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Keio University to host APRU Doctoral Students Conference for the first time in Japan

---Young researchers of Pacific Rim universities with bright futures gather in Japan---

Keio University is the first university as a modern comprehensive educational institution in Japan to celebrate its 150th anniversary in 2008, and a series of commemorative projects have been launched and will continue on for 10 years. As one of these projects, Keio University will host the Doctoral Students Conference, one of the main events of APRU* (Association of Pacific Rim Universities) at its Mita campus.

At this international conference, doctoral students of member universities with different cultural backgrounds and diverse disciplines will all present papers and participate in discussions. In addition, **Prof. Heizo Takenaka, Prof. Jun Murai, and Dr. Junichi Ujiie, Chairman of Nomura Holdings, will deliver keynote speeches**, and a workshop to better understand the Japanese culture and society will be held. All programs will be held in English.

With increasing globalization of education and research, it has become more important to build up a network of connections at the doctoral stage. This is **a perfect opportunity for young researchers to promote academic exchange, experience organizing an international conference, and to make valuable contacts with other researchers across the border.**

Expectations are high for the 8th Doctoral Students Conference **as it is the first to be held in Japan.** A total of 108 students from 26 universities of 15 economies plan to participate.

1. Outline of Program (Please refer to information on page 3 for details of the event)

(1) Time: Monday, 30 July – Friday, 3 August

(2) Place: Keio University, Mita Campus

(3) Schedule of presentation and discussions by doctoral students

Starts at 13:30, Monday, 30 July, ends at 12:00, Friday, 3 August

(During this period, 8 sessions will be held. 108 papers** will be presented in 30 streams.)

(4) Keynote Speeches

30 July 11:00-12:00

Prof. Heizo Takenaka, Director, Keio University Global Security Research Institute

31 July 9:00-10:00

Prof. Jun Murai, Vice President, Keio University, Faculty of Environment and Information Studies

1 August 10:00-11:00

Dr. Junichi Ujiie, Chairman, Nomura Holdings

Members of the press are welcome to attend the conference. You may be able to interview keynote speakers and young researchers from Asia Pacific upon request. For request of interviews, please call Office of Communications and PR of Keio University by July 26th, Thursday (see the bottom of page 3 for contact numbers). Please be advised some of the sessions are not open to the press.

Reference:

8th APRU Doctoral Students Conference website <http://www.ic.keio.ac.jp/apru/index.html>

2. Background

As a modern comprehensive educational institution with the longest history in Japan, Keio University has been leading research and educational activities at an international level in all disciplines, such as the humanities, social studies, science and technology, and medicine. In 2005, it has established the Organization for Global Initiative (OGI) to strengthen international dimensions, and cooperation with Pacific Rim institutions including Asian countries has been one of the most important issues.

Keio University became an APRU member in 2002, and has been taking part in various activities. In addition to this year's Doctoral Students Conference, it will host the Annual Presidents Meeting in 2008, the year of its 150th anniversary. In May 2007, President Yuichiro Anzai has become the first Japanese to be elected as APRU's Vice Chairman.

* About APRU (Association of Pacific Rim Universities)

Formed in 1997, APRU is a consortium of 37 leading research universities in the Pacific Rim. It aims to foster education, research and enterprise thereby contributing to the economic, scientific and cultural advancement in the Pacific Rim. To be considered for APRU membership, universities must first satisfy the following criteria: Academic Excellence, Research Intensity, Global Outlook and Innovative Dimension. The present Chairman of APRU is Professor Gavin Brown, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Sydney.

Present members of APRU (37 universities of 16 economies)

AUSTRALIA

Australian National University
University of Melbourne
University of Sydney

CANADA

University of British Columbia

CHILE

University of Chile

CHINA

Fudan University
Hong Kong University of Science & Technology
Peking University
Tsinghua University
University of Science & Technology of China
Zhejiang University

CHINESE TAIPEI

National Taiwan University

INDONESIA

University of Indonesia

JAPAN

Keio University
Kyoto University
Osaka University
University of Tokyo
Waseda University

KOREA

Seoul National University

MALAYSIA

University of Malaya

MEXICO

National Autonomous University of Mexico

NEW ZEALAND

University of Auckland

PHILIPPINES

University of the Philippines

RUSSIA

Far Eastern National University

SINGAPORE

National University of Singapore

THAILAND

Chulalongkorn University

UNITED STATES of AMERICA

California Institute of Technology
Stanford University
University of California, Berkeley
University of California, Davis
University of California, Irvine
University of California, Los Angeles
University of California, San Diego
University of California, Santa Barbara
University of Oregon
University of Southern California
University of Washington

