

Agreement of the 7th Meeting of the Japan-China-Korea Committee for Promoting Exchange and Cooperation among Universities

The 7th Meeting of the Japan-China-Korea Committee for Promoting Exchange and Cooperation among Universities (hereinafter referred to as “the Committee”) was held on 5 September 2019 in Tokyo, Japan. As a result of discussions, the following consensus was reached.

I . Quality Assurance and Monitoring of CAMPUS Asia

1. **(Monitoring)** The results of the 3rd Joint Monitoring, which was conducted for nine new programs, were confirmed by the Committee. The outcomes of the full-fledged CAMPUS Asia programs identified by quality assurance agencies of the three countries, including good practices and issues, were shared among the three countries in order to facilitate the development and quality enhancement of CAMPUS Asia programs by the end of the Mode 2 (in 2020) and into the Mode 3. The Committee agreed to reflect the results of the monitoring in the draft of Expansion Scheme of CAMPUS Asia in the Mode 3 (refer to Attachment 1). The Committee also highly appreciated the valuable efforts by member agencies, consortia and parties of the three countries and expressed their expectation that a joint monitoring report would be issued as scheduled.

II . Sustainable Development and Expansion of CAMPUS Asia

1. **(Continued promotion of CAMPUS Asia)** The Committee highly appreciated the progress of the full-fledged programs that has been made in line with the Guidelines for Exchange and Cooperation among Universities, the Common Principles of full-fledged CAMPUS-Asia Program and the Agreement of the 6th Meeting of the Committee. The Committee agreed to work more closely to pursue the further development of CAMPUS Asia based on the outcomes of its full-fledged programs. Furthermore, the Committee confirmed that further in-depth discussion is required to set the pathway for the future of the programs through various means, including the 3rd Trilateral Education Ministers’ Meeting.
2. **(Expansion Scheme of CAMPUS Asia in the Mode 3)** At the 5th Meeting of the Committee, the three countries agreed to expand CAMPUS Asia beyond Japan, China and Korea in Asia by introducing the Mode 3. Based on the Agreement of the 6th Meeting, the draft of Expansion Scheme of CAMPUS Asia in the Mode 3 (refer to Attachment 1) was proposed in the Committee. The Committee agreed the importance of the concept (e.g. “Asia for All”, “CAMPUS Asia 2.0”, or “CAMPUS Asia for All”) in the proposal as a broader direction, while recognizing the needs to consider and discuss more specific items in detail of three actions in the proposal by the beginning of Mode 3.

3. **(The Common Standard for Qualified Program)** The Committee confirmed the importance of the Common Standard for Qualified Program with quality assurance, which is stated in the draft of Expansion Scheme of CAMPUS Asia in the Mode 3 (refer to Attachment 1), and started discussion on the drawing up of said Common Standard in cooperation with quality assurance agencies, while reflecting the results of the monitoring, in order to expand CAMPUS Asia beyond Japan, China and Korea in Asia in the Mode 3.

III. Creation of conducive environment for active student exchange and capacity-building

1. **(Joint policy research and alumni community development)** Based on the Agreement of the 6th Meeting of the Committee, the members of the Committee confirmed the progress of the Japan-China-Korea Joint Study on Mutual Recognition of Degrees, which was conducted by the Trilateral Cooperation Secretariat (TCS), and welcomed the efforts by TCS for the composing of the report. The members of the Committee, taking note of the positive outcomes of CAMPUS Asia, also confirmed that the Committee would work in cooperation with TCS, which as the focal point will support the ministries, on exploring the possibility of developing the CAMPUS Asia alumni community.

IV. The Next Meeting

The Committee decided that the 8th Meeting of the Committee will be held in China in 2020.

The Direction of the Mode 3

Asia for All is a concept for implementing quality education transcending the differences of higher education systems within the Asian community in order to promote exchanges and cooperation among universities in Asia through the expansion of CAMPUS Asia.

The Expansion Scheme in the Mode 3 toward the Implementation of Asia for All

1. Three types of action in the Mode 3

Action 1: Continued formation of the CAMPUS Asia consortia among Japan, China and Korea (equivalent to the CAMPUS Asia in the Mode 2).

Action 2: Expansion of participating countries in CAMPUS Asia across Asia (especially ASEAN countries) in addition to the 3 countries, named **CAMPUS Asia Plus**.

Action 3: Expansion of participating consortia with various programs among ASEAN countries or in Asia which meet the Common Standard for Qualified Program with quality assurance equivalent to those of CAMPUS Asia.

*The type of support (especially financial support) for universities in the consortia will depend on each country.

2. Asia for All certified program

- 1) The Common Standard for Qualified Program with quality assurance should be drawn up and the consortia formed by universities of more than 2 (tentative idea to be discussed) countries meeting the standard will be certified for the Asia for All certified program.
- 2) Certified programs will be granted the Asia for All Badge and can issue the Certificate to students who successfully complete them.
- 3) Asia for All Secretariat will be established in cooperation with participating countries to promote quality higher education in Asia. The main roles of the secretariat will be to approve the consortia by use of a QA checklist, to award the Asia for All Badge and to monitor each consortium.

3. Establishment of Asia for All Information Platform

Asia for All Information Platform will be established under the Asia for All Secretariat. Every university in Asia accredited by a competent authority can be registered even if it is not forming a consortium, and the Platform will act as an matching database between universities interested in forming a consortium.

The Expansion Scheme in the Mode 3

