

ACP is enriching the program to cultivate individuals to lead a safe and secure society

1. History of the ACP


The many earthquakes and natural disasters across the world in recent years, particularly in Japan and South East Asia have led to aspirations for “safety and security” on a global scale. To meet such demands, Kansai University of International Studies (KUIS) and 14 top ranked universities in five South East Asian countries launched the ACP (Asian Cooperative Program) in November 2014, building a global network aimed at cultivating individuals able to manage the development of a “safe and secure” Asia.

Dealing with various social issues caused by natural disasters such as the Indian Ocean Tsunami (2004) and typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines (2013), ‘Safety Management’ has become an urgent matter for South East Asia, where there is remarkable economic development. So, the ACP aims to promote cultivation of “safety management” individuals to manage disaster risk and crisis through links and collaboration with Japanese universities that have a wealth of experience and technologies relating to disaster risk reduction and reconstruction.

In Japan for example, when the Great Hanshin-Awaji Earthquake (1995) and Great East Japan Earthquake (2011) occurred, there was virtually no criminal behavior such as looting, violence or riot, and there was praise for how victims helped each other the volunteer activities. In addition, Miki City, where the KUIS Miki Campus is located is also the location of the Hyogo Prefectural Emergency Management and Training Center, and Hyogo Fire Fighters’ Academy. So the city is the center of disaster management activities in Hyogo Prefecture that experienced the Great Hanshin-Awaji Earthquake. We will enrich the program by utilizing such infrastructure.

At the first ACP Conference (November 2014), nine universities gathered at the Management and Science University (MSU) in a suburb of Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. ACP was formed, with KUIS elected as the chair university and MSU elected as the deputy chair university. Subsequently, from second to fifth conferences were respectively convened at KUIS, MSU, Thammasat University, and Universiti Utara Malaysia (UUM), with specific collaboration towards achieving the concept of ACP.

■Member universities of ACP consortium



Name of the Universities

Malaysia

1. Management & Science University
2. Universiti Utara Malaysia
3. University Tunku Abdul Rahman
4. International Islamic University Malaysia

Indonesia

5. Gadjah Mada University
6. University of Lampung
7. Bandung Institute of Technology
8. Universitas Brawijaya

Vietnam

9. Vietnam National University Ho Chi Minh City
- University of Social Sciences and Humanities
10. University of Danang

Thailand

11. Thammasat University

Philippine

12. University of the Philippines Diliman
13. University of the Philippines Cebu

Myanmar

14. University of Yangon

2. Main topics of previous ACP Conferences

The fifth ACP Conference was held at UUM in Malaysia. The conference was held at a venue connected to that university's hotel, and apart from the host university UUM, participants were from Malaysia's MSU, Indonesia's University of Lampung (UNILA) and Japan's KUIS.

At that conference KUIS President Dr. Hamana proposed the ACP Certificate Program relating to disaster reduction, and explained the KUIS's program as a precedent. In this program it is expected that universities with an interest in the joint development of curriculum bring together their respective knowledge and know-how, and develop a common curriculum.

It was also decided to implement an off-campus program for students with diverse backgrounds from the member universities of the ACP consortium to meet and learn and think about "safety and security" together.

At the sixth ACP Conference, KUIS, MSU, UUM, and UNILA are planning to sign an MOA to issue a joint certificate of the program.



Discussion amongst university representatives at the fifth ACP Conference

■ History of ACP Conferences

Conference No.	Dates	Venue	Country	Details of discussion
1	3 Nov 2014	Management & Science University	Malaysia	Inauguration of the ACP consortium
2	28 May 2015	Kansai University of International Studies	Japan	Speech by Mr. Tomio Saito, Chairman of the Board, Hyogo International Association Discussion about future developments
3	7 Mar 2016	Management & Science University	Malaysia	Implementation of Off-Campus Program Discussion about success of activities to date and future plans
4	8 Sep 2016	Thammasat University	Thailand	Safety Management Certificate Program Discussion about implementation
5	28 Feb 2017	Universiti Utara Malaysia	Malaysia	Plan for ACP Certificate Program (common syllabus)
6	12 Feb 2018	University of Lampung	Indonesia	Report on implementation of the program at each university Execution of MOU to issue joint certificates by four universities
7 (scheduled)	Feb to Mar 2019	Kansai University of International Studies	Japan	(Consideration and discussion at meetings)

