

1. FY2023 Progress [Kyoto University - Tokyo University of Foreign Studies]

[Name of project] (Adopted year: FY2020, Type A)

Innovative Africa: Educational Networking Programs for Human Resource Development in Africa's SDGs

Exchange Programs

Achievements at Kyoto University

- Acceptance: 18 students (10 countries)
- Long-term exchange program (6 months, actual travel, with credits, Oct. 2023–Mar.2024): 1 student from Ethiopia
- Short-term exchange program (3 months, actual travel, Oct.–Dec. 2023): 5 students. DR Congo: 1, Senegal: 1, Tanzania: 1, Madagascar: 2.
- Short-term exchange program (3 weeks, actual travel, Dec. 2023): 10 students accepted through the JST Sakura Science Program. Zambia: 3, Ethiopia: 3, Madagascar: 1, Cameroon: 1, Kenya: 2.
- Short-term exchange program (1 week, actual travel, February-March 2024): 2 students (Cameroon) through JST Sakura Science program
- The programs include intensive lectures on SDGs, basic Japanese language classes, individual guidance from host teachers, and visits to Kyoto Zoo, Lake Biwa Canal, Daikin Industries, and more.
- Dispatch: 33 students (10 countries)
- International Joint Conference: 62 people joined. Presentations by 16 accepted students and 9 other students.



< Photo of the International Joint Conf., Dec., 2023 >

Achievements at Tokyo University of Foreign Studies (TUFS)

- Extended study abroad opportunity with actual travel and credit earned.
- Accepted 8 students from 4 countries and dispatched 11 students to 4 countries as Short-term/long-term study abroad (actual travel [no credits earned])
- Assigned 3 students to 3 countries and carried out a program that relied on fieldwork.
- Short-term study abroad (online) dispatched 9 students, earned credits in COIL class with the Protestant University of Humanities and Social Sciences (Rwanda)
- International Joint Conference (Tokyo) In Sep, 77 participants from 9 countries. 11 scholars from 4 countries made presentations. In Oct, 86 joined /15 presenters from 5 countries.

Student-Mobility

○ Outbound

- Kyoto Univ.: Dispatched 33 students to 10 countries in Africa for short-term and long-term study abroad (actual travel). Implemented programs based on fieldwork.
- TUFS: Dispatched 11 students to 4 countries on long-term study abroad (actual travel). 3 students were sent to 3 countries for short-term and long-term study abroad (actual travel [no credits earned]). 9 students earned credits through short-term study abroad (online).

○ Inbound

- Kyoto Univ.: Accepted 18 students from 10 countries as short-term exchange students and all of them completed their studies.
- TUFS: Admitted 8 students from 4 countries.



< A student presenting at a Japanese language course, Dec, 15, 2023 >

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	Plan	Results
Outbound	18	56
Inbound	17	26

Forming the University Network with Quality Assurance

- Kyoto Univ.: Sent faculty members to Addis Ababa Univ. to discuss credit transfer and the integration of cochutels. Introduced a 6-month invitation program that included credit recognition. In 2023, started a new dispatch/invitation with the University of Dakar and engaged in discussions about syllabi and credit recognition.
- TUFS: In May 2023, established a student exchange agreement with University of Yaoundé I. Discussions for online exchange programs are also underway with University of Pretoria, University of Zambia, University of Ghana, and Protestant University of Humanities and Social Sciences. An assistant professor and a faculty member traveled to South Africa and Cameroon to discuss exchange programs with Stellenbosch University and University of Yaounde I, coordinating student acceptance and dispatch with the relevant departments.

Promotion of Student-Mobility Environment

- Kyoto University: 14 faculty members and researchers traveled to African countries 27 times, visiting partner universities, affiliated organizations, embassies, and JICA offices. Our collaboration with various graduate schools strengthened the student dispatch support framework. We organized seminars on safe travel to Africa for other universities. Students applied for the programs through open call and used JASSO scholarships to study abroad.
- TUFS: 2 faculty members visited partner schools and related organizations in Africa on 2 occasions. Utilizing information gathered from African partner schools and embassies, a study abroad briefing session was conducted in May to provide candidates with information for the next academic year. We organized an orientation for JASSO scholarship recipients going abroad, along with two information exchange sessions for South African-bound students to receive crisis management guidance. We facilitated communication between international staff and faculty at the accepting university for those planning to be dispatched, developed a safety information booklet for undergraduate students studying abroad in Africa, and provided information to students scheduled to be dispatched.

Internationalization of the university, Information disclosure and Publication of outcome

- Kyoto Univ. employed two experienced researchers specialized in African studies and fluent in English, along with an admin assistant and a support staff member who can communicate in English. To strengthen an international network, we employed a URA (20% effort).
- TUFS employed an assistant professor with extensive experience in African research and fluency in English. Through our collaboration with JAAN, we shared project details, event information, and successful educational exchange initiatives with domestic universities.

Good Practices

- Both universities offered online preparatory education to African students and provided individualized guidance, practical experience, and exposure to companies and international conferences.
- Japanese students traveled to African countries and received guidance from faculty members at partner universities. They also worked on their research questions with the assistance of these faculty members.
- We developed a framework for secure travel to Africa by hosting seminars available to other universities and producing and disseminating safety information booklets.