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Concluding MOUs with the Total of Four Universities from Germany, Austria, and Lithuania, plus Opening HU Lithuania Center

From 1st to 9th May, President Ochi and Dr. Toshiyuki Sato (Executive/Vice President) visited six universities of three countries (Germany, Austria, and Lithuania) with a view to expand the network of international research and education.

Hiroshima University has concluded inter-university agreements with the following universities: Saarland University in Germany, Medical University of Vienna in Austria, Lithuanian University of Educational Sciences.

Apart from concluding an MOU with Vytautas Magnus University, an opening ceremony was held for the Hiroshima University Lithuania Center while visiting the campus.

In the past, Hiroshima University has been mainly implementing academic exchanges with Saarland University, a state university located in the western part of Saarland, in the field of Medicine. This time, on top of the interuniversity agreement, an agreement for student exchange was concluded between the two universities. It is hoped that exchanges between researchers and students will expand between the two universities in future.



President Ochi (left) holding an agreement and shaking hands with Professor Manfred Schmitt, Rector of Saarland University (right)

Medical University of Vienna is the direct successor to the faculty of medicine at the University of Vienna, established in 1365, and is one of the highly-valued universities in Europe. An interuniversity agreement between the two universities owns many-years academic exchanges in the field of psychiatric medicine between Professor Siegfried Kasper at Medical University of Vienna and Dr. Shigeto Yamawaki, Professor by Special Appointment at Hiroshima University.

Upon the conclusion of the agreement this time, further expansion of exchanges between the two universities is expected.



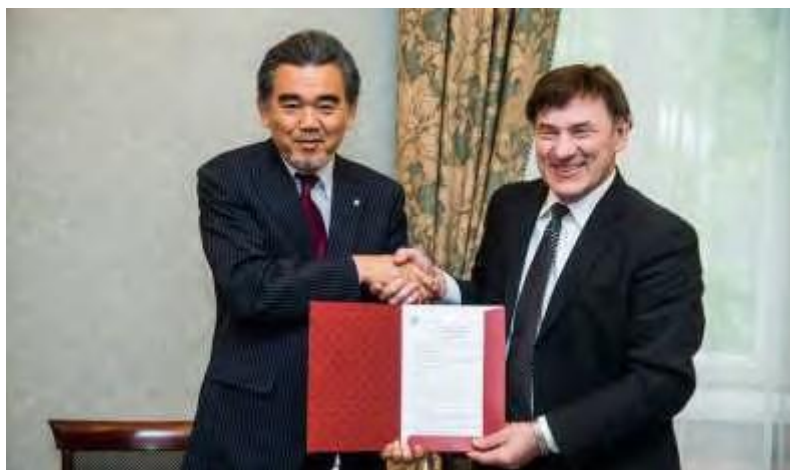
From right to left: Rector Müller, President Ochi, Executive Sato, Professor Kasper

On 8th May, the Hiroshima University Lithuania Center was opened within the Asian Research Center on the campus of Vytautas Magnus University. This is the 15th overseas center for Hiroshima University. On the same day, an interuniversity agreement and student exchange agreement were concluded with the Vytautas Magnus University.

It was in March this year that Dr. Sato (Executive & Vice President) visited Vytautas Magnus University where he had a talk with the director at the Asian Research Center and mutual needs of the two parties were met for the academic exchanges between the two universities, which has led to the establishment of Hiroshima University Lithuania Center.

On this occasion of concluding the interuniversity agreement and establishing the Hiroshima University Lithuania Center, Embassy of Japan in Lithuania and Lithuanian Embassy in Japan have expressed their high expectations to Hiroshima University, which they hope to expand bilateral exchanges between those states and Japan. To start with, exchanges of students between

the concerned universities will be implemented, followed by exchanges of researchers.



At the Conclusion Ceremony of the Interuniversity Agreement
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