

# Center for International Academic Exchange

## Object

The Center for International Academic Exchange was established in April, 2010, with the aim of facilitating international exchange between academic organizations. Minpaku has, since its founding, brought a global vision to active engagement in research and museum-related activities in cooperation with overseas researchers and institutions. Our aim has been to be a pioneer among the members of the Inter-University Research Institutes in promoting international academic exchange. In most cases, however, academic exchange has depended on the initiative and connections of individual researchers. Strategic, organizational tie-ups lagged behind.

The IT revolution that began in the late 20<sup>th</sup> century has hugely accelerated the speed of information flow across national borders. As a result, Minpaku's international activities have now reached a stage where remaining dependent on the initiative and connections of individual researchers is no longer possible. We now need to develop international exchange on an organizational and strategic level. The Center for International Academic Exchange is taking full advantage of our previous achievements in international academic exchange and the collegial networks built up by our researchers to promote exchange and joint research projects with partner institutions around the world.

## Promotion of Research Coordination and Collaboration with Overseas Research Institutes

The Center is undertaking preparations for agreements with overseas research institutes in efforts to obtain research coordination and collaboration. During 2010, Minpaku signed cooperative agreements with the University of Edinburgh in the U.K. in May, the University of Antananarivo in Madagascar in November, and the Pontifical Catholic University of Peru in December.

**Institute of Ecology and Biological Resources (Viet Nam)** March 22, 2012  
Promotion of Academic Exchange Through Joint Research, Training, Publication, and Exhibition Projects.

**Peter the Great Museum of Anthropology and Ethnology of Russian Academy of Sciences (Russia)** October 21, 2011  
Promotion of interaction and cooperative relationships between the academic and cultural spheres.  
In 2011, research was conducted on materials collected by Siebold in Nagasaki found in Minpaku's vast collection of artifacts related to Japan.

**Institute of History, Archaeology and Ethnography of peoples of the Far East, FEB RAS (Russia)** June 1, 2011  
Joint research projects in archeology, anthropology, and ethnology.  
In 2011, fieldwork was carried out in the Khabarovsk region and coastal areas of Russia and in Heilongjiang Province, China, on "Cultural Adaptations to the Environment in the Forest Zone of the Russian Far East." It was funded by a Grant-in-Aid for Scientific Research.

**The Russian Museum of Ethnography (Russia)** December 3, 2010  
Collaboration and cooperation in museology, research methods, and cultural asset preservation. Researchers were dispatched from Minpaku to participate in preparations for joint research (AY 2011).

**The Pontifical Catholic University of Peru (Peru)** December 1, 2010  
Scholarly exchanges and collaborative research.  
In 2011, Minpaku reached a special agreement for academic cooperation concerning the core research project on "Anthropological Studies of Inclusion and Autonomy in the Human World" and carried out a project on Andean history and culture funded by a Grant-in-Aid for Scientific Research.

**The University of Antananarivo (Madagascar)** November 22, 2010  
Promotion of joint academic activities  
In 2011, research was carried out on wooden houses in Zafimaniri villages in the Amoron'i Mania region of Madagascar. In addition, a researcher was invited to Minpaku and a core research symposium conducted. In 2011, we lent photographs and other materials from the Mabuchi Toichi archive for a special exhibition, "Formosan Aborigines—A Century of Photographs and Historical Materials," at the Shung Ye Museum of Formosan Aborigines in Taiwan.

**The University of Edinburgh (U.K.)** May 17, 2010  
Promotion of academic exchanges and joint research.  
In 2011, Minpaku invited a visiting researcher from the University of Edinburgh and held an international symposium, in December.



## Minpaku Fellows

This is a network of foreign researchers who have worked with or for the Museum in the past, and foreign and domestic research institutions with close ties to the Museum. In order to promote awareness and improve information exchange, our English Newsletter (MINPAKU Anthropology Newsletter) is published bi-annually. There are 1,196 members in the Minpaku Fellows program.

**National Palace Museum (China)** October 16, 2009  
Academic exchange, development of research projects, cooperation on museum exhibitions and educational initiatives, exchange of academic information and publications. In 2011, Minpaku invited three scholars from the National Palace Museum and held an international research forum led by the Center for International Academic Exchange in November.

**Taipei National University of the Arts (Taiwan)** May 15, 2009  
Academic exchange, development of research projects, cooperation on museum exhibitions and educational initiatives, exchange of academic information and publications. In 2011, a workshop was held in Taipei on the subject of "Museums and Education in Folklore and Ethnology."

**Inner Mongolia University (China)** September 22, 2008  
Exchange between teaching faculty and researchers, development of research projects, cooperation on museum exhibitions and education, exchange of academic documents and publications. In 2011, a discussion of international joint research projects was carried out.

**The National Folk Museum of Korea (Korea)** July 11, 2007  
Exchange between teaching faculty and researchers, development of research projects, cooperation on museum exhibitions and education, exchange of academic documents and publications. Based on the "Ulsan Tatli 100-Year Scientific Exchange" agreement, Minpaku's Ulsan Collection was lent to the Ulsan Museum for its "Going Home After 75 Years: Ulsan Tatli in 1936" special exhibition. Both institutions participated in supervision of the production of a video by undergraduate and graduate students majoring in video anthropology in Korea and showing the video on the Videotheque and other programs.

