Overview of KU's Proposal for Designated National University Corporation Status

KU's Mission Statement

Tackling multifaceted issues, maintaining and developing academic freedom, and **contributing to harmonious coexistence within the human and ecological community on this planet.**

Generate new knowledge, foster innovation, and guide the development of future society.

A flexible and dynamic approach to knowledge creation

● Global leader of advanced research in diverse fields
● Explore new interdisciplinary research fields and develop international collaboration in fields of strength

1. Promote world-leading cutting-edge research

1) Regenerative medicine and advanced medical research
· Contribute to human health and wellbeing, and to the future of medicine and health care in the context of a rapidly aging society

2) Fusing sciences: chemistry and biology
· Pioneer new academic areas encompassing a wide variety of fields

3) Kyoto University Institute for Advanced Study (KUIAS)
· An international hub distilling the knowledge and skills of leading researchers

2. On-site Laboratories
· Establish locally-managed laboratories in cooperation with overseas partner institutions (Figure: On-site laboratory system)

On-site collaboration with local industries
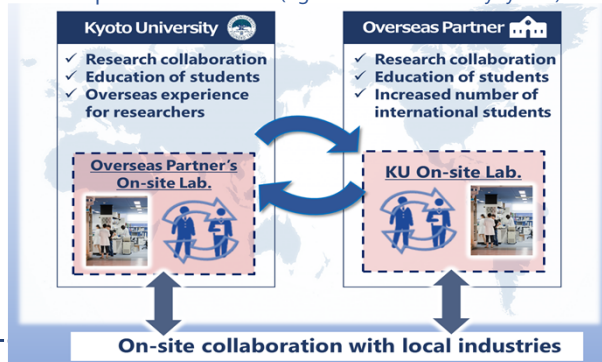
Generating a high-level and diverse flow of talent

● Enhance the internationalization of education
● Develop diverse human resources/acquire talented human resources

Initiatives focusing on students

1. Kyoto University International Undergraduate Program (KYOTO iUP)
· An international undergraduate program for domestic and international students

2. Fostering doctoral-level human resources (knowledge professionals) through the WISE Programs

3. The Division of Graduate Studies

1) Enhancing GST (graduate student training) functions
· Provides training programs to cultivate graduate students with superior teaching and research capabilities

2) International Student Recruitment
· Strategic recruitment of talented international students

4. Extensive support for graduate and international students

Initiatives focusing on young researchers

1. The Hakubi Project
· Employ outstanding young researchers regardless of field of study

2. Increase the number of young faculty members
· Increase the percentage of young faculty members to 30% of all faculty members within the fourth round of medium-term goals

Exploring new forms of social engagement

● Establish a structure to promote industry-government-academia collaboration
● Utilize academic outcomes in seeking solutions to contemporary global issues

Industry-government-academia collaboration

1. A new "KU Model"
· Establish and operate three companies with the following functions, which will receive capital investment from the university
  ① **Consulting (consulting and think-tank services)**
  ② **Technology transfer**
  ③ **Venture support**
· Establish a holding company

2. Beyond the current framework of industry-government-academia collaboration
· Implement a scheme for organization-to-organization research collaboration

Contribution to society

1. Enhancing Japan-ASEAN cooperation
· Contribute to sustainable development through comprehensive science and technology collaboration

2. Disseminating new approaches in the social sciences and humanities
· Promote internationalization and develop new academic fields combining the humanities and sciences

KU's world-class management style

● Formulate strategic plans through practical coordination between top-down policy and bottom-up ideas
● Secure stable financial resources that the university can strategically use for its own initiatives

Strengthen governance

1. Kyoto University's Provost and the Strategy Council
2. Evidence-based management of the university from an international perspective
   (International Strategy Office, Institutional Research Office, University Research Administrators)

· Formulate strategic plans in coordination with the university's departments and faculty consorts

Strengthen the university's financial base

1. Increase self-generated income: 1) Donations,   2) Learning programs for adults,   3) Effective use of assets
2. Establish profit-making enterprises