

9. FY2021 Progress

■ Common indicators and targets

Internationalization

○ Study Abroad in Tokyo! Meiji University and Temple University Japan Campus Expand Credit Transfer Agreement

Meiji University has expanded its credit transfer agreement with Temple University, Japan Campus (Setagaya-ku, Tokyo; "TUJ") to allow students from all 10 departments to send their students to TUJ starting in August 2022. 60% of TUJ students are international students and all classes are taught in English. Meiji University students will be able to have an experience similar to studying abroad without having to leave Tokyo (*applicants must be qualified). The purpose of the expanded agreement is to provide an opportunity for students to have a study abroad experience without having to leave Japan, as some students are hesitant to study abroad due to the spread of the new type of coronavirus. We will continue to develop international education activities that are in tune with the various opinions expressed by students.



◁ Temple University, Japan Campus (Setagaya-ku, Tokyo) ▷

○ Online Event "Meiji x GLOBAL x Students" - Introducing Meiji University's internationalization efforts to prospective students

The Organization for International Collaboration of Meiji University held an online event entitled, "Meiji x GLOBAL x Students" on June 19, 2021. This event was designed to introduce the University's global human resource development education system and internationalization plans to prospective students, their parents, and high school teachers. The event was held in three parts using the Zoom online conference system. Faculty members from the Organization for International Cooperation gave a variety of presentations. Information was provided not only with aid of slides, but also with videos of actual student activities. In addition, using Zoom's survey function, participants voted on the questions they wanted to know more about, and explanations were provided in answer to the top questions.

○ The "Kakehashi Project" for Online international exchange.

An online international exchange program, part of the Kakehashi Project, took place on September 30, 2021. The Kakehashi Project is a program supported by the Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs to promote understanding of Japan. Sixteen students from Meiji University took part in an exchange with 11 students from Miles College, based in Alabama, the United States. The main mission of this project is to promote understanding about Japan in the North American region. It also aims to attract the attention of foreigners to Japan through online activities and to spread awareness of these activities within Japan and abroad. Hosted by the Japan International Cooperation Center (JICE) and facilitated by Chiharu Nakaya, Senior Assistant Professor from the Organization for International Cooperation, the event featured group presentations and group discussions on the theme of "Social Innovation and Entrepreneurship". The first session was a question-and-answer event based on the content of presentations by the two universities, while the second session was more general in nature. The discussions became lively as each group deepened their friendships with one another.

University reform

○ Announcing the future long-term vision policy for Meiji University: "MEIJI VISION 150 - Forward -" taking the university forward to the 150th anniversary of its founding.

In order to further develop our long-term vision policy that we have been promoting, we have formulated "MEIJI VISION 150 - Forward". This is based on the "Meiji University Grand Design 2030" announced in 2019, and envisions the ideal image of Meiji University 10 years from now. We have established policies to realize this vision which consists of five components: university management, education, student support, research, and social collaboration and contribution. Our policies were formulated based on the goals and achievements of SGU.

Please refer to the following website for the policies, priority targets, and specific measures to realize each component of the vision.

<https://www.meiji.ac.jp/koho/meijivision150/>

Education reform

○ ENGLISH-MEDIATED INSTRUCTION ONLINE PROGRAM for Professors

In September 2021 and February 2022, Meiji University conducted an online program for faculty members who use English in their courses. Prior to the Corona Pandemic, the program was held in the form of a training session with a lecturer from the University of California, Irvine (UCI) in the U.S., an overseas partner institution. Participants who attended the program in the previous year said that the itinerary of the online workshop was more flexible but no less effective, so we continued the online program. Meiji faculty participated in a total of seven lectures, and exchanged opinions with the UCI lecturers. On the final day, a mock class was held by the participating faculty members. Although the theme of the course was effective teaching and classroom management methods using English, it was an opportunity to gain insights that can be applied not only to English but to a wide range of university lectures as well. Meiji University set a target for the "number of courses taught in English" for AY2023 at 850, and achieved 1,555 courses by AY2021. We will continue to promote further enhancement of quality and quantity of courses to meet the needs of students.

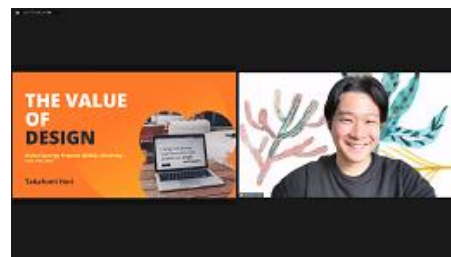
■ University's own indicators and targets

○ Global Synergy Project" 1st Japan-Thailand Student Exchange Program

Meiji University was selected as the lead institution for the "Global Synergy Project" under the "Japan Forum for Internationalization of Universities" launched by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT) in FY2021. The program was conducted online for a total of five times from February 4 to February 19, 2022. Twenty-five students from project partner schools Rikkyo University, Kansai University, and Meiji University, and 18 students from Meiji University's partner schools in Thailand, Chulalongkorn University, Si Nakarinwirot University, and King Mongkut's University of Technology Rakaban (including students from China and Indonesia) participated. In this program, participants learned not only about the use of SNS in their immediate surroundings, but also how SNS is used in the business world, and how SNS is used by students overseas. These themes were viewed from various perspectives based on examples from Japan and Thailand, with the aim of realizing a modern society where SNS can be used more safely. During the Wrap-up Session, in the presence of faculty and staff from Kansai University, Rikkyo University, and Meiji University, Vice President Teruhisa Komuro commented, "All the presentations were well organized from cutting-edge perspectives and provided many solutions to the issues involved. I look forward to seeing everyone in Thailand when international travel resumes," he remarked. The students concluded the program by praising each other's efforts and growth despite the distance and time difference.



◁ Lecture at the ASEAN Center, Meiji University, Thailand. It was also given in person in Thailand. ▷



◁ Lecture by guest speaker ▷

■ Featured initiatives based on the characteristics of the university

○ Meiji University launches a website to disseminate its unique efforts to achieve its SDG targets.

On July 15, 2021, Meiji University launched a special new website devoted to widely communicating its unique efforts to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). From now on, the website will be updated daily with articles introducing our activities and programs in education, research, social contribution, and other areas that contribute to the achievement of the goals by our students and faculty members. The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) aim to realize a society in which "no one is left behind," and all actors in society, not just governmental organizations, are expected to play an active role. Universities are no exception. This website provides original information from all perspectives present in a large university, focusing on the university's unique educational programs that contribute to the SDGs, its research themes, and social contribution activities involving seminars and individual students. We will provide original information from all viewpoints that only a large university can offer. The content is presented in plain language and is richly illustrated with photographs, so that junior high and high school students preparing for entrance exams can deepen their understanding of the SDGs. Please click here to visit the special website. <https://www.meiji-sdgs.jp/>

