

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.

The IT revolution that began in the late 20th 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

Consideration and signing of scholarly cooperation agreements with overseas research institutions is proceeding, to promote research tie-ups and strengthen research cooperation. During 2012, Minpaku signed cooperative agreements with the A:shiwí A:wán Museum and Heritage Center, USA in June, the National Museum, Philippines in July, the Institute of Ethnology and Anthropology, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, China in August, and the Population and Development Research Center (Paris Descartes University, France) in November.

Name of the institutes	Date of agreement	Outline of agreement and activities in 2012
The Population and Development Research Center, Paris Descartes University (France)	November 30, 2012	Promoting academic exchanges and cooperation. In 2012, International research forum held.
The Institute of Ethnology and Anthropology, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (China)	August 28, 2012	Along with other scholarly exchanges, Minpaku participates in research projects and exchange or shared use of research materials, academic data and publications. In 2012, four distinguished scholars were invited to participate in an international symposium in Minpaku.
The National Museum (Philippines)	July 18, 2012	Minpaku promotes scholarly research and exchange through projects including joint research, training, publication, and exhibits. In 2012, Minpaku conducted two surveys with the support of institutions with which we have agreements.
The A:shiwí A:wán Museum and Heritage Center (U.S.A.)	June 3, 2012	Scholarly cooperation, development of joint research projects, and exhibits or educational use of museum materials. In 2012 Minpaku negotiated production of shared catalogues based on agreements with cooperating institutions.
Institute of Ecology and Biological Resources (Viet Nam)	March 22, 2012	Promotion of academic exchange through joint research, training, publication, and exhibition projects. In 2012, Minpaku researchers were able to conduct field research in Vietnam with organizational and practical support from institutions with which we had formed agreements.
Peter the Great Museum of Anthropology and Ethnology of Russian Academy of Sciences (Kunstkamera)(Russia)	October 21, 2011	Promotion of interaction and cooperative relationships between the academic and cultural spheres. In 2012 Minpaku was granted access to the Kunstkamera collection to confirm the preservation status of artifacts related to Japan, while at the same time, considering a basic framework for how they should be catalogued.
Institute of History, Archaeology and Ethnography of Peoples of the Far East, FEB RAS (Russia)	June 1, 2011	Joint research projects in archaeology, anthropology, and ethnology. In 2012, Grants in Aid for Scientific Research funded research on "Environmental adaptations of cultures in the forest belt of the Russian Far East." Research was conducted both in the Khabarovsk and coastal regions of Russia and in China's Heilongjiang Province.
The Russian Museum of Ethnography (Russia)	December 3, 2010	Collaboration and cooperation in museology, research methods, and cultural asset preservation. In 2012, we held our first workshop, in addition to preparatory meetings, related to core research. We also discussed steps to be taken to implement international collaborative exhibitions based on existing agreements.
The Pontifical Catholic University of Peru (Peru)	December 1, 2010	Scholarly exchanges and collaborative research. In 2012, Minpaku engaged in scholarly activities using the facilities and systems of the Pontifical Catholic University of Peru. Meetings were held to prepare for publication of research results as a volume in a series published by the university.
The University of Antananarivo (Madagascar)	November 22, 2010	Promotion of joint academic activities. In 2012, research funded by Grants in Aid for Scientific Research and joint local research were conducted. Minpaku received total cooperation when borrowing materials and writing catalogues for special exhibitions.
The University of Edinburgh (U.K.)	May 17, 2010	Promotion of academic exchanges and joint research. In 2012, international workshops and symposia were organized. One Minpaku researcher was sent to present research results at a seminar organized by the Centre for South Asian Studies at the University of Edinburgh. Two young researchers were sent to the center to conduct research.
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 August, 2012, an international meeting was held at the National Palace Museum.

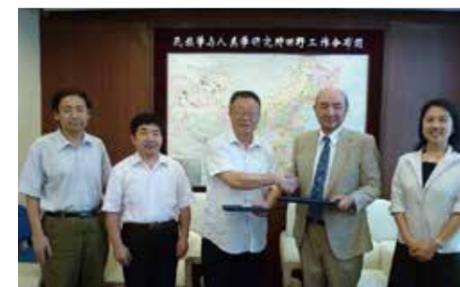
Taipei National University of the Arts (Taiwan)	May 15, 2009	Academic exchange, development of research projects, cooperation on museum exhibitions and educational initiatives, exchange of academic information and publications. In 2012, Minpaku joined with the Lake Biwa Museum in Shiga Prefecture to hold a workshop on citizen participation.
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 2012, a special agreement was signed under which Minpaku researchers conducted fieldwork together with staff from Inner Mongolia University.
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. In 2012, training was provided for students from the National Folk Museum of Korea specializing in visual anthropology. The students produced their own films. Preparations were discussed for the presentation of the National Folk Museum of Korea's exhibition Arian—The Soul of Korea as a traveling exhibition at Minpaku in May 2013.
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 Minpaku and other museums, and publishing reports and an academic Journal. In 2012, two research meetings were held.
The National University of San Marcos (Peru)	June 14, 2005	Joint research projects and academic exchanges in archaeology. In 2012, students and archeologists from Universidad Nacional Mayor de San Marcos were included and trained during excavation of the Pacopampa site in Peru. Research results were reported at academic meetings, symposia and workshops in Australia and Peru as well as Japan.



Signing ceremony for agreement with the A:shiwí A:wán Museum and Heritage Center, U.S.A.



Signing ceremony for agreement with the National Museum, Philippines



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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 1,186 members in the Minpaku Fellows program.

Minpaku Fellows Breakdown by Area

as of March 31, 2013

Area	Number of Fellows
Asia, the Middle East, and Oceania	701
Europe	220
North, Central and South America	216
Africa	49
Total	1,186