**The following are some highlights of the presentations by doctoral students.

Financial Regulation and Economic Growth: Comparison between Japan and Korea (Univ. of Southern California)
Global Platform for Recovery in Case of Disaster (Waseda Univ.)
An Analysis of Distance Community Partnership for Inbound Tourists Promotion Policy (Keio Univ.)
A Narrative analysis of Kobayashi Yoshinori's Anecdotes of War and Anecdotes of Taiwan (Univ. of British Columbia)
Improved Tolerance to Environmental Stresses in Both Transgenic Tobacco and Bacteria Producing Allene Oxide Cyclase from <i>Camptotheca Acuminata</i> (Fudan Univ.)
Nurse-Patient Dyads: Linking Nurse & Patient Characteristics to Outcomes (Univ. of the Philippines)
Biodiesel: The Fuel of the Future for the Pacific Rim (Univ. of Sydney)
Individual Differences in Cognitive Emotion Regulation (National Univ. of Singapore)

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APRU Doctoral Students Conference 2007 Program

Date/Time	Program	Place	
July 30 (Mon.)	9:30-10:30	Opening Ceremony/ Group Photo	Public Speaking Hall
	11:00-12:00	Plenary Session 1: Prof. Heizo Takenaka	North Building
	13:30-15:30	Session 1 <u>Stream 1.1</u> : Leadership and Governance <u>Stream 1.2</u> : Financial Regulation and Economic Growth in East Asia <u>Stream 1.3</u> : International Systems, States, and Society <u>Stream 1.4</u> : Technology for Future	Grad.School Bldg. Rm.311 Grad.School Bldg.Rm.313 Grad.School Bldg.Rm.323 Grad.School Bldg.Rm.325B
	15:40-	Social Program Tour 1 (A: Zojoji / B: Harajuku and Shinjuku)	
July 31 (Tue.)	9:00-10:00	Plenary Session 2 : Dr. Jun Murai	East Bldg. G-SEC Lab.
	10:30-12:30	Session 2 <u>Stream 2.1</u> : Mobile Technology <u>Stream 2.2</u> : Tourism and Transportation <u>Stream 2.3</u> :Innovation and Foreign Direct Investment <u>Stream 2.4</u> : Structural Mechanics	South Bldg.Rm.2B31 South Bldg.Rm. 2B32 South Bldg.Rm.2B33 South Bldg.Rm. 2B34
	13:30-15:30	Session 3 <u>Stream 3.1</u> :Financial Regulation and Economic Growth <u>Stream 3.2</u> : Literature and Society <u>Stream 3.3</u> : Emotion Regulation in Asia Pacific	South Bldg.Rm. 2B31 South Bldg.Rm. 2B32 South Bldg.Rm. 2B33
	16:00-18:00	Session 4 <u>Stream 4.1</u> : Political Science and China <u>Stream 4.2</u> : Language and Society <u>Stream 4.3</u> : ICT Adoption and Use in the Pacific Rim <u>Stream 4.4</u> : Biology	South Bldg.Rm. 2B31 South Bldg.Rm. 2B32 South Bldg.Rm. 2B33 South Bldg.Rm. 2B34
	18:00-	Conference Dinner	Old Library 2F
Aug.1 (Wed.)	8:45-9:45	Session 5 <u>Stream 5.1</u> : Urban Development in the Pacific Rim <u>Stream 5.2</u> : Health Care <u>Stream 5.3</u> : Identity and Society <u>Stream 5.4</u> : Challenging the Digital Divide in the Pacific Rim	South Bldg.Rm. 2B31 South Bldg.Rm. 2B32 South Bldg.Rm. 2B33 South Bldg.Rm. 2B34
	10:00-11:00	Plenary Session 3 : Dr.Ujiue	North Building
	11:30-12:30	Session 5 (Continuation)	
	13:30-15:30	Session 6 <u>Stream 6.1</u> : Biology <u>Stream 6.2</u> : Image Processing <u>Stream 6.3</u> : Foreign Direct Investment in East Asia	South Bldg.Rm. 2B31 South Bldg.Rm. 2B32 South Bldg.Rm. 2B33
	16:00-	Social Program Tour (Fireworks at Yokohama)	Rinkai Sea Park
Aug.2 (Thu.)	9:00-12:00	Session7 <u>Stream 7.1</u> : Environmental Engineering <u>Stream 7.2</u> :Chemistry <u>Stream 7.3</u> : The Social Worlds of Older People: Cross-cultural Perspectives from the Asia Pacific Region <u>Stream 7.4</u> : Recounting the Pat: Narrating the Future in the Pacific Rim	SouthBldg.Rm.2B31 (9:30-) SouthBldg.Rm.2B32 (9:30-) South Bldg.Rm. 2B33 South Bldg.Rm. 2B34
	14:15-16:30	Workshop Japanese Culture Experience	West Building
	16:30-	Social Program Tour (Asakusa)	
Aug.3 (Fri.)	10:00-12:00	Session 8 Session 8.1 : Physics Session 8.2 : Education Session 8.3 : Labor Market and Competition Session 8.4 : Medicine in the Pacific Rim	South Bldg.2B31 South Bldg.2B32 South Bldg.2B33 South Bldg.2B34
	12:00-14:00	Closing Ceremony/Farewell Lunch	East Research Bldg.8F

The research and discussion of the doctoral students are partly closed conferences. Please contact us beforehand if you are interested in any stream or session.