



25th Anniversary of UMAP

UMAP has been promoting mobility of university students and faculties in the Asia-Pacific region since 1991. Starting from 2016, our commemorative 25th anniversary, UMAP would like to periodically inform the general public and our patrons about our activities through this newsletter. This issue of the newsletter covers the period from September 2016 to January 2017.

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The 2nd UMAP Board Meeting was convened on September 22, 2016 at Toyo University Hakusan Campus, Tokyo, Japan. There were approximately 60 participants from UMAP member countries/territories (Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Mexico, Philippines, Taiwan and Thailand).

It presented an extremely valuable opportunity to discuss how UMAP could promote mobility within the Asia and the Pacific region. UMAP would like to express its appreciation to all the participants of the Board Meeting, and also to those members who could not participate for sending us their warm messages.

Membership Updates and Future Prospects

The UMAP International Secretariat (UMAP IS) reported that seven new universities joined the UMAP student exchange programs in 2016.

◆ 14 new universities that joined UMAP



| No. | Name of the university | Country |
|-----|--|-------------|
| 1 | Aichi Prefectural University | Japan |
| 2 | Korea University of Technology and Education | Korea |
| 3 | Universidad Autonoma de Sinaloa | Philippines |
| 4 | Universidad Internacional | Mexico |
| 5 | Far Eastern University | Mexico |
| 6 | Tarlac College of Agriculture | Philippines |
| 7 | FPT University | Vietnam |
| 8 | Thammasat University | Thailand |
| 9 | Woosong University | Korea |
| 10 | University of Mindanao | Philippines |
| 11 | Kansai University | Japan |
| 12 | Bataan Peninsula State University | Philippines |
| 13 | Kibi International University | Japan |
| 14 | Kyorin Univeristy | Japan |

(From January 2016 to January 2017)

Reports on UMAP Programs in 2016

UMAP IS reported that 51 students were exchanged in Program A&B (UMAP Multilateral Student Exchange Program) in 2016. Taiwan's Ministry of Education (MOE) reported that five students were selected for the "UMAP Taiwan Exchange Student Scholarship Program (for Program A)" in 2016.

For Program C (Super Short Programs), there were 29 programs offered by seven UMAP member countries/territories, and 45 students participated in the programs. UMAP was able to provide scholarships to all the participants of each program. Also, it was mentioned that Japan is planning to provide scholarships to students going abroad from Japan or coming from abroad to study in Japan through the UMAP programs.

The Commission on Higher Education of the Philippines reported that UMAP Discovery Camp 2016 was successfully held with 42 students from six UMAP member countries/territories (Brunei, Hong Kong, Japan, Malaysia, Taiwan, Thailand, the Philippines, and Vietnam).



Dr. Brillantes (left) accepting the Certification of Appreciation

A video film of UMAP Discovery Camp 2016 was presented.

(It is also available on <http://umap.org/archives/umap-discovery-camp-2016-official-video/>)

Acknowledgements were given to all the host organizations/universities (Commission of Higher Education, De La Salle University, Lyceum of the Philippines University-Bantagas and Ateneo de Manila University), and Dr. Alex B. Brillantes, Jr. received a Certificate of Appreciation from the UMAP Board on behalf of the host organizations/universities.

UCTS and UMAP Research Net

It was reported that the UCTS Users' Guide made by UMAP Credit Transfer Scheme (UCTS) Committee is now available on the UMAP Official Website (<http://umap.org/ucts/>).

One of the members of the working group, Dr. Taiji Hotta (Professor, Hiroshima University, Japan) briefly explained about the UCTS Users' Guide. UCTS is a beneficial way to certify the students' workloads based on their working hours including outside the classrooms. It was recommended that more universities use the UCTS.

The UMAP Board agreed on the selection of two research projects out of 11 applications for Research Net 2016. A member researcher from each research group gave a Skype presentation. *The presentation slides of each group are available on the UMAP Official Website.

