

# CiC Vol.4 Newsletter

The CiC Newsletter is for sharing hot topics and latest activities of CiC partner institutions.

CiC is Campus-in-Campus, a scheme of sharing campuses among partner institutions with the purpose of using their respective education and research resources without any national or institutional barriers. Through CiC, partner institutions are highly expected to enhance student, faculty and administrative staff mobility as well as joint research collaborations.

## UCI

**University of  
California Irvine**  
*United States*

UCI celebrates its achievements as a federally designated Latino-serving campus. To nourish the academic success of Latino students, faculty and administrators have focused on increasing the number of Latino students graduating with science, technology, engineering and math degrees. Shortly after being awarded HSI status (Hispanic-Serving Institution grant), UCI received \$100,000 from the National Science Foundation to fund an HSI conference: "Pathways for Hispanic Students in STEM." In January 2018, the event brought together 120 leaders in higher education to discuss improving retention and graduation rates for Latinos nationwide pursuing STEM degrees. Conference attendees were faculty and administrators from local high schools and two- and four-year colleges, emphasizing those that serve Latino students.



**Universiti Teknologi  
Malaysia**  
*Malaysia*

Throughout the years of pioneering Japanese-style engineering education in Malaysia, MJIT has made various collaborations with selected institutions and industries. The integration between the parties are integral for the betterment of the research society which in turn offers positive impact to the nation's growth. One of the latest initiatives by MJIT is the Malaysian University Consortium (MUC) which integrates 15 universities in Malaysia under one roof. MUC is a unique partnership that brings together Malaysian Public Universities, operating in a networked multidisciplinary environment. Through this co-operation, these higher education institutions are able to offer enhanced quality in expertise and future prospects to benefit a larger group of students, personnel, and the surrounding society.

## UGA

Université  
Grenoble Alpes

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*France*

During its visit in November 2022 at the University of Tsukuba, the International Outreach Department of the UGA took part in a Tsukuba Student Fair to present the opportunities to study at the UGA.

Students from the University of Tsukuba were able to attend a presentation of the University of Grenoble Alpes and ask questions to the speakers. Grenoble students currently on exchange at Tsukuba also had a dedicated time to share their experiences.





## Ohio State University

United States

The University of Tsukuba visits Ohio State  
A delegation from the University of Tsukuba recently visited Ohio State to discuss future collaborations and the possibility of joint grant proposals. Led by Vice President Caroline Benton and joined by Ohneda Osamu and Maki Yokoyama, the delegation met with numerous academic units with whom both current and desired collaborations exist. The colleges of Education and Human Ecology and Arts and Sciences have had long-standing partnerships with Tsukuba. Potential future collaborations include COIL and virtual exchange projects with faculty and staff from the College of Engineering and the Office of International Affairs.



RUB

## Ruhr University Bochum

Germany

RUB opened Centre for the Engineering of Smarter Product-Service Systems (ZESS)

RUB's new Tech Campus on the former Opel car plant takes shape – ZESS, the most recent RUB research building, anchor point for knowledge-intensive companies and non-university research institutions, started in summer 2022. An interdisciplinary team of 60 considers the entire life cycle of smart product-service systems, from idea generation, through solution development, manufacturing, sales processes, to service provision and decommissioning.

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## Al-Farabi Kazakh National University

Kazakhstan

The Research Center of Medicinal Plants of KazNU has started working together with scientists from the University of Mississippi in the USA. The director of the Center has recently visited the University of Mississippi in order to study in depth the active effects of this mixture on COVID-19. As a result of this research, biological products manufactured on the basis of KazNU will be comprehensively studied in modern laboratories of the University of the USA.



## University of Tsukuba

Japan

From February 17 to 18, a delegation led by President Kyosuke Nagata visited Taiwan.

Signing ceremonies for the Japan Virtual Campus Individual Institution Box were held at National Cheng Kung University and National Central University.

In addition, they participated in the kick-off meeting held at National Taiwan University (NTU) regarding the co-creation of AI, biotechnology, and medicine between NTU, the Industrial Technology Research Institute (ITRI), and University of Tsukuba (UT) as well as the GIP-TRIAD awarding ceremony.

UT will continue to promote further academic exchanges with each of the visited institutions.

In addition, they participated in the general meeting and reception of UT Taiwan Alumni Association held in Taipei to deepen exchanges with local participants.





### National Taiwan University

*Taiwan*

Established in 2019, the Future NTU project aims to build a “learner-centered open university” where barriers across disciplines are broken down and students are empowered to take control of their learning. Current action plans include inviting alumni to continue their education at NTU, encouraging students to take a gap year and design their own academic programs. These plans create an environment where learners can receive resources they truly need to advance their learning, pursue their passions and pioneer the future.



### University of Sao Paulo

*Brazil*

USP implements scholarship program for students with socio-economic needs

USP launched on August 31st a donation program for both legal and natural persons interested in funding scholarships for undergraduate students in socioeconomic vulnerability. The project named USP Diversa aims to raise funds from companies that will commit to financially supporting students throughout their entire study period and from individuals with one-time or recurrent donation options.

