-five in Ho Chi Minh, fourteen in Taipei, and sixty in Beijing. In December, YNU is holding a reunion in Malaysia. For details, please visit the following website(ENG).

➡ www.globalalumni.ynu.ac.jp/english



On June 13 in Hanoi



On June 15 in Ho Chi Minh



On July 22 in Taipei



On August 5 in Beijing

YNU Finished in Fourth Place at the 13th Shanghai All Japan Inter-University Golf Tournament

Fifteen members from YNU Shanghai Alumni took part in "the 13th Shanghai All Japan Inter-University Golf Tournament" in early May. They honorably won the 4th prize among 34 teams. In the award

ceremony, only the top five universities were entitled to sing school songs. YNU Shanghai Alumni members proudly sang the student song "Miharukasu" wearing YNU polo shirts together in front of all the participants.



Won the 4th prize in the golf tournament and sang "Miharukasu"

The seventh YNU Home Coming Day held on October 27th, 2012

For more ➡ homecoming.ynu.ac.jp/

The special lecture was delivered by Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency(JAXA) Emeritus professor Yasunori Matogawa, a project member of asteroid probe "Hayabusa". There were also teleclass with foreign universities, business planning contest, glee club concert, campus tour, sport events, speech contest by international students and many more.

Register for YNU Global Alumni Network

➡ www.globalalumni.ynu.ac.jp/english/entry/

Many international students graduate from YNU every year. We also have Japanese students who are actively working or living overseas.

We, YNU Global Alumni, would like to assist you in creating a worldwide network of alumni and getting information on YNU through reunion parties and e-mail newsletters.

If you wish to join YNU Global Alumni, please visit our website and fill in the registration form with as much detail as you can.

The 6th Port-City University League International Seminar Successfully Held at the University of Southampton on March 26th - 28th

The 6th international seminar of Port-City University League (PUL) was held from March 26 to 28, 2012 at the University of Southampton, United Kingdom, under the theme of "Mechanisms and directions for multilateral collaboration for better port and better city".

The meeting coincided with the opening ceremony of Southampton Marine and Maritime Institute (SMMI), which was held at Turner Sims Concert Hall, the University of Southampton. Professor Ichiro Araki (Special Advisor to the President for International Affairs) delivered a congratulatory speech and spoke about PUL and its vision for the future to the four hundred audiences in the hall. At the meeting, the representatives from each institution signed a declaration outlining the objectives of the League: to foster collaboration, excellence and innovation with a view

toward creating a global research and education base for the participating institutions as well as enhancing outreach activities toward local communities. After the signing ceremony, the representatives discussed animatedly on the future exchange programs among the member universities.

In the week of August 26th 2012, thanks to the collaboration of the faculties of PUL members, sixteen graduate and undergraduate students from PUL member universities took part in a Short-term Stay Program in Yokohama. Participants were from Indian Institute of Technology Madras, Shanghai Jiao Tong University, the University of Southampton, Ho Chi Minh City University of Technology, Pukyong National University, and the University of Incheon.

Since its establishment in 2006, PUL has held general meetings in Yoko-

hama (the first and fourth meetings), Chennai, India (the second meeting), Lisbon, Portugal (the third meeting) and Shanghai, China (the fifth meeting) before Southampton. The next annual meeting will be held in Busan, Republic of Korea, in the autumn of 2013 hosted by Pukyong National University.

Website(ENG): www.pul.ynu.ac.jp/

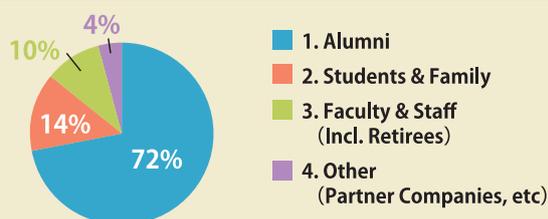


Bilateral and multilateral collaborations among the institutes are advocated throughout the meeting.

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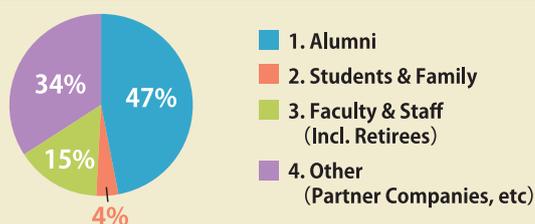
Commemorating its 60th anniversary, YNU conducted the 60th Anniversary Commemorative Fundraising Campaign in order to fund international exchange programs and provide financial assistance to both students and researchers from abroad and Japanese students and researchers studying and working overseas. The funds raised through the campaign (Oct. 1, 2009 – April 30, 2012) are as below.

Number of Contribution



Group	Total
1. Alumni	984
2. Students & Family	191
3. Faculty & Staff (Incl. Retirees)	141
4. Other (Partner Companies, etc)	57
TOTAL	1,373

Amount of Contribution



Group	Total (¥)
1. Alumni	25,919,000
2. Students & Family	2,045,000
3. Faculty & Staff (Incl. Retirees)	8,205,000
4. Other (Partner Companies, etc)	18,436,000
TOTAL	54,605,000

Please Make a Donation

Although the 60th Anniversary Commemorative Fundraising Campaign was closed, YNU is looking for your further support. Your contribution will be used for developing global human resources from YNU. Please help the university keep moving forward to be more open to the world! For inquiry, please contact at international@ynu.ac.jp