



Xiamen University

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Review of XMU's Cooperation with GU8 Universities:

Student Mobility:

University	Inha		RMIT		Global MBA		Le Havre		Meiji	
	OUT	IN	OUT	IN	OUT	IN	OUT	IN	OUT	IN
2003-2004	3	4								
2004-2005	3	9								
2005-2006	4	10								
2006-2007	8	10					2			
2007-2008	24	19	1	1			4			
2008-2009	11	24	1		5	15	3		2	1
2009-2010	9	22	1		5	15	4	3	2	
Total	62	98	3	1	10	30	13	3	4	1

(Figure 1)

Student Exchange with Inha University: (refer to Figure 1)

Since 2003, XMU has send 62 students to Inha and received 98 students from Inha for exchange. The Student Exchange MOU has been revised in June 2006 to increase the student exchange number by 10 each year to reach 50 per year in 2010. Basically students come for credits and have the right to choose to stay in host university for one semester or one year.

The recent years saw the increasing exchange students between the two universities, which are attracting more and more students to apply for exchange within U8 universities, but imbalance grows to 36 quotas of students this year.

Other forms of student mobility:

May 2006, five XMU students participated in the Summer School at INHA (2 weeks)

In 2006, one Inha student attended the Marco Polo-Zheng He Academy at Xiamen University (6 weeks)

Student Exchange with Meiji University:

Student Exchange Agreement has been signed on November 2006, accepting 1-2 undergraduate or graduate students to exchange in each university every year. Tuition and application fee are waived. Host University is obligated to help find accommodation for the exchange students and should try to provide scholarship for exchange students. From the year 2008, there are in total 3 students exchanged between the two universities, among them 2 are from XMU and 1 from Meiji.

Student Exchange with RMIT University: (refer to Figure 1)

The Australian Cheung Kong Student Exchange Programme subsidizes the costs to RMIT students and the students from its partner universities with student exchange agreement of full-time study at the counterpart institution for at least one semester.

Under the scholarship, XMU and RMIT both selected one student for exchange for AY 2007-2008. In AY 2008-2009 and 2009-2010, XMU selected another student for RMIT exchange, but hasn't received any incoming students from RMIT this year.

Problem with this program is that XMU hasn't offered enough undergraduate-level English courses for native English speaking students.

Student Exchange with Le Havre University: (refer to Figure 1)

Jan.-June, 2007, 2 students majored in Logistics and Supply Chain studied at Le Havre University, exempt from tuition fees. (Logistics and Scm Programme)

Jan.-June, 2008, 4 students joined the same programme. (Logistics and Scm Programme)

AY 2008-2009, 3 students majored in French Language exchange in Le Havre. AY 2009-2010, 2 students majored in French Language, one in Humanities and one in Economics will exchange in Le Havre while 3 students from Le Havre will exchange to XMU.

So far, a student majored in Law studied at Le Havre University (Erasmus Mundus Program)

Global MBA Program ((refer to Figure 1)

Global MBA Program, which is first launched in 2008, involves URI, Le harve University, Inha University and Xiamen University. In 2008, Xiamen University sent 5 MBA students to this program which lasts from June 21 to August 19 for the first time. From July 29th to August 2nd, 2008, Xiamen University received 5 MBA students from URI under this program. This year, XMU is going to send 5 MBA students to this program.

Faculty and Staff Exchange:**Annual Faculty Exchange Program with Inha:**

The annual faculty exchange program with Inha was launched together with student exchange program and was going on quite smoothly between two universities. The problem is that most exchange faculties from XMU are limited to Chinese Department. Proposed solution for both universities is to select more teachers from diversified fields and able to give lectures in English. Inha and XMU has agreed on Nov. 2007 during the "Korean-Chinese University Presidents' Forum" to increase the number of faculty exchange, but shorten the exchange period, which could promote mobility and involve in more people.