ACP Certificate Program is being jointly developed

ACP Certificate Program aims to develop a common curriculum with cooperation of ACP Member Universities' knowledge and knowhow on Safety Management. Together with individual curriculum and off-campus program based on each country's history, climate, geography and culture, ACP will award a Certification to the students who complete the program through ACP common rubric to be jointly developed.

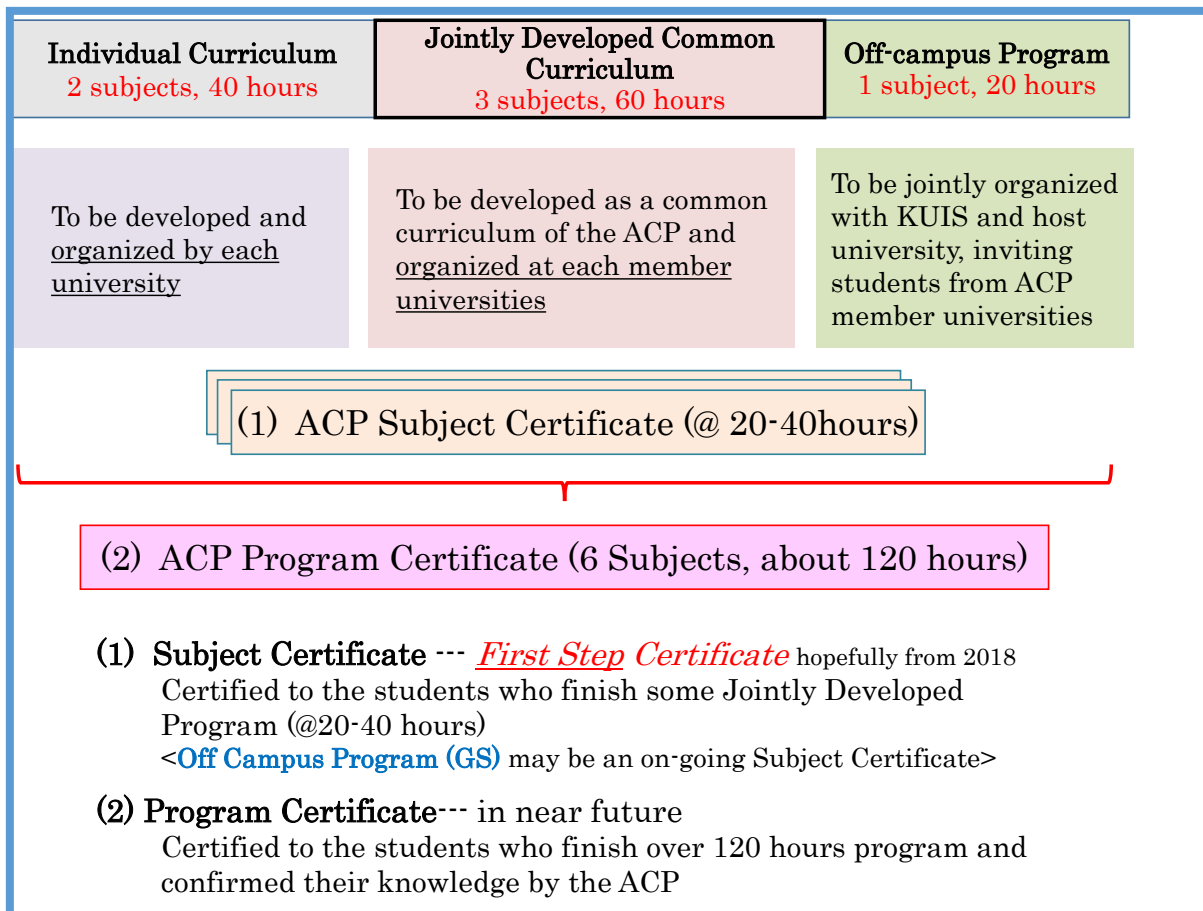
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As a first step, ACP is planning to offer “Subject Certificate” to the students who finish some Jointly Developed Program (@20-40 hours). Off-campus Program will be considered to be an on-going Subject Certificate. ACP will hopefully start offering Subject Certificate from 2018.