(<http://umap.org/archives/research-project-of-umap-research-net-2016/>)

◆Selected Research:

- "The second language identities and academic/social (non) integration of Chinese international exchange students in Australasia" – Researchers from universities in Hong Kong, New Zealand and Australia.
- "Development of students' 21st century skills through student mobility in international multidisciplinary project based learning" – Researchers from universities in Malaysia, Thailand, and Indonesia.

More Information on each research: <http://umap.org/archives/research-project-of-umap-research-net-2016/>

UMAP Chair and UMAP Ambassadorship

It was agreed by the UMAP Board that Malaysia will serve as the UMAP Chair for a second term (2017-2018). At the end of the Board Meeting, Dr. Min-Ling Yang of the Ministry of Education, Taiwan, R.O.C., was awarded UMAP ambassadorship by the UMAP Board in recognition of her outstanding contribution to UMAP.

◆Message from Chairperson

It is indeed a great honor to be part of UMAP who are committed and determined towards achieving enhanced international understanding through the mobility of our university students and staff. I believed UMAP has always been a strong driving force towards strengthening regional relations in realizing opportunities and developing potentials of the future generation

On that note, I would like to congratulate Toyo University, Japan for being appointed as a new International Secretariat for UMAP. At the same time, our utmost appreciation to the past secretariat, UMAP Taiwan at Fu Jen Catholic University in Taipei for their excellent work for the past five years.

UMAP presence in the international platform will continue as a strong force towards global mobility programs. There is so much potential for UMAP and we look towards working together in building a stronger and more dynamic relationship. As always, the strong support and commitment of UMAP members has always been a key factor to UMAP success. We look forward to strengthening this tie among UMAP members. Happy 25th years anniversary UMAP!



Prof. Datuk Dr. Noor Azlan Ghazali (Chairperson, UMAP; Vice Chancellor, Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia)



Dr. Ming-Ling Yang (left) was awarded UMAP ambassadorship by the UMAP Board

Photos of the Board Meeting



UMAP Board Meeting



Coffee break



Watching the video of UMAP Discovery Camp 2016



Reception of the Board Meeting at Hotel Chinzanso Tokyo



Group photo after the Board Meeting

The UMAP 25th Anniversary Symposium, organized by UMAP, was held at Toyo University Hakusan Campus, Japan, on September 23, 2016.

The theme of the symposium was “Educational Mobility in the Asia-Pacific Region: UMAP and Beyond.” It comprised various sessions such as keynote speeches, student presentations, and panel discussions. The symposium invited 28 speakers and panelists, including students who studied under UMAP programs, specialists of higher education, representatives of the government, universities and other organizations. It brought together over 200 participants and became a valuable opportunity to commemorate UMAP’s 25th anniversary, and to think and share views on international educational exchange and educational mobility in the Asia-Pacific region.

Opening Remarks

The symposium opened with remarks by Professor Datuk Dr. Noor Azlan Ghazali (Chairperson of UMAP / Vice Chancellor of Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia) followed by Dr. Makio Takemura (Secretary General of UMAP / President of Toyo University) and Mr. Yutaka Tokiwa (Director-General, Higher Education Bureau, Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT), Japan).



The full-house audience listens to the opening remarks

Looking Back on 25 Years of UMAP

Dr. Ichiro Tanioka (former chairperson of UMAP, Chairman of the Board of Tanioka Gakuen Educational Foundation, Japan) gave a lecture about UMAP’s quarter-century-long journey and some of the achievements that UMAP has made along the way.

Mr. Sumate Yamnoon (Chairman of the Sub-Committee on the 3rd 15-Year Long Range Plan on Higher Education (2017-2031) and the 12th Higher Education Development Plan (2017-2021), Office of the Higher Education Commission, Thailand) addressed UMAP’s core principles and reviewed UMAP’s performance over two and a half decades. He also shared what ASEAN member countries have been doing to promote student mobility and gave suggestions on how those who are not involved in UMAP could contribute to its future development.



