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**The Second Japan-UK Higher Education Symposium  
'Internationalisation of universities'  
- How to enhance and maintain teaching and research quality -**

**Outline**

The objective of the Japan-UK Higher Education Symposium is to provide an exclusive opportunity for Vice Chancellors and Pro-Vice Chancellors in both countries to tackle global issues effectively, based on a shared vision and strong interest in deepening strategic and sustainable cooperation between our two countries. This second symposium will build on the foundations laid at the initial event and will focus on the 'Internationalisation of universities', which was a key theme at the first symposium. The event aims to strengthen partnerships between the UK and Japan through the discussion and exchange of views on topics relevant to both countries.

**Background**

Japan and the UK currently face many of the same challenges in creating a globally competitive Higher Education ('HE') sector that is able to drive each country's knowledge economy forward to tackle global issues effectively. In both countries the HE sector's approach to international activity has undergone a rapid and profound change in recent years, and there has been strong and ongoing interest on both sides in increasing the number of sustainable and strategic links.

The first Japan-UK Higher Education Symposium took place in London in February 2009. Approximately 100 delegates from UK and Japanese universities, as well as representatives from national agencies and ministries of HE in both countries, participated in that first event and discussed the topic of how education and research in HE can respond to social needs. The participants showed great interest in enhancing collaboration between the two countries and agreed to work together further to promote bilateral exchange. There was also a strong expression of interest in holding the next symposium in Japan in 2010. Kyushu University will host this symposium as the prelude to a series of commemorative events to mark the centennial anniversary of Kyushu University in 2011.

**Programme Outline**

- Name of the event: The Second Japan-UK Higher Education Symposium
- Date: Thursday 18 November – Friday 19 November
- Venue: Centennial Hall Kyushu University School of Medicine  
Kyushu University, Fukuoka, Japan  
(Maidashi 3-1-1, Higashi-ku, Fukuoka)
- Participants: Vice Chancellors and Pro-Vice Chancellors from the UK and Japan
- Organisers: Kyushu University, British Council, Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS), Japan Committee of Universities for International Exchange (JACUIE)
- Themes: Main theme: Internationalisation of universities  
Sub theme: How to enhance and maintain teaching and research quality
- Language: English (No translation provided)

□ Programme Schedule

Thursday 18 November

9:30~10:00

Welcome and opening remarks\*

- ① Professor Setsuo Arikawa, President, Kyushu University and Chairman, Japan Committee of Universities for International Exchange (JACUIE)
- ② Professor Motoyuki Ono, President, Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS)
- ③ Jason James, Director Japan, British Council
- ④ Shigeharu Kato, Deputy Director General, Higher Education Bureau, Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT)

10:00~11:00

Keynote speeches\*

- ① Dr Tsutomu Kimura  
Advisor to Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT)
- ② Professor Don Nutbeam  
Vice Chancellor, University of Southampton

**\* The above sessions (Thursday 18 November 9:30-11:00) are open to journalists.**

Afternoon

Parallel sessions

Parallel session 1:  
Staff and student mobility

Parallel session 2:  
Transferrable skills and career development of PhD (and research) students

Parallel session 3:  
Developing a university-wide international ethos

Friday 19 November

9:30~12:15

Plenary session

12:15~12:30

Closing remarks

- ① Japan : Professor Kotoku Kurachi, Executive Vice President, Kyushu University
- ② UK: Professor Michael Worton, Vice-Provost (Academic and International), University College London and International Higher Education Advisor to the British Council

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