

Object

The Center for International Academic Exchange was established in April, 2010, with the aim of facilitating international exchange with other 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. We have played a pioneering role 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 FY2014, Minpaku signed cooperative agreements with the National Direction for the Cultural Heritage, Ministry of Culture (Mali) in May, the Museum of Northern Arizona (USA) in July.

Name of the Institutes	Date of Agreement	Outline of Agreement and Activities in FY2014
The Museum of Northern Arizona (USA)	July 4, 2014	Strengthening academic exchange and collaborative research. In FY2014, two researchers were invited from the Museum of Northern Arizona to join a workshop held at Minpaku. A Minpaku researcher visited the Museum of Northern Arizona to photograph artifacts.
The National Direction for Cultural Heritage, Ministry of Culture (Mali)	May 7, 2014	Cooperation on protection, research, education and dissemination on cultural property in Mali. In FY2014, publication plan was discussed and excavations were conducted.
The Population and Development Research Center, Paris Descartes University (France)	November 30, 2012	Promoting academic exchanges and cooperation. In FY2014, the result of an international symposium held in the previous year was published.
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 FY2014, an international symposium was held at Minpaku with researchers invited from China, Hong Kong, Taiwan, South Korea, and USA.
The National Museum (Philippines)	July 18, 2012	Minpaku promotes scholarly research and exchange through projects that include joint research, training, publication and exhibits. In FY2014, a joint paper with the Museum was reviewed and accepted for publication in a journal.
The A:shiwi A:wam 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 FY2014, the director of the Museum was invited to an international workshop held at Minpaku to demonstrate collection review methods, and give a presentation.
Institute of Ecology and Biological Resources (Viet Nam)	March 22, 2012	Promotion of academic exchange through joint research, training, publication, and exhibition projects. In FY2014, a joint paper with the institute was reviewed and accepted for publication in a journal.
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 FY2014, 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 FY2014, 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 FY2014, 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 FY2014, Minpaku and the University made a preparation for the publication of the results of the core research project.
The University of Antananarivo (Madagascar)	November 22, 2010	Promotion of joint academic activities. In FY2014, archaeological survey was jointly conducted and there were fruitful results to supplement the University's past survey.
The University of Edinburgh (U.K.)	May 17, 2010	Promotion of academic exchanges and joint research. In FY2014, editorial work on joint publication of English paper was conducted. Also, two Minpaku researchers presented of their research at the University's seminar series.
The 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 FY2014, a meeting was held to examine and compile research results.
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 FY2014, talks, debates and fieldwork training were conducted 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 FY2014, a presentation was given at the Fall meeting of the Japanese Association for Mongolian Studies, and editorial work on research papers was conducted.
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 FY2014, meetings were held to discuss preparation for special exhibition, film production, and Info-Forum Museum.
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 FY2014, organized research meetings, and participation in conferences related to the cultures and societies of Formosan aborigines.
The National University of San Marcos (Peru)	June 14, 2005	Joint research projects and academic exchanges in archaeology. In FY2014, excavated at the Pacopampa archaeological site, taught undergraduate students of the University, and organized joint symposium.



Symposium held for agreement (Mali)



Signing Ceremony with the Museum of Northern Arizona (USA)

Minpaku Fellows

This is a network of international 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, 2015

Area	Number of Fellows
Asia, the Middle East, and Oceania	697
Europe	193
North, Central and South America	225
Africa	59
Total	1,174