Dr. Ichiro Tanioka



Mr. Sumate Yamnoon

Seminar “Impact on Study Abroad, Issues of International Student Exchanges, and the Analysis of Learning Outcomes”

In order to examine how we can assess the student’s learning process, not only by grasping the numerical figures, but to look more into the quality of what and how much the student learned, the symposium held a seminar session. There are various methods and criteria to assess the student’s learning process such as student-centered, institution-based approaches, as well as outcome-based and output-based perceptions. In addition, there are a wide variety of programs including short-term programs, long-term programs, fieldwork, internships, international volunteer work, and many more that the student can engage in; hence it is a very challenging process to assess the different types of programs.

UMAP invited two guest speakers who specialize in assessing students’ learning: Dr. Uwe Brandenburg (Managing Director, CHE Consult GmbH) and Dr. Darla K. Deardorff (Executive Director, AIEA). There was a brief explanation of the seminar’s objectives by Professor Shingo Ashizawa (Toyo University, Japan / Deputy Secretary General of UMAP). The seminar was moderated by Professor Hiroshi Ota (Hitotsubashi University, Japan).



Dr. Uwe Brandenburg

In the first lecture, Dr. Brandenburg discussed issues on measuring outcomes by showing the audience general and regional findings from the results of the Erasmus Impact Study (EIS). Next, Dr. Deardorff talked about the importance of learning outcomes assessment in international education.

Both lectures drew the audience’s attention, making this a seminar that succeeded in having all the participants think about the assessment of students’ learning and student mobility programs.



Dr. Darla K. Deardorff

Student Presentations by UMAP Participants

Five students from Japan, Malaysia, Philippines, Taiwan and Thailand who participated in UMAP’s programs gave presentations on their experience through UMAP programs.

These students participated in UMAP’s various programs such as Program A&B (UMAP Multilateral Exchange Program), Program C (Super Short-Term Program) and UMAP Discovery Camp 2016. Their presentations enabled the audience to directly hear the fresh voices and comments of the beneficiaries of UMAP programs.



Past participants of the UMAP programs

Panel Discussion

In order to make the symposium an opportunity for participants to think about the future of student mobility and how UMAP can engage in this, two panel discussions with nine speakers were held.

In the first panel discussion, “New Trends of Inter-University Cooperation in Asia,” government officials of Cambodia, Japan, Malaysia, Mexico, Philippines and Thailand presented their countries’ trends and policies for inter-university cooperation and gave suggestions to UMAP from the perspective of the government. In the second panel discussion, “Future of UMAP and Prospects of Educational Exchange in the Asia-Pacific,” panelists from the university sector of Japan, Korea, Taiwan, and Thailand talked about the objectives and vision for UMAP in the future.



Presenter of the first panel discussion



Presenter of the second panel discussion

Overall, the panel discussions were full of various examples and opinions from both government and university perspectives.

Through the Q&A session, all the panelists and members of the audience shared the view that it is very important for UMAP to strengthen its relationship with other various international institutions.

Closing Remarks and Reception

The symposium came to a close with remarks by Professor Kazuo Takahashi (Vice President for International Affairs, Toyo University, Japan).

After the conclusion of all the sessions, a reception was held where the participants were able to enjoy friendly discussion about UMAP and international education. There was a performance of Koto (Japanese harp) by the Toyo University Koto club. After the performance participants were able to experience playing it.



Dr. Sugata Takahashi (President, Niigata University) gives a speech at the reception



