Collaborative Initiatives Promoting Institutional Joint Research between University of Birmingham and Waseda University

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Welcome to Waseda University: University of Birmingham Day

- Waseda University members would like to extend our gratitude to University of Birmingham Vice-President (International) Prof. Robin Mason and researchers to participate this joint Progress Report presentation session.

Tony, thank you very much for your quick posting to UniBirmingham Twitter
Institutional Joint Research Promotion: Objectives and Design

[Objectives]

• **Develop collaborative initiatives** in order to tackle major questions that no single organization can solve on its own, **to support the flow of ideas and people in a globalized world, to increase the impact of our activities and to enhance our global reputation.**

• **Facilitate shared projects** across a range of disciplines in both the sciences and the humanities.

• **Strongly promote the formation of cross-disciplinary areas / research networks and research organizations** through international joint research.

[Design]

• To be implemented over several years

• To promote joint research in multiple fields

• Joint seed money from each university to promote mobility for research cluster formations
History of UoB–Waseda Collaboration (1)

First, the University of Birmingham and Waseda University had an agreement for the cooperation in 2000.

1. UoB visit to Waseda in 2010 and 2015
   • Pro-Vice Chancellor Whitby visited Waseda in 2010 and October, 2015.
   • In 2015, meeting with Vice President Hashimoto, Research Promotion Department Deputy Director Shinohara, researchers in the fields of Literature (Shakespeare), Science and Engineering (Robotics, Linguistics), and Sports Science.
   • Agree to consider systematic university collaboration centering on these research fields first.

2. Waseda visit to UoB, March 2016
   • Professor Norimasa Morita, Vice President for International Affairs as the head, fifteen researchers, URAs, and administrative staff visit UoB.
   • Agree to facilitate shared projects across a range of disciplines in both the sciences and the humanities.
   • UoB and Waseda sign a collaboration agreement to launch the partnership with the School of English Drama and American & Canadian Studies.
   • Senior management meetings & individual researchers meetings
   • Both universities agree to contribute to a £60k collaborative fund per annum to encourage academic partnerships.
History of UoB–Waseda Collaboration (2)


4. October 5, 2017
Vice President Morita and PVC Whitby met at the Shakespeare Institute

Discussion Summary
- Shared progress in the past and confirmed that both universities were satisfied.
- Vice President Morita proposed hosting University of Birmingham Day at Waseda University in 2018.
- Continue efforts to expand fields further and recruit more researchers.
- Acquisition of external funds is a major goal, confirming that both universities actively seek out opportunities.
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On 6 October, 2017, the joint symposium “Ninagawa (Japanese premier theatre director) Shakespeare: A Memorial Symposium” at the Embassy of Japan in London

The fact that this symposium received high praise from many of the participants, in Shakespeare’s homeland of England no less, was truly groundbreaking.

Shakespeare event was covered by multiple media outlets:

- Waseda University WEB site (updated on October 24, 2017)
- Waseda University website, 24 October, 2017
- Waseda University CAMPUS NOW Early Spring issue of February 1, 2018
- Yomiuri Shimbun October 8, 2017 Morning edition 30 pages
- Yomiuri Shimbun morning edition, page 30, 8 October, 2017
- Tokyo Shimbun October 30, 2017 Three sides
- Tokyo Shimbun, page 3, 30 October, 2017
- Asahi Newspaper November 11, 2017 Four Evening Books
- Asahi Shimbun evening edition, page 4, 11 November, 2017
- Asahi Newspaper January 12, 2018 2 evening publications
- Asahi Shimbun evening edition, page 2, 12 January, 2018
Topics

【July 20, 2017  Foreign Minister Boris Johnson’s visit to Waseda 】
Summary of Progress (1)

- Our collaborative subject areas have expanded to 15, across a range of disciplines in both the sciences and the humanities including Shakespeare, Robotics, Linguistics, Education, Atmospheric Environment Science, Urban Planning, Language Education, International Labor Mobility, Social Welfare, Creative Writing, International Law, Philosophy, and Economics.

- Mobility
  21 academic visits in 2016/17, and 31 in 2017/18 both ways between two institutions:
  In total, 51 academics visits in the last 2.5 years.

- 10 workshops, 1 international conference, 4 guest lectures, and numerous business meetings were jointly held.
Summary of Progress (2)

【Grant Applications】
• 5 joint research bids including 2 successful ones from private funding bodies:
  – 1. JSPS (Shakespeare) 2017
  – 2. JSPS fellowship for Robotics 2017
  – 3. JSPS (Migration) 2017
  – 4. Sasakawa Foundation (Shakespeare) 2018 – successful award
  – 5. Daiwa Foundation (Environment Chemistry) 2018 – successful award
• 3 joint submission in 2018 awaiting results:
  – 1. ESRC-AHRC UK-Japan SSH Connections Grant (Migration theme) Sep 2018
  – 2. ESRC-AHRC UK-Japan SSH Connections Grant (Purpose of life and Happiness theme) Sep 2018
  – 3. JSPS fellowship (Shakespeare) 2018
• 1 in Pipeline preparing for submission
  – JSPS 2 year History postdoc application

【Travel Support by Waseda University】
To visit Univ. of Birmingham, up to eight times of travel expenses for each group will be supported by Waseda Univ. based on applications.
Summary of Progress (2)

【Joint Paper Presentations at International Conferences】
• Roberto Sommariva (2018, Sept) International Global Atmospheric Chemistry (IGAC) conference, Prof. Matsumoto is one of the organizers.

【Papers】
Waseda University and UoB Shakespeare Institute held in January 2017 An overview of the international conference on Shakespeare and 3 papers published,
• Teaching Shakespeare 13 (on-line Journal), British Shakespeare Association, 2017, 11.27.
http://www.britishshakespeare.ws/education/teaching-shakespeare/ (charged / membership system)
I appreciate the all members of UoB and Waseda for their hard efforts.

I hope we will have fruitful discussion today.

Thank you very much!

- Special thanks go to Prof. Mikiko Shimaoka for her help to organize this meeting and prepare this material.