In near future, ACP will offer “Program Certificate” to the students who finish over 120 hours program and are confirmed their knowledge by the ACP.

These Programs includes the possibility of development into a master level program through discussion among the member universities. Short term programs for post graduate research students in the area of Safety Management can be established.



Off-Campus Program to be implemented in 2018

1 “Comparative Research on Safety Management” Program in UNILA

UNILA, the host of the sixth ACP Conference, will convene an off-campus program “Comparative Research on Safety Management”.

At this program, students of many nationalities will learn about safety management through field work, and enhance their skills, enabling them to respond in an actual disaster. In addition, students are expected to improve their practical ability and communication skills through research activities in a group environment comprising many nationalities. The research results from this program of about 10 days are scheduled to be released at the ACP Conference.



Day	Date	Activity
1	2/3	Arrival
2	2/4	Program Overview Orientation & Ice Breaking City Tour
3	2/5	Lecture 1 [Mitigation of Natural Disaster] Group Discussion and Reflection Cultural Experience
4	2/6	Lecture 2 [Sustainability and Safety in Agriculture Industry] Group Discussion and Reflection Cultural Experience
5	2/7	Field Trip 1 [GGPC (company)]
6	2/8	Field Trip 2 [Major earthquake location in West Lampung]
7	2/9	Lecture 3 [Tsunami in Indonesia] Preparation for Presentation
8	2/10	Presentation
9	2/11	TBD (Sari Ringgung Beach / Klara Beach)
10	2/12	The 6th ACP Conference and Students Presentation Farewell dinner

2 “Japanese Safety Management and Japanese Culture” Program in KUIS

As part of the ACP activities, many students from five countries and nine universities will participate in the off-campus program, “The Japanese Safety Management and Japanese Culture”, conducted by KUIS. In this program, students will learn about the initiatives of “Japan’s safe and secure society” mainly through field research with students of many nationalities visiting Hyogo Prefecture and the City of Kobe, well-known as the location of the disaster caused by the 1995 Great Hanshin-Awaji Earthquake.

[Period] 5 March 2018 (Mon) to 12 March 2018 (Mon)

[Venue] Kansai University of International Studies, Amagasaki Campus
(1-3-23 Shioe Amagasaki)

Schedule in March	Morning	Afternoon
5 (Mon)	Orientation	Lecture 1 “Japan’s disaster prevention system” (Amagasaki)
6 (Tue)	Lecture 2 “Great East Japan Earthquake and post-disaster reconstruction and planning”	Lecture 3 “Japan’s disaster prevention education” Field research (1) Visit to Maiko High School
7 (Wed)	Lecture 4 “Great Hanshin-Awaji Earthquake – experience and lessons” Field research (2) Visit to Disaster Reduction and Human Renovation Institution	Japanese cultural experience – Tea ceremony, and soba noodle making
8 (Thu)	Lecture 5 “Japan’s international collaboration in disaster prevention” Field research (3) Visit to JICA Kansai and Asian Disaster Reduction Center	Lecture 6 “Japan’s voluntary disaster prevention organizations” Field research (4) Visit to NPO Machi Communication
9 (Fri)	Lecture 7 “Earthquake resistant technologies” Field research (5) Inspection of 3-D Full-Scale Earthquake Testing Facility (E-Defense)	Preparation of reports AED training Introduction to disaster prevention items
10 (Sat)	Free time	Free time
11 (Sun)	Japanese cultural experience - Kyoto	Japanese cultural experience - Kyoto
12 (Mon)	Announcement of results Award ceremony for diplomas	Farewell party (lunch)



Paramedic training



Great Hanshin-Awaji Earthquake (1995)



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