**Shung Ye Museum of Formosan Aborigines (Taiwan)** July 1, 2006  
Collaboration, including conducting anthropological, linguistic, and historical studies of the current status of Formosan aboriginal peoples, alongside studies regarding reference materials about Formosan aborigines that are housed at the National Museum of Ethnology and other museums, and publishing reports and an academic journal. In 2011, we lent photographs and other materials from the Mabuchi Toichi archive for a special exhibition, "Formosan Aborigines—A Century of Photographs and Historical Materials," at the Shung Ye Museum of Formosan Aborigines in Taiwan.

**The National University of San Marcos (Peru)** June 14, 2005  
Joint research projects and academic exchanges in archeology.  
In 2011, we conducted excavations and organization of excavated materials at the Pacopampa site in Peru. The research findings were presented at academic meetings, symposia, and forums in both Peru and Japan.

## Minpaku Fellows breakdown by area

as of March 31, 2012

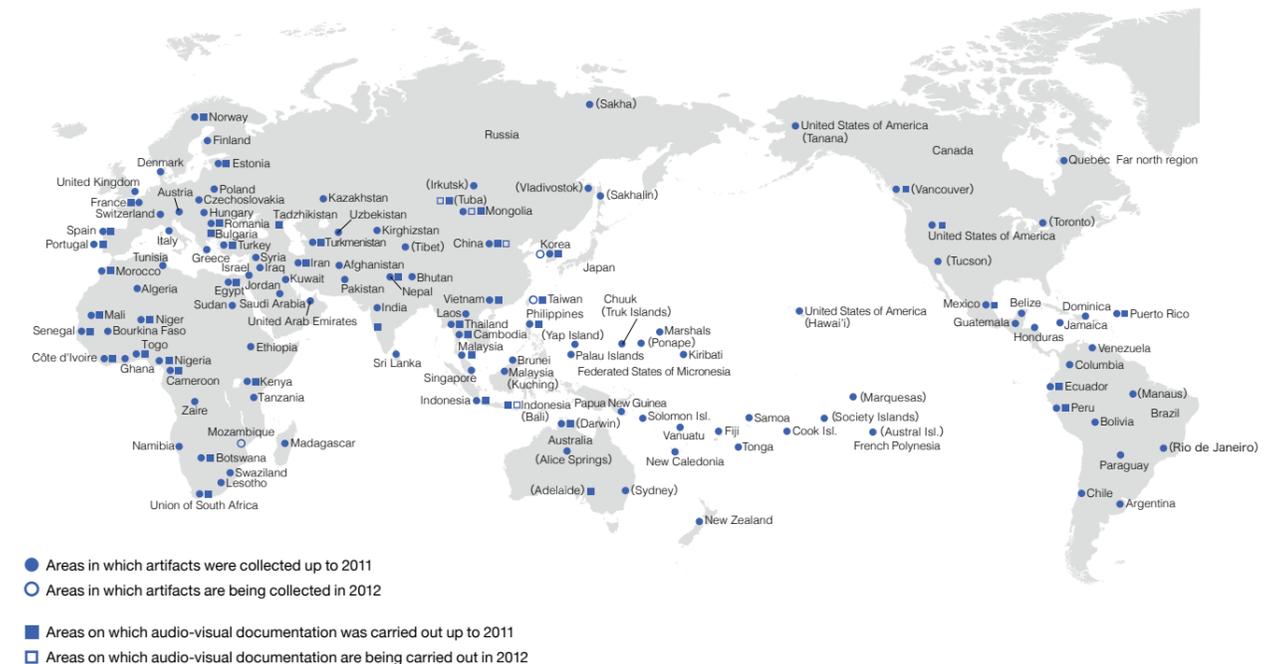
Area	Number of Fellows
Asia, the Middle East, and Oceania	699
Europe	232
North, Central and South America	215
Africa	50
Total	1,196

# Materials and Information Collection and Storage, and Public Relations

The Museum has collected and stored a vast amount of materials and information concerning ethnology and anthropology for researchers inside and outside the country, and has made them available to society through exhibitions and other activities. To carry out these activities efficiently, the Museum has been trying to develop better ways to collect and manage materials, organize and provide information, create database systems and contents, hold exhibitions, and implement various other activities.

## Materials and Databases

### Map of collection areas (Materials obtained from 1974 to the present)



## The Museum Collection of Artifacts and Other Materials

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Artifacts	277,195
From abroad	175,019
From Japan	102,176
Audio-visual materials	70,507
Moving image	7,856
Sound recordings	62,651

Books and Periodicals	
Books	643,925
Japanese books	259,454
Books in other languages	384,471
Journals	16,635
Japanese Periodicals	9,935
Periodicals in other languages	6,700

## Human Relations Area Files (HRAF)

Area files (ethnic groups)	385 files
Original texts	7,141 volumes