ASIA REGIONAL STRATEGY GROUP REPORT

YEAR 2

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Related Local Organization
Japan America Society of Greater Cincinnati

Activities of Focus for the Next Few Years
- Continue to work on identifying a Japanese partner institution
- Research identified Korean institutions further, videoconference, and sign MOU with best match in terms of diversity of programs, location, cost, and mutual interest
- Sign MOU and work on one or two activity agreements with Taiwanese institution
The Strategy Group, with assistance from the Japan America Society, has researched and reviewed potential Japanese institutional partners but has yet to decide on an optimal partner.

We have active student exchange agreements with both Nagoya and Chiba universities. These relationships may provide opportunities for expansion to other types of activities across disciplines. However, the committee would like to identify still a third institution if possible. The challenges in this regard are:

- Finding an institution with significant instruction in English to allow for potential student exchange of a semester
- Overcoming UC’s safety perception in Japan
- A declining interest on the part of UC students to study in Japan
- Finding an institution where the academic calendar more closely matches the UC academic calendar

Identifying a good partner institution in Japan remains a continuing objective for next year.

Republic of Korea

The following three universities have been identified for further investigation, including videoconferencing to further determine sincere interest in partnering and similar academic goals and objectives:

Soongsil University

Location: Seoul
Enrollment: 17,000
Faculty: 1,200
Degree Programs: Range from bachelor’s through doctoral

Programs in disciplines ranging across colleges of humanities, natural sciences, law, social science, economics and global commerce, business administration, finance, engineering, and informational technology.

Korea University

Location: Seoul
Enrollment: 35,300
Faculty: 3,050
Degree Programs: 22 colleges and schools, 23 graduate schools, have programs ranging across business, law, liberal arts, medicine, engineering, nursing, natural and physical sciences, nursing education, art and design, pharmacy, architecture. Ranked by ARWU* in top 400.

Pusan National University

Location: Busan
Enrollment: 26,500
Degree Programs: From baccalaureate through doctoral; 18 colleges and schools across disciplines such as humanities, social science, natural science, education, engineering, business, pharmacy, arts, law, medicine. Ranked by ARWU* in top 500.

Taiwan

Considerable progress has been made in researching and identifying the best overall institutional partner in Taiwan – National Cheng Kung University. Group members have emailed, phoned, and personally visit NCKU. They are very interested in exploring a sister relationship and we are hoping to sign an MOU to coincide with their 80th anniversary in November. Prof. Lin also visited China Medical U. which would be an excellent college partner for pharmacy. Their vice president and dean will be visiting UC on July 14.

National Cheng Kung University

Location: Tainan City
Enrollment: 22,000
Faculty: 1,400
Degree Programs: A Research-led, comprehensive university of nine colleges with programs ranging from business, architecture, medicine, science, engineering, nursing, education, planning, design. Ranked by ARWU* in top 400.

*Academic Ranking of World Universities