Toyo University's Koto (Japanese harp) Club performs at the reception



General Information on the Symposium

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| Date & Time | September 23, 2016, 9:30 a.m.-8:00 p.m. | Program | 9:45 Opening Remarks |
| Venue | Toyo University 125 Commemorative Hall (Hakusan, Bunkyo-ku, Tokyo, Japan) | | 10:00 Looking Back on 25 Years of UMAP |
| Organizer | UMAP (University Mobility in Asia and the Pacific) Supported by the Japanese Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT), Springer Nature, and Asahi Net, Inc. | | 10:30 Seminar "Impact of Study Abroad, Issues of International Student Exchanges, and the Analysis of Learning Outcomes" |
| Purpose | To commemorate UMAP's 25th anniversary by looking back on its quarter-century trajectory, and discussing the challenges and possibilities of promoting quality international educational exchange and what roles UMAP and universities as well as governments in the region can play in this endeavor. | | 12:00 Lunch Break |
| | | | 13:30 Student Presentations by UMAP Participants |
| | | | 14:10 Panel Discussion 1 "New Trends of Inter-University Cooperation in Asia" |
| | | | 15:50 Panel Discussion 2 "Future of UMAP and Prospects of Educational Exchange in Asia Pacific" |
| | | | 17:20 Closing Remarks |
| | | | 18:00 Reception at Sky Hall |

Kawagoe Tour

The UMAP International Secretariat (Toyo University, Japan) organized an optional bus tour of Kawagoe for the symposium participants on September 24, 2016. Kawagoe is located some 40 kilometers northwest of Tokyo. The bus tour included a visit to the Kawagoe Campus of Toyo University, as well as an excursion through the historical section of Kawagoe, a city also known as Koedo ("Old Tokyo").

At the Kawagoe Campus, the participants were given a tour of the campus, including its state-of-the-art laboratories and other facilities. Dr. Toru Maekawa (Director, Bio-Nano Electronic Research Centre) then presented an overview on the department and his research.



Dr. Maekawa introducing the Bio-Nano Electronics Research Centre of Toyo University



Participants enjoy shopping in Kawagoe's Warehouse District

After visiting Kawagoe Campus, the group stopped by the Kitain Temple in Kawagoe, which has a long history of over 1,200 years.

In the city, the bus took the participants to Kurazukuri no Machinami (Kawagoe's Warehouse District), which retains an ambience reminiscent of an old town from the Edo Period (1603-1867) and streets from past centuries. Participants enjoyed experiencing the nostalgic Japanese townscape and atmosphere by strolling around and stopping by the shops in the district.



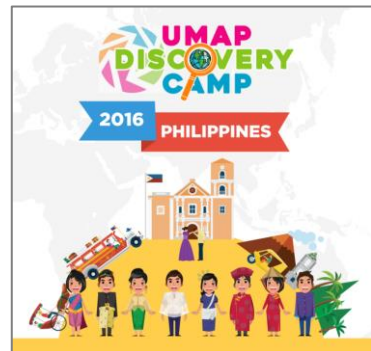
Dr. Maekawa and participants of the Kawagoe Tour

Activities in 2016

UMAP Discovery Camp 2016 and 2017

The Commission on Higher Education (CHED) of the Philippines published a souvenir book of UMAP Discovery Camp 2016. The book will be uploaded to the UMAP website.

The next Summer Program 2017 is planned to be held in Japan, hosted by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT), Japan Student Services Organization (JASSO), Niigata University and Toyo University. Contents of the program will be the roots of Japanese culture, society and environment. Student will be able to experience activities and lectures at both Niigata University in Niigata and Toyo University in Tokyo.



UMAP Orientation at the University of Mindanao

The University of Mindanao successfully conducted a one-day conference on internationalizing higher education institutions and giving an orientation on UMAP last October 12, educating participating school officials about the nature and ropes of internationalization in academic institutions.

The conference, which was the first in the Mindanao region, discussed the trends and challenges in internationalization, as well as the background and objectives of UMAP as a network that promotes and facilitates academic mobility. It also sought to invite and accept new members to UMAP.

*More details: <http://umap.org/member/3893/#more-3893>

Presentation at the KAFSA / KADIA Joint Meeting

Professor Shingo Ashizawa (Deputy Secretary General of UMAP / Professor, Toyo University) gave a presentation at the joint meeting of KAFSA (Korean Association of Foreign Student Administrators) and KADIA (Korean Association of Deans of International Affairs) held in Jeonju, Korea, on December 8, 2016.



