

Discover Universities

Internationalization Policy and Expected Worldwide Collaborations in Hankuk University of Foreign Studies



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Summary and Remarks of HUFS

Hankuk University of Foreign Studies (HUFS) is a leading global institution established in 1954. As '*Hankuk*' (meaning Korea) implies, it is recognized as the best university not only in Korea, but also in the world educating foreign languages and regional studies. The mission of the university is to foster creative experts with global mindset in the international stage who can contribute to the world peace and exchange of cultures.



Fig.1 Seoul Campus of Hankuk University of Foreign Studies

HUFS is currently teaching 45 foreign languages of Asia, Europe, the Middle East, Africa and other regions of the world. Combining studies in the humanities, law, social sciences, business, natural science and engineering, students naturally grow as global leaders, equipped with both professional knowledge and excellent language skills.

HUFS is accelerating its movement in recent years in order to move forward to a world-class university. With its emphasis on a global mindset, it has made exchange agreements with 456 universities and institutions in 80 countries. Among 640 faculty members, international professors make up 30% of the total. Truly, what HUFS is looking at is not only competition with local universities, but competitiveness in the whole world.

HUFS has been producing talented individuals who could further Korea's modernization and promote world peace. HUFS has three campuses located at Dongdaemun-gu in Seoul, Yong-in in Gyeonggi-do, and Song-do (under construction, near Incheon International Airport). The former two campuses accommodate 23,879 students and 3,253 graduate students in total.

HUFS is recognized as the best institution for foreign language education and internationalization in Korea: HUFS also consecutively ranks first as the most internationalized university in Korea over the past three years according to Chosun Ilbo-QS Asian University Rankings 2012.

Strategy of Internationalization

With the following International Programs, HUFS attracts the best students and mentors them as talents.

(1) 30-30-30-30 Strategy

HUFS implements "*30-30-30-30 Strategy*" to cultivate future leaders of the global ear. Specifically, HUFS intends to increase the proportion of international faculty, international students, lectures in foreign languages, and HUFS students studying abroad to over 30 percent. HUFS is nurturing talented students with international acumen and practical capabilities.

(2) 7+1 Visiting Student Program

This program encourages HUFS students to study at an overseas university for at least one out of the semesters of their undergraduate years to gain a more international focus.

(3) HUFS-SUNY 1+3 Program

HUFS-SUNY 1+3 Program is a cooperation program between HUFS and seven SUNY campuses, including SUNY Albany, SUNY Brockport, SUNY Fredonia, SUNY Geneseo, SUNY Oneonta, SUNY Oswego, and SUNY Stony Brook. Students admitted to the HUFS-SUNY 1+3 program study one year at HUFS taking ten general elective courses as well as intensive English courses, and study three years at one of seven SUNY campuses to receive their 4-year degree.

(4) Internship at Korean embassies overseas of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade

The Internship Program at Korean Embassies Overseas is Korea's first program created by HUFS and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade to groom students to become diplomats under the mutual agreement of 2007. Every year, some 100 students are dispatched to Korean embassies for six months to gain experience in actual diplomatic affairs and develop international insight and knowledge.

(5) KOTRA (Korea Trade-Investment Promotion Agency) Internship Program

The internship at KOTRA Offices Overseas program dispatches students to overseas KOTRA offices for six months to enable them to acquire international insight and basic knowledge in professional fields. Students who completed the second semester of their sophomore year are eligible for an internship opportunity, and all applicants are subject to paper screening and evaluation of foreign language skills. A maximum of 12 credits is acknowledged for this internship.

(6) KOCIS (Korean Culture and Information Service)-HUFS Internship Program

HUFS made an internship agreement with KOCIS, an affiliated organization of Ministry of Culture and Information on November, 2011. With the program, students are placed in Overseas Korea Centers around the world to introduce and promote Korean culture and also experience and learn about the partner country. Students will be awarded with scholarships to participate in the program and are to receive 12 credits upon completion of a six months internship.

(7) ISS (The International Summer Session)

The International Summer Session(ISS) at HUFS, offered continuously since 2003, provides a unique opportunity to undergraduates, graduate students, and independent scholars, who want to deepen their understanding of Korea and East Asia. ISS provides students with a carefully planned, intensive 5-week curriculum. International diversity among the student body, as well as among the faculty, is one of the hallmarks of this program.

Expected Collaborations with Foreign Universities and Academic Institutions

HUFS is running various programs for internationalization and has made exchange agreements with 456 universities and education institutes in 80 countries worldwide. The following program shows collaboration between HUFS and overseas institution in Asia-Pacific region.

The United Nations-mandated University for Peace (UPEACE) was established in Costa Rica in Central America in 1980 through resolutions of the United Nations General Assembly. Students in the HUFS-UPEACE Dual Master's Degree Program can take courses in Korea and Costa Rica for one year each respectively earn two master's degrees from the HUFS Graduate School of International Area Studies and UPEACE concurrently.

