

## NEW CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME



**“Higher education must prepare for the future.”**

Korean institutions of higher education face a host of challenges. They have been placed under extreme financial stress after years of tuition freezes; are forced into academic restructuring due to a continual decline in the number of college-age freshmen; and are reorganizing academic curricula in response to the emergence of the fourth industrial revolution. Universities are sparing no effort to ensure that they survive and thrive at a time when enormous social changes are taking place. As such, KCUE (Korean Council for University Education) plans to focus on the following initiatives in order to provide a clear direction for higher education in the future and enable universities to further contribute to national development.

First, a Committee on Future Higher Education is needed in order to orient tertiary learning for the road ahead. As the fourth industrial revolution unfolds, the job market will undergo a radical shift. The new Committee will establish the direction for higher education in the future, and work hand-in-hand with universities to ensure organizational readiness

[\(Read article here\).](#)

## KCUE CROSS-BORDER PROJECTS

### 1<sup>ST</sup> COUNCIL MEETING AMONG KOREAN UNIVERSITIES HELD

#### KOREA-AIMS: KOREA ASEAN INTERNATIONAL MOBILITY FOR STUDENTS

Korea joined the AIMS (ASEAN International Mobility for Students) Program in 2016 with a purpose to create a harmonious community for higher education in East Asia, to lay the foundation for exchange programs among universities(credit transfer and joint curricula), and to ensure the quality of degree programs. Under the current AIMS Program, students receive government-funded scholarships to study at the host country. A total of 68 universities in 8 countries (Korea, Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia, Vietnam, Brunei, Philippines and Japan) are currently participating in the Program.

On the 1st Korean AIMS Program Council meeting that was held on April 25, four participating universities of 2017(Kangwon Uni., Daegu Catholic Uni., Chonnam Uni. and Hannam Uni.) and KCUE attended. In the meeting, the project plan and news for 2017 were shared as well as updates and relevant information.



#### CAMPUS ASIA: COLLECTIVE ACTION FOR MOBILITY PROGRAM OF UNIVERSITY IN ASIA



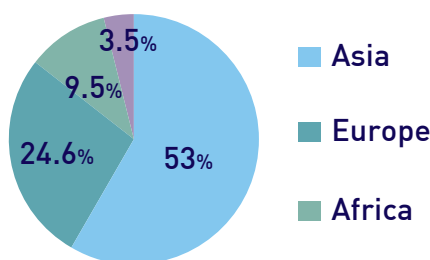
CAMPUS Asia Project for Korea-Japan-China was launched in 2011. This is a joint collaboration program which aims to build a platform for educational collaboration, cultivating international capability of university students in Korea-Japan-China, and to foster leaders for the next-generation through joint and dual-degree programs. A pilot program was operated from

2012 to 2016 with 10 participating universities in Korea. From October 2016, the full program began in a form of Korea-Japan-China joint and dual-degree programs with 17 Korean universities. The Korean government provides financial support to the participating Korean universities to cover scholarships for government invited students and expenses for the operation of university programs. The three countries are developing a common monitoring guideline for their member universities, which will be introduced from 2018.

On April 28, 1st Council meeting of 2017 CAMPUS Asia in Korea was held near the Seoul Station attended by 17 universities' project managers and affiliated officers, Director General for International Cooperation at Ministry of Education (Younghan Choi), and KCUE. The agenda for the meeting included sharing the best examples and discussing the topics defined in advance.

## HIGHER EDUCATION INFORMATION

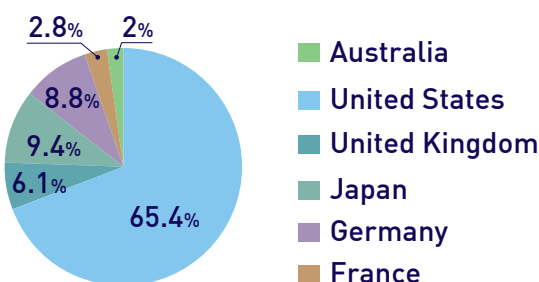
MOBILITY STUDENTS' COUNTRY OF ORIGIN(2014, %)



Source: OECD Education at a Glance 2016, C4

Korea represents approximately 2% in Asia's 53%, approximately 100,000 students.

PREFERRED COUNTRY OF KOREAN MASTER AND DOCTORAL DEGREE STUDENTS(2014, %)



Source: OECD Education at a Glance 2016, Table C4.5

A dominant majority (65.4%) of Korean students prefer US as a country of their choice, followed by Japan, Germany, Australia and France.

AVERAGE AGE OF ENTERING TERTIARY EDUCATION IN KOREA(2014, YEAR-OLD)

	Korea	OECD Average
Bachelor	19	22
Master	31	28
Doctoral	34	28

Source: OECD Education at a Glance 2016, C3

Korean students' average age of entering higher education was lower than the average of OECD countries for bachelor's degree programs, but higher for master's or doctoral programs. Likely reasons include Korea's mandatory military service for 2 years for men, frequent time-offs from school due to tight employment market, language exchange programs, and graduate school after getting a job.

## KOREA'S EDUCATION POLICY

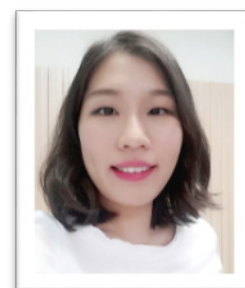
UNIVERSITY PRESIDENTS SEMINAR IN SUMMER TO BE HELD

From June 29 to 30, the University Presidents Seminar in Summer will be held at Paradise Hotel Busan. The university presidents among 202 member universities (4-year) will be attending.

The participants will discuss 'initiatives for higher education to prepare for the future society' and propose university policy recommendations for the new government.

## VOICES FROM KOREA

The CAMPUS Asia Program between Korea University(Korea)-Kobe University(Japan)-Fudan University(China) focuses on the topic of 'Risk Management and Cooperation in the Northeast Asia Region'... While the Program is a tripartite degree program between Korea, Japan and China, I was able to interact with people from all around the world. One year of studying at Graduate School of International Cooperation Studies at Kobe University, I was able to seize the opportunity to understand diverse cultures and religions ...



Chae-won Lee, Korea University

If someone asks me whether they should apply for the CAMPUS Asia Program, my answer is yes!... After spending one year at Kobe University, I realized that I would have definitely regretted if I had not applied... It may be an unexpected journey, but it will be the opportunity that will lead you to priceless experiences. It will encounter and broaden your horizon. If you have made up your mind, go for it! ([Read article here](#)).

## INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES

May / June

2<sup>nd</sup> Regional Capacity Building Workshop on the Recognition of Higher Education Qualifications in Asia-Pacific

- Date: May 31st ~ June 2nd
- Purpose: share information on how to establish and promote key national outreach mechanisms such as National Information Centres (NICs)
- Attended as a resource person