It was a great opportunity to introduce UMAP to the representatives of a number of Korean universities. Hopefully more Korean universities will join UMAP in the coming years.



Japan - Korea Joint Program

The Faculty of Regional Development Studies of Toyo University organized and held the Japan – Korea Joint Program from January 6–13, 2017. It invited about 50 students, faculties and staff members from Korean universities. As the UMAP International Secretariat, Toyo University also invited some students from Japanese UMAP member universities to the program. The students were able to visit numerous Japanese landmarks and fieldwork sites.

The UMAP International Secretariat had the opportunity to introduce UMAP and its activities, and exchange opinions on student mobility and international exchange.

Upcoming Events and News



Participating in the APAIE 2017 Conference

UMAP is planning to attend the APAIE (Asia-Pacific Association for International Education) 2017 Conference from March 20-23, 2017, in Kaohsiung, Taiwan.

◆ UMAP Booth: #8

◆ UMAP Session: March 21 2:00-3:00 PM
March 22 2:00-3:00 PM



Launching a Scholarship from JASSO

In order to promote student mobility between countries in the Asia-Pacific region and Japan, the Japan Student Services Organization (JASSO) is preparing to offer a scholarship through the UMAP study abroad programs (Program A&B, Program C, UMAP Summer Program) for students from abroad who will study in Japan or those from Japan who will study abroad. Details of the scholarship will be announced on the UMAP website and official Facebook account.

JASSO and the UMAP International Secretariat are planning to hold an information session on March 10, 2017, at Toyo University, Tokyo, to promote UMAP so that more Japanese universities will participate in the UMAP study abroad programs.



Report on the UMAP 25th Anniversary Symposium

The UMAP International Secretariat is now working to publish a report on the UMAP 25th Anniversary Symposium in order to share UMAP's 25-year trajectory and its future vision. It is scheduled to be completed and uploaded on the UMAP website at the end of March 2017.

Who we are

UMAP is the acronym for the “University Mobility in Asia and the Pacific”. We are a voluntary association of government and non-government representatives of the higher education (university) sector in the Asia-Pacific region. We were founded in 1991 and comprise 35 countries/territories with over 570 participating universities. Our aim is for university students and staff to achieve better understanding of the cultural, economic and social systems of other countries by promoting mobility of university students and staff.



What we do

UMAP has been administrating the following student exchange programs and providing research funds to selected research projects by UMAP members.

◆Program A&B (UMAP Multilateral/Bilateral Student Exchange Program)

Program A&B is a student exchange program in which UMAP universities can send and receive two students per year. Exchanges are made on a tuition-waiver basis. Bilateral student exchange arrangements can also be made between two universities wishing to exchange more than two students.

◆Program C (Super Short-Term Programs)

SSTP are short-term programs offered by UMAP affiliated universities. Programs are generally offered between July and September. It is available in a wide range of disciplines such as cultural studies, language, and entrepreneurship, depending on the host university.

◆UMAP Summer Program

The UMAP Summer Program is a special summer program provided by UMAP. Place and content of the program differs every year depending on the organizer of the program. It started in 2016 as “UMAP Discovery Camp 2016 (UDC2016)” in Philippines.

It has its own credit transfer scheme called the “UMAP Credit Transfer Scheme (UCTS),” which was developed to simplify the process of transferring credits earned in UMAP programs.

[*Download UCTS Guidebook: http://umap.org/ucts/](http://umap.org/ucts/)

●UMAP Research Net

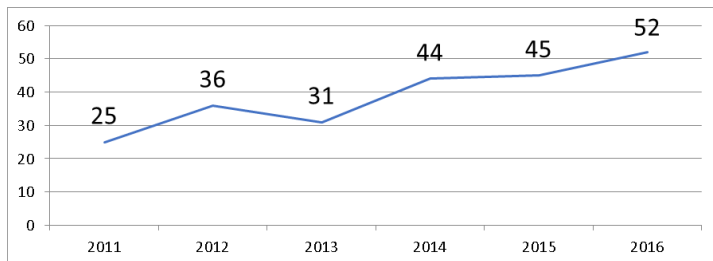
UMAP Research Net (URN) is a project that aims to promote research networks in the region by groups of two or more researchers from different UMAP affiliated universities who share common research interests. UMAP is providing research funds to selected research projects that are relevant to the goals of UMAP.

