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Japan-Asia Youth Exchange Program in Science (A new program) (SAKURA Exchange Program in Science)

Program Outline

- Invite Asian youth for a short stay in Japan and provide them with an opportunity to experience advanced science toward fostering quality human resources
- 14 countries & regions, comprised of East Asian countries (China, South Korea, Mongolia, and Taiwan) and 10 ASEAN countries, are eligible.
- Target a wide range of age groups from high school students to postdoctoral fellows (up to 40 years of age)
- Invite 2,000 youth in the first fiscal year (expected)

Application for 1st Call for Proposals and the Result

Conducted the first call for proposals from Apr. 25 to May 23, 2014

- Proposals received: 316
- Proposals selected: 155 exchange proposals
- Organizations applied: 131
- Organizations selected: 97

(77 universities, technical colleges and high schools, 13 public foundations, and 7 business enterprises)

- Program invitees: 1,639

(China: 782, Indonesia: 118, Cambodia: 3, Singapore: 19, Thailand: 157, South Korea: 87, Taiwan: 73, Philippines: 34, Brunei: 3, Vietnam: 165, Malaysia: 120, Myanmar: 40, Mongolia: 17, and Laos: 21)

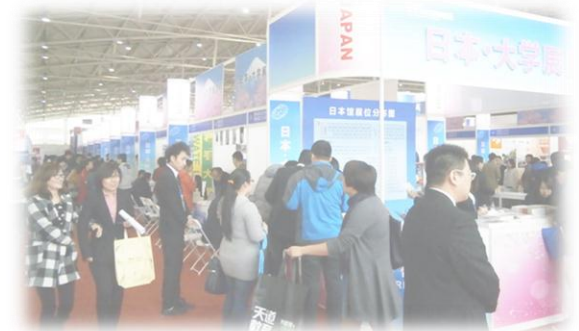
Future Schedules

- Exchange programs are scheduled to start as early as in July.
- The 2nd call for proposals will be from Jun. 23 to Jul. 18.

Japan-China University Fair & Forum in China 2014

Purposes

The promotion of collaboration between industry and academia is an urgent issue for Japan and China in order to create innovation. S&T cooperation is a driving force that brings about prosperity and maturity to both of them. The two companies discuss their common issues and build a new relationship through this event.



Outline

Forum (Mar. 19, 2014 in Beijing)

Experts discussed the theme “Collaboration between industry and academia opens the door to an opportunity of global innovation.” in 4 sessions.

Participants: Over 500

Fair (Mar. 15-16, 2014 in Beijing & 22-23 in Shanghai)

Participant universities: 66

Japan-China Exchange Meeting (Mar. 19, 2014 in Beijing)

Visits to Tsinghua University and Science Park at Zhejiang University



Some results

- Four deals were concluded that involve collaboration between Japanese universities and Chinese companies/universities.
- Exhibition booths of Japanese Universities were visited by 5,400 Chinese students. This will significantly contribute to encouraging them to study in Japan.
- Of the 66 Japanese universities that participated in this event, 44 universities—approx. two-thirds of all the participating universities—have applied for the opportunity to offer their services for the SAKURA Exchange Program in Science. Over 1,200 Chinese undergraduate and graduate students also hope to participate in this program.

The 2nd Japan Junior High School Science Championships (JJHSSC)

Schedule: December 5 (Fri) to 7 (Sun), 2014

- Day 1 : Opening ceremony and orientation
- Day 2 : One written examination and two types of experiments
- Day 3 : Exhibitions and award ceremony



The official mascot of JJHSSC,
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Venue: The Sports, Cultural Complex "BumB" (2-1-3 Yumenoshima, Koto-ku, Tokyo)

Objectives:

- Increase the number of science-loving students
- Develop personnel with a creative and inquiring mind who will venture into unknown research fields

The 1st tournament:

- Over 15,000 junior high school students participated.
- The team from Shiga pref. came in first among 47 representative teams.



One of the experiments in the 1st tournament