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**HU has Concluded an Inter-university agreement with
Lund University in Sweden and the Agreement for the
Sponsored Traineeship Programme with UNESCO**

On 12th December 2017, Hiroshima University concluded an inter-university agreement with Lund University in Sweden. President Ochi, Dr. Sato (Executive/Vice President), and other staff from Hiroshima University took part in the signing ceremony in Sweden where the agreement was signed by the Vice Chancellor of Lund University, Dr. Torbjörn von Schantz and President Ochi.

Established in 1666, Lund University is one of the leading universities in Sweden. Hiroshima University has been engaged in exchange programs with Lund University through participating in “MIRAI Project” where collaborative research is being promoted by leading universities from Sweden and Japan. By working together with Lund University through MIRAI project, Hiroshima University intends to address the issue of improving its academic standard.

On 14th December 2017, we paid an official visit to the headquarters of UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization) in Paris in France where Mr. Hong Kwon, Director, Bureau of Human Resources Management, and I jointly signed the agreement concerning the Sponsored Traineeship Programme between UNESCO and Hiroshima University.

Now that the agreement has been concluded with UNESCO, graduate students from Hiroshima University are now able to participate in the longer-term internship programme at the headquarters of UNESCO or its affiliated organizations between six months and one year. The programme should be appealing to those students who are keen to work at international organizations in future.

After concluding an inter-university agreement with Lund University, the total number of agreements that Hiroshima University has concluded so far amounts to 287 from 47 countries/regions. I would like to actively promote globalization of Hiroshima University into the future.

Caption 1: Signing Ceremony at Lund University

Caption 2: Signing Ceremony at the UNESCO Headquarters

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