For further details about UMAP, please contact :
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◆Website : <http://umap.org>



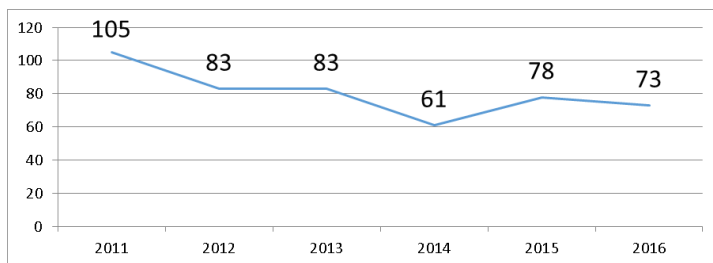
Data on Program A&B (Student Exchange Program)

1 Total number of students exchanges in the past five years (2011-2016)



UMAP has been increasing the number of students exchanged through its multilateral exchange program (Program A&B). Since more universities are joining UMAP, this number is expected to continue increasing.

2 Total number of “participating universities”* in the past five years (2011-2016)



Seventy-three universities participated in Program A&B in 2016. UMAP is now encouraging more universities to participate in its programs.

*Participating universities: Universities that have submitted their program information to the UMAP International Secretariat with the intention to receive students.

List of “participating universities”* of each country/territory (2016)

◆ Brunei

- Universiti Brunei Darrusalam

◆ Fiji

- The University of the South Pacific

◆ Japan

- Aichi Prefectural University
- Akita International University
- Hiroshima University
- Niigata University
- Toyo University
- University of Fukui
- University of the Ryukyus

◆ Korea

- Far East University
- Hallym University
- Hanyang University
- Hongik University
- Konkuk University
- KOREATECH
- Sangmyung University

◆ Malaysia

- Taylor's University
- Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (The National University of Malaysia)

◆ Mexico

- Instituto Tecnológico de Sonora
- Universidad Autónoma de Baja California
- Universidad Autónoma de Ciudad Juárez
- Universidad Autónoma de San Luis Potosí
- Universidad Autónoma de Sinaloa
- Universidad de Guadalajara
- Universidad de Monterrey
- Universidad del Caribe
- Universidad Internacional
- Universidad Juárez del Estado de Durango
- University of Colima

◆ Mongolia

- National University of Mongolia

◆ Philippines

- Ateneo de Manila University
- De La Salle University
- Filamer Christian University
- Ifugao State University
- Lyceum of the Philippines University - Batangas
- Mapua Institute of Technology
- Mindanao University of Science and Technology
- St. Paul University Philippines
- University of Mindanao

◆ Vietnam

- FPT University
- University of Social Sciences and Humanities (USSH), Vietnam National University, Ho Chi Minh City
- Vietnam National University, Hanoi

◆ Taiwan

- China Medical University
- Chung Yuan Christian University
- Fu Jen Catholic University
- I-Shou University
- Kun Shan University
- Ming Chuan University
- National Chengchi University
- National Chung Cheng University
- National Chung Hsing University
- National Kaohsiung Marine University
- National Yunlin University of Science and Technology
- Providence University
- Shih Chien University
- Soochow University
- Southern Taiwan University of Science and Technology
- Tamkang University
- Wenzao Ursuline University of Languages

◆ Thailand

- Bangkok University
- Chiang Mai University
- Chulalongkorn University
- Kasetsart University
- Khon Kaen University
- King Mongkut's University of Technology Thonburi
- Loei Rajabhat University
- Mae Fah Luang University
- Mahasarakham University
- Naresuan University
- Payap University
- Rangsit University
- Srinakharinwirot University
- St. Theresa International College