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∼Advanced Graduate Courses for International Students∼

[1. Profile of the University]

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[2. Outline of the Course]

Training Global Leaders Who Support Environmentally Friendly Bio-industries				
Master's course (2 years) + Doctoral course (3 years)				
In a continuous education program				
A program run by several universities				
Graduate School of Agriculture, Major: Bioresource Science				
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* Graduate School of Agriculture, Kagawa University				
(Master's course)				
<major> Bioresource Production Science, Applied Bioresource Science,</major>				
Rare Sugar Science				
* Graduate School of Agriculture, Kochi University				
(Master's course)				
<major> Subtropical Agriculture, Forest Science, Aquaculture,</major>				
Environmental Engineering, Bioresources Science				
* The United Graduate School of Agricultural Sciences, Ehime University				
(Doctoral course 3 years)				
<major> Bioresource Production Science, Applied Bioresource Science, Life Environment Conservation Science</major>				
Master's course 13 (including MEXT's Scholarship Students: 7) (including Japanese : 0)				
214 (Fulltime: 210, Fulltime (other department): 2, Part time: 2)				
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1 Outline of the Program

This program is a continuous education program of five years, consisting of a two-year Master's Course which is taught at the Graduate Schools of Agriculture of Ehime University, Kagawa University and Kochi University, and a three-year Doctoral Course taught at the United Graduate School of Agricultural Sciences (hereafter abbreviated as UGAS-EU) which is jointly supported by the Faculties of Agriculture of Kagawa University, Kochi University and Ehime University, of which Ehime University is host to the main office.

In the Master's Course, under the consortium system of the Graduate Schools of Agriculture of the three universities, the academic staff and the well-established system for accepting international students make up an integrated graduate school education in agriculture, from the selection of new international students to their degree completion.

In the Doctoral Course, by offering various subjects, students cultivate not only the knowledge and skill of a specific field but also acquire a broad knowledge of related fields, enabling them to participate in interdisciplinary work where they can utilize their expertise. The curriculum also aims to increase their ability to plan and manage a project efficiently.

Through this five-year program, we will foster global leaders who contribute to bio-industry in harmony with the environment.

2 Characteristics of the Program

[Establishment of a Consortium]

Under an integrated concept shared by the three Graduate Schools of Agriculture, of Ehime University, Kagawa University and Kochi University, the Foreign Student Education Consortium SHIKOKU, (FC-SHIKOKU for short) is established. A steering committee, an education committee, and an evaluation committee are created in FC-SHIKOKU. These three committees will work closely to coordinate the education system, implementing the PDCA cycle (Plan, Do, Check, and Action).

[Mobilizing (=Calling up) the faculty members who have overseas experience]

International students are fully guaranteed that they can take any of the courses offered by any of the graduate schools of FC-SHIKOKU while they are located at the graduate school of their main supervisor. This system enables students to create a curriculum which corresponds to their own needs, selecting classes out of over 200 courses with the help of their academic advisers and assistant advisers.

[Providing Full Support for the Students]

Prospective students will get full support both before and after coming to Japan. Guidance will be given by several academic advisers so that they may lead a full academic life. They are fully supported by a teaching assistant and a tutor is assigned for the first year, usually a Japanese student, who will help them in any way necessary.

(Practical Curriculum)

Practical courses, which make good use of the regional characteristics of Shikoku area, are offered. They are, for example; the Internship Course, where students are provided hands-on experience and are given a career education in the local industry, by regional managers or by agricultural instructors. The Field Study Course allows students to experience various, interesting fields related to each university. The Japanese Culture and Regional Exchange Course help students to gain an understanding of Japanese culture through exchange with people in the community. In addition to these courses, a summer seminar is given in order to promote exchange among the international students of the three universities.

3 Education/Guidance System (academic guidance for thesis)

[Master's Course]

- (1) The teaching staff consists of a main academic adviser and two assistant academic advisers.
- (2) Two educational coordinators, who are in charge of managing the curriculum, are assigned to each university under the name of the Consortium Office.
- (3) An integrated curriculum system enables students to take any classes from more than 200 courses offered by the three Graduate Schools of Agriculture.
- (4) Presentation of the Master's thesis is held via a video-conferencing system with all three universities participating.

[Doctoral Course]

- (1) The teaching staff consists of a main academic adviser and a first-assistant-adviser who belongs to the same university as the main academic adviser, and a second-assistant -adviser who belongs to one of the other two universities.
- (2) In addition to the above adviser-system, a system of Education and Research Coordinators is adopted and the coordinators supervise student process toward completing their doctoral degree.

(3) A Midterm Presentation of the Doctoral dissertation is held via video-conferencing system. The Final Presentation is held with all the people concerned attending at the same place.

4 Language

All the classes and research instruction are conducted in English.

5 Admissions Policy

- (1) Target Countries: Asian, African, and Pacific Rim countries.
- (2) Selection: Selection will be done by screening the following documents; Application Form, Letter of Recommendation, Academic Transcripts, Research Plan, Documents on prior-interview with a potential academic adviser, and other required documents. International students both with top-level ability and with English Language Proficiency will be selected.

