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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.

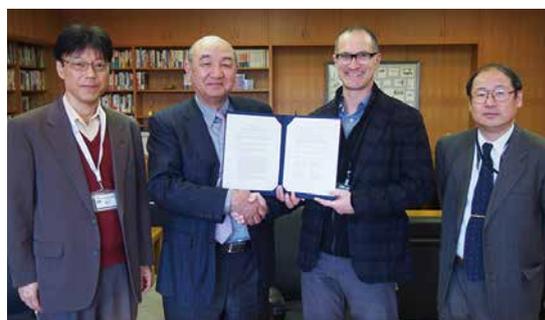
The IT revolution that began in the late 20th century has hugely accelerated the speed of information flow across national borders. As a result, Minpaku's international activities have now reached a stage where remaining dependent on the initiative and connections of individual researchers is no longer 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 FY2015, Minpaku signed cooperative agreements with the National Museum of Taiwan History (Taiwan) in October, Vanderbilt University (USA) in January.



Signing Ceremony with the National Museum of Taiwan History (Taiwan)



Signing Ceremony with the Vanderbilt University (USA)

Name of the Institutes	Date of Agreement	Outline of Agreement and Activities in FY2015
Vanderbilt University (USA)	January 15, 2016	Strengthening global collaborative research and organizing international symposia. In FY2015, an international symposium was held, past research results were evaluated, and future activity plans were discussed.
National Museum of Taiwan History (Taiwan)	October 17, 2015	Collaborative research and cooperation on exhibition development. In FY2015, several Minpaku researchers visited the Museum to see the permanent exhibitions, exchange opinions, and participate international workshops.
The Museum of Northern Arizona (USA)	July 4, 2014	Strengthening academic exchange and collaborative research. In FY2015, research meetings were held to report project progress, and a researcher was invited to Minpaku from the Museum of Northern Arizona to organize an international workshop.
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.
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 FY2015, research papers were edited, and a Minpaku researcher presented a paper at an international symposium held at the Institute.
The National Museum (Philippines)	July 18, 2012	Minpaku promotes scholarly research and exchange through projects that include joint research, training, publication and exhibits. In FY2015, a joint paper was published in a journal.
The A:shiwi A:wam Museum and Heritage Center (USA)	June 3, 2012	Scholarly cooperation, development of joint research projects, and exhibits or educational use of museum materials. In FY2015, international workshop were held at Minpaku twice, audio records were shown, and the director of the A:shiwi A:wam Museum and Heritage Center gave 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 FY2015, a joint paper was published in a journal, Aroideana.
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 FY2015, 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 FY2015, joint research and a study of political and indigenous peoples' movements in the Russian Far East and Oceania were conducted.

The Russian Museum of Ethnography (Russia)	December 3, 2010	Collaboration and cooperation in museology, research methods and cultural asset preservation. In FY2015, a joint research on Siberian cultures was conducted.
The Pontifical Catholic University of Peru (Peru)	December 1, 2010	Scholarly exchanges and collaborative research. In FY2015, 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 FY2015, a field survey was conducted in Madagascar.
The University of Edinburgh (U.K.)	May 17, 2010	Promotion of academic exchanges and joint research. In FY2015, an English volume of collected research papers was published in the UK.
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 FY2015, 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 FY2015, a volume of collected research papers was published.
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 FY2015, a special exhibition was held, a film was produced, and Info-Forum Museum issues were discussed.
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 FY2015, research meetings, conferences related to the cultures and societies of Formosan aborigines were held.
The National University of San Marcos (Peru)	June 14, 2005	Joint research projects and academic exchanges in archaeology. In FY2015, activities included excavation at the Pacopampa archaeological site, supervising undergraduate students of the University, and presenting papers at several academic conferences in Peru, El Salvador, and Japan.

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 Anthropology Newsletter

Minpaku Fellows Breakdown by Area as of March 31, 2016

Area	Number of Fellows
Asia, the Middle East, and Oceania	691
Europe	186
North, Central and South America	223
Africa	61
Total	1,161

Promotion of Collaboration and Cooperation with Research Organizations in Japan (Center for Research Development)

To promote collaboration, cooperation and joint research with universities, research organizations and academic associations in Japan, agreements are concluded following consideration by the Center for Research Development. In April 2015, agreements were concluded with Otomon Gakuin University, and in November of the same year with the Osaka Aquarium Kaiyukan, and the Research Institute for Languages and Cultures of Asia and Africa (ILCAA) of the Tokyo University of Foreign Studies.

Name of the Institutes	Date of Agreement	Summary of the Agreement
Research Institute for Languages and Cultures of Asia and Africa, Tokyo University of Foreign Studies	November 25, 2015	International symposium on joint research on language and culture worldwide.
Osaka Aquarium Kaiyukan	November 19, 2015	Roundtable discussions on how cooperation builds ties between academia and industry, revitalizes academic research and facilitates use of research results to benefit society.
Otomon Gakuin University	April 22, 2015	Academic conference on tradition and creativity in regional cultures.
Osaka Institute of Technology	March 23, 2015	Special exhibition of the results of joint research on digital media contents.
Ritsumeikan University	April 10, 2014	Symposium on collaboration and cooperation in food-related research.
Kanazawa University	March 23, 2014	Research forum to strengthen the already close ties between the two institutions.
Japan Association for International Education	March 28, 2013	Organization of workshops on the use of academic linkages and exchanges, and using shared research results to contribute to the development of society.
Japanese Society of Cultural Anthropology	February 27, 2008	Workshops on the use of academic exchange and research to contribute to the development of society.