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**6th Conference of Asian University Presidents  
Shanghai, China, November 24-25, 2006**

The 6th Conference of Asian University Presidents (CAPs) was held at Shanghai Jiao Tong University, November 24-25, 2006. CAPs was founded in 2000 under the initiative of Kyushu University to strengthen ties among Asian universities. The previous five conferences have been held at: Kyushu University (2000/2001); Pusan National University (2002); Chulalongkorn University/Mahidol University/Thammasat University (2003); and Kyushu University (2005). The 6th Conference brought together representatives from 12 universities in Asia to share their opinions on the “Management of Universities in Asia: New Trends & Future Opportunities.”

For information on the CAPs conferences, visit  
<http://www.isc.kyushu-u.ac.jp/intlweb/event/index.htm>



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### Three Sessions

The 6th Conference began with two interesting and enlightening keynote speeches by Tisato Kajiyama, President of Kyushu University and Zhang Wenjun, Vice President of Shanghai Jiao Tong University. Three discussion sessions then followed, addressing in turn:

- [1] Strategy of University Development;
- [2] Autonomy and Accountability; and
- [3] University-Industry Linkage.

The participating universities began each session by outlining the initiatives that they have taken with respect to the issue and then engaged in follow up discussion. During the University-Industry Linkage session, Trustee Wataru Koterayama described the current state of Kyushu University's academia-industry links which sparked a favorable response.

### University Mission

There was a vigorous and fruitful discussion by all of the participants on the trend of denationalization in Asian universities and the problems faced by universities in the age of globalization. Making university administration more efficient and gaining a competitive edge are pressing issues which all Asian universities must confront. However, the continuing societal perception that universities are privileged center of learning and education means that the mission of Asian universities must remain focused on contributing to the improvement of society as a whole.

### Young Researcher's Award

In the same conference a session was devoted to the 'Young Researcher Training Programs and Joint Curricula and Teaching Program Collaboration amongst Asian Universities'. This program is an initiative from the 5th Conference held at Kyushu University in 2004, and is being promoted and implemented by a project team headed by Professor Kazuo Ogata of the Institute of Tropical Agriculture. With respect to curricula collaboration, a project, "Formation of Medical Networks in Asia Using High-Speed Internet" was jointly announced by its leader, Shuji Shimizu, Associate Professor of Kyushu University Hospital, and representatives from the research hospitals of Mahidol University and Seoul National University. In the area of young researcher training, the founding of the "Asian University Presidents' Young Researchers Award" was proposed, which will be given further consideration by the Asian University Presidents Conference Oversight Committee.

The 7th Conference will be held in 2008 under the auspices of National Taiwan University.



President Tisato Kajiyama, Kyushu University



Representatives of the CAPs Member Universities