

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

To promote research collaboration and strengthen cooperation consideration and signing of scholarly cooperation agreements with overseas research institutions is proceeding. Based on these agreements, international symposia and workshops were conducted during FY2013, with the University of Antananarivo (Madagascar) in May, with the Russian Museum of Ethnography (Russia) in September and March, with the Pontifical Catholic University of Peru (Peru) in October, with the Institute of Ethnology and Anthropology, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (China) in November, and with the Population and Development Research Center, Paris Descartes University (France) in March.

Name of the Institutes	Date of Agreement	Outline of Agreement and Activities in FY2013
The Population and Development Research Center, Paris Descartes University (France)	November 30, 2012	Promoting academic exchanges and cooperation. In FY2013, the international symposium "The Future of Individuals, Family and State: Perspectives from Anthropology and Demography" was held at Minpaku, and featured presentations by Japanese and French researchers.
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 the exchange or shared use of research materials, academic data and publications. In FY2013, 14 researchers from Japan also participated in the joint international symposium "Theoretical Challenges of Anthropology and Ethnology in China and Japan."
The National Museum (Philippines)	July 18, 2012	Minpaku promotes scholarly research and exchange through projects that include joint research, training, publication and exhibits. In FY2013, ethno-botanical, ecological and geographical surveys of wild taro and related plants were carried out collaboratively with the National Museum of the Philippines.
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 FY2013, a researcher from the A:shiwí A:wán Museum and Heritage Center was invited to participate in an international symposium and workshop at Minpaku as part of an effort to deepen understanding of the Info-Forum Museum concept in all aspects of our work.
Institute of Ecology and Biological Resources (Viet Nam)	March 22, 2012	Promotion of academic exchange through joint research, training, publication, and exhibition projects. In FY2013, the 11th International Aroid Conference, Hanoi, was co-organized by a Minpaku researcher, with participants from the Americas, Europe, Southeast Asia and other regions.
Peter the Great Museum of Anthropology and Ethnology of the Russian Academy of Sciences (Kunstkamera) (Russia)	October 21, 2011	Promotion of interaction and cooperative relationships between the academic and cultural spheres. In FY2013, investigation of Japan-related collections focused on materials collected by Philipp Franz von Siebold and Johannes Gerhard Frederik van Overmeer Fischer.
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 2013, a Russian anthropologist was invited to Minpaku to participate in joint ethnological research. A comparative study of political and indigenous peoples' movements in the Russian Far East and Oceania was also conducted.
The Russian Museum of Ethnography (Russia)	December 3, 2010	Collaboration and cooperation in museology, research methods and cultural asset preservation. In FY2013, workshops and inspection tours were organized in both Japan and Russia, in which numerous scholars from both nations participated. Minpaku also organized an international workshop on Siberian cultures to which Russian scholars were invited.
The Pontifical Catholic University of Peru (Peru)	December 1, 2010	Scholarly exchanges and collaborative research. In FY2013, Minpaku and the Andean Studies Program of the Catholic University jointly organized a seminar open to the public. The two institutions also made a preparation for the publication of the results of the core research project "State, Community and Identity in the Modern Hispanic World: A Study of Resettlement Policy in Spanish America".
The University of Antananarivo (Madagascar)	November 22, 2010	Promotion of joint academic activities. In FY2013, an international symposium was held at which researchers from both institutions presented their research. Following the close of the special exhibition "Zafimaniry Style: Life and Handicrafts in the Mist Forest of Madagascar," experts from both institutions worked together in organizing and managing the artifacts that had been on display.
The University of Edinburgh (U.K.)	May 17, 2010	Promotion of academic exchanges and joint research. In FY2013, editorial work on joint publications followed the path laid down in a plan to smooth the publication of English-language materials.
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 FY2013, Minpaku researchers visited this museum and assisted with editing and proofreading the results of joint research on mandala.

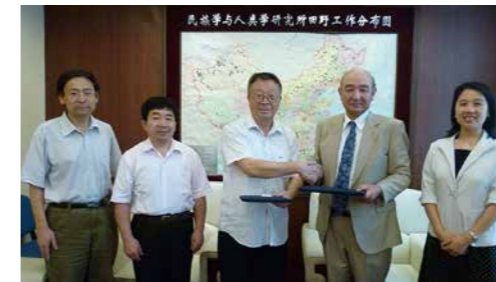
Taipei National University of the Arts (Taiwan)	May 15, 2009	Academic exchange, development of research projects, cooperation on museum exhibitions and educational initiatives, exchange of academic information and publications. In FY2013, a workshop was conducted on "The Interpretation and Representation of Culture via Museum Exhibits." Talks, debates, open seminars, and workshops were held at the National Taiwan Museum.
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 FY2013, results of collaborative research on "The Academic Use of Umesao Tadao's Mongolian Research Materials" were presented at the Spring and Fall meetings of The Japanese Association for Mongolian Studies, and joint research conducted in China's Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region.
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 FY2013, a special exhibition was organized on Korean folksong or Arirang. Performances by a variety of Arirang groups were organized, and Minpaku also provided support for a traveling exhibition in Tokyo. Continuously from FY2010, critique and direction were made in Minpaku for films produced by Korean students who participated in film production training session given by Minpaku staff in Korea. These films are open to public as Videotheque materials.
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 on Formosan aborigines that are housed at Minpaku and other museums, and publishing reports and an academic journal. In FY2013, activities related to the cultures and societies of Formosan aborigines included an international symposium, "Tradition and Ingenuity: Craftwork of Taiwan's Indigenous Peoples," academic conferences in both Japan and Taiwan, and the editing of a commemorative volume to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the Shung Ye Museum of Formosan Aborigines.
The National University of San Marcos (Peru)	June 14, 2005	Joint research projects and academic exchanges in archaeology. In FY2013, excavations were conducted at the Pacopampa archeological site and the results presented at the 78th annual meeting of the Society for American Archaeology. The results were also presented at an international symposium and talk in Peru, at the International Federation for Latin American and Caribbean Studies (FIEALC), to the Japan Society for Studies of Ancient America and in a public forum held in Tokyo.



International workshop based on agreement with the Russian Museum of Ethnography



International symposium based on agreement with the Institute of Ethnology and Anthropology, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences



Signing ceremony for agreement with the Institute of Ethnology and Anthropology, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, China



Signing ceremony for agreement with the Population and Development Research Center, Paris Descartes University, France

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 approximately 1,200 members in the Minpaku Fellows program.

Minpaku Fellows Breakdown by Area as of March 31, 2014

Area	Number of Fellows
Asia, the Middle East, and Oceania	700
Europe	210
North, Central and South America	226
Africa	57
Total	1,193