

\*DGE plans and implements activities and programs related to NAIST's global network in areas including academic agreements and related student exchange, double degree programs, studying abroad, international student support, overseas faculty development, international collaborative laboratories and NAIST overseas offices.

## INTERNATIONAL ACADEMIC PARTNERSHIPS (Jun. - Aug. 2021)

**NEW** DFKI (The German Research Center for Artificial Intelligence)  
**RENEW** Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, Technical University of Munich  
**RENEW** Department of Statistical Science, University College London

**RENEW** Hanoi University of Science, Vietnam National University  
**RENEW** School of Chemistry and Chemical Engineering, Nanjing University  
**END** Gwangju Institute of Science and Technology

117 overseas partnerships from 30 countries/regions as of May 1, 2021 (77 institutional level & 40 department level) For more details see: <https://www.naist.jp/dge/>

## KU-NAIST Double Degree MOA Signing Ceremony

On **July 14**, NAIST and Kasetsart University (KU, Thailand) held a master's double degree program agreement online signing ceremony. The ceremony was held extravagantly with participation of both universities' faculty, administrators, and other guests being broadcast live from KU and NAIST venues. At the opening, invited honorable guests, including Consul-General of the Royal Thai Consulate-General in Osaka, delivered congratulatory speeches. The university Presidents followed them noting how this new program is the result of more than 10 years of academic exchange and research collaboration, and expressed expectations for the program to promote ASEAN and Japanese student intercultural collaborative learning. Both university Presidents then signed the Memorandum of Agreement and the ceremony ended as a great success.

You can watch the video any time at the following site.

<https://live.ku.ac.th/?p=8307>



### President Shiozaki's Online Courtesy Visits to partner institutions

DGE organizes online courtesy visits to partner institutions to introduce NAIST's new management and give updates on our recent developments including President's Vision 2030. In July-August, we visited 3 Indonesian universities.

- Jul. 26** University of Indonesia (UI)
- Jul. 28** Gadjah Mada University (UGM)
- Aug. 4** Bogor Agricultural University (IPB)

Representatives of NAIST and partner institutions exchanged views on collaborative education and research initiatives to solve social challenges including SDGs.

### NAIST International Student Ambassador Program

The volunteer peer-counseling Ambassador Program started by the Center for International Students and Scholars to support students as they study has been expanded to allow international students to actively participate in various activities; student support activities for mental health and student life assistance, event organization to increase student interaction and campus community development, and recruiting/PR activities to reach talented new international students and spread the NAIST brand globally. We will work with the current 14



Ambassadors to develop the international community and the invigorate NAIST on-campus and abroad.

### ACTIVITY REPORTS May - July, 2021

#### 5/15 Division for Global Education participated in Virtual Open Campus

DGE participated in the NAIST Virtual Open Campus for the first time, with morning and afternoon sessions. The morning session was for prospective Japanese students interested in studying abroad and the afternoon was for prospective international students. Despite the current pandemic, Japanese students showed interest in studying abroad and many motivated international students were interested in studying at NAIST. This event was successful and was an important opportunity for us to promote Japanese students' overseas achievements and to recruit international students.

#### 6/2 Online NAIST briefing session for students in Uzbekistan

Dr. Shimamoto introduced our campus and laboratories to more than 20 attendees using the 3D campus map at an online briefing session for Uzbekistan students hosted by the Nagoya University Office in Uzbekistan. The Government of Uzbekistan has established a scholarship program to encourage students and researchers to obtain degrees abroad. As we look forward to the possibility of students from Uzbekistan coming to NAIST, DGE will actively continue PR activities targeting various countries and regions.



#### 7/9 Senior Advisor of Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in Japan visit

Dr. Yu-Han Tsou, Senior Advisor of Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in Japan visited July 9. After the courtesy visit, Dr. Tsou toured several labs and the facilities and equipment in Division of Materials Science, accompanied by Exec. Dir. Ohta. Dr. Tsou was impressed by the well-equipped facilities and outstanding research environment readily available to students.



### Comments From UEA



The NAIST Indonesia Office 6th Anniversary Symposium in August was a great success. Global events are announced regularly and we look forward to your active participation!

Junko ISHIKAWA

NAIST study abroad fair will be held in October and an online overseas FD training program will be offered in November. Join us!

Masako SHIMAMOTO



Students, faculty and staff are all experiencing coronavirus stress. Try to relax and de-stress as we head towards the new normal on campus

Robert KING (CISS)