HUFS is actually accelerating 7+1 visiting student program, student exchange program and 1+3 program etc. for internationalization in Asia and Pacific region. Your constructive opinions are most welcome. Contact at cmhan@hufs.ac.kr.

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Hot Topics

The 5th Japan EU Symposium on the New Generation Network and Future Internet was held in Tokyo, with Joint IEICE Technical Committee on Information Networks

The 5th Japan-EU Symposium on the New Generation Network (NGN) and Future Internet (FI) was held by National Institute of Information and Communications Technology (NICT) and hosted by European Commission (EC) at Belle Salle Yaesu in Tokyo on October 10, 2012. Another event, NICT New-Generation Network Forum was jointly held by NICT and IEICE Technical Committee on Information Networks (IN) at the same venue on the day, the relevant monthly IEICE Technical Committee on IN was successively held at Sanjo Conference Hall of the University of Tokyo on October 11-12, 2012.

The first EU-Japan Symposium was commenced by NICT and EC's Directorate-General for Information Society and Media (DG-INFOS) in 2008, and has been continued every year. The former 4th EU-Japan Symposium was organized by NICT and EC in Tokyo on January 19, 2012. The 5th Japan-EU Symposium based on the same scheme extended the framework through the public offer to R&D activities organized by NICT in collaboration with EC for the collaborative ICT project, entitled Framework Program 7 (FP7).

The Symposium venue was filled by about 170 participants. It was inaugurated with Opening Address by Dr. Hideo Miyahara, President of NICT. Mr. Shigeyuki Kubota, Director-General of International and Technology Policy, Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications (MIC) gave Guest Speech and insisted that the Government would push forward with NWGN deployment based on NICT's research outputs toward reliable network virtualization and support it. Mr. Francisco J. Ibañez, Scientific Officer on Network Technologies, EC's Directorate-General for Communications Networks, Content and Technology (DG-CNCT) gave Keynote Speech entitled "Research and Innovation in ICT in the European Union" and referred to EC's current status and the scheme of FP7 for 2006-2013 and the future Program "Horizon 2020" for 2014-2020, 7 challenges and Future Emerging Technologies (FET) in FP7 toward the socio-economic growth of the society. collaborative project FP7-ICT-2013-EU-Japan focused on small and medium scale research projects (STREP). In the following session on NICT's R&D outcomes, Dr. Nozomu

Nishinaga, Director, Network Research Hqs., NICT gave a speech on R&D strategy and deployment of NWGN, Dr.Hiroaki Harai, Director, NWGN Architecture, NICT gave a speech on the NWGN architecture design project "AKARI", Dr.Eiji Kawai, Director, Network Testbed R&D Promotion Center gave a speech on NICT's projects on testbed technologies for NWGN.

In the Joint IEICE Technical Committee on Information Networks, 10 papers on architecture and applications of NWGN were presented, 11 projects were presented in the poster session.



Fig.2 Dr. Hideo Miyahara, President of NICT giving Opening Address



Fig.3 Mr. Shigeyuki Kubota, DG of MIC giving Guest Speech



Fig.4 Keynote Speech by Mr. Francisco J. Ibañez, Scientific Officer on Network Technologies, DG-CNCT, EC



Fig.5 Symposium venue filled by many participants over 170 people



Fig.6 Participants listening to the public offer of NICT's Research Projects for EC's FP7-ICT-2013-EU-Japan



Fig.7 Poster Session related to the Symposium

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Upcoming International Conferences

ICOIN2013- IEICE Communications Soc., in Bangkok, Thailand, on January 28-30, 2013, <http://www.icoin.org/index.htm>

Kaleidoscope2013 - IEICE, ITU, Kyoto University, et al, in Kyoto, Japan, on April 22-24, 2013, <http://www.itu.int/ITU-T/uni/kaleidoscope/2013/>

EMTS2013- IEICE Electronics Soc., URSI Commission B, technical sponsorship by IEICE Communications Soc., in Hiroshima, Japan, on May 20-24, 2013, <http://ursi-emts2013.org/>

ICTF2013- IEICE Europe Section, technically co-sponsored by IEICE Communications Soc., in Sarajevo, Bosnia & Herzegovina, on May 29-31, 2013, <http://www.ieice-europe.org/ictf/>

CLEO Pacific Rim 2013- IEICE Communications Soc. and IEICE Electronics Soc., in Kyoto, Japan, on June 30-July 4, 2013, <http://www.cleopr-oecc-ps2013.org>

OECC/PS2013- IEICE Communications Soc. and IEICE Electronics Soc., in Kyoto, Japan, on July 1-5, 2013, <http://www.cleopr-oecc-ps2013.org>

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