2003 Xiamen to Inha: 2 exchange professors (1 year) (Chinese)

Inha to Xiamen: 1 exchange professor (1 year) (Chinese)

- 2004 Xiamen to Inha: 2 exchange professors (1 year) (Chinese)
Inha to Xiamen: 1 exchange professor (1 year) (Economics)
- 2005 Xiamen to Inha: 2 exchange professors (1 year) (Chinese)
- 2006 Xiamen to Inha: 1 exchange professor (1 year) (Chinese)
- 2007 Inha to Xiamen: 1 exchange professor (1 semester) (Public Administration)
- 2008 Xiamen to Inha: 1 exchange professor (3 months) (Information Technology)

In addition to that, since 2006, both universities began to exchange librarians:

- 2006 Inha to Xiamen: 1 librarian (Jan 5 ~ Jan 19)
Xiamen to Inha: 2 librarians (Aug 16 ~ Sep 1)
- 2007 Inha to Xiamen: 1 librarian (Jan 16 ~ Jan 23)
Xiamen to Inha: 2 librarians (August; 2 weeks)
- 2008 Inha to Xiamen: 1 librarian (January, 1 week)
Xiamen to Inha: 2 librarians (August; 2 weeks)
- 2009 Inha to Xiamen: 1 librarian (January, 1 week)
Xiamen to Inha: 2 librarians (August; 2 weeks)

Faculty and staff exchange with RMIT University:

April 2005: Three senior representatives of Xiamen University visited to look at campus planning and RMIT facilities.

October 2005: Four senior staff from IT, electronic engineering and software engineering met with RMIT School of CS and IT and others. Xiamen was looking to run a software program with an Australian university.

One staff from RMIT also visited XMU in 2005 and delivered a full course on logistics risk management to the postgraduate logistics and project management students.

August 2006: A delegation of six persons headed by Prof. Wang Haojie, Chairman of XMU Council visited with the aim of developing further collaboration.

February 2007: A group of 30 staff from XMU completed an intensive English language and study tour with RMIT English Worldwide over a four week period.

Aug. 2007: Second English intensive for XMU staff with RMIT English Worldwide successfully concluded.

April 2009: A delegation of five persons headed by Prof. Zhu Chongshi, President of XMU visited with the aim of developing ingoing collaboration.

Xiamen University Senior Visiting Fellowship Programme with Hull:

The Programme was launched in 2007 by Vice-Chancellor of Hull University in recognition of the strong and developing relationship between the two universities. 3 scholars from Xiamen attended this programme from Feb. to August 2007. In succession, two scholars from

Xiamen attended this programme from March to August 2008. This year, we have embarked on the selection of another 3 faculty members for this program.

The travel expenses and accommodation were offered to academic staff of Xiamen University to work at Hull University with academic colleagues. The duration of the Fellowship is 2 to 6 months.

Faculty exchange with University of Washington:

Xiamen University also sent, under the framework of GU8 Agreement, one faculty teacher in the field of Logistics and another one in Business Administration to UW(Seattle) for joint research in the year 2004 and 2005.

In 2008, Prof. Jess Browning of UW was applying for an APEC project in the field of Logistics together with Prof. Ji Guojun of Xiamen University and professors from a few other universities.

Multilateral agreement on faculty and students exchange in the Master of Maine Affairs

Program :

Xiamen University, together with University of Rhode Island (URI), University of Washington (UW) in Seattle, Inha University and University of Delaware, reached a multilateral agreement on faculty and students exchange in the Master of Maine Affairs Program. So far, Xiamen University has sent one faculty to URI and one to UD for one-year post-doctoral research and two students to URI for one-semester study. They all have returned to Xiamen now. It is expected that some students of Xiamen University will apply for the exchange program next year.

Scientific Collaboration:

Joint Logistic Center with the University of Hull:

On April 9th, 2007, Prof. David Drewry, the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Hull, led a 4-member delegation to Xiamen University, and signed a co-operative agreement on the establishment of a joint logistic centre with President Zhu Chongshi. The plaque unveiling ceremony was attended by Prof. Drewry and President Zhu.

The centre is operated jointly by the School of Management of Xiamen University and the Logistics Institute of the University of Hull. The recently established Logistics Institute of the University of Hull, the only government-funded logistics institute at a British university, is becoming a key logistics research base.

Under the Agreement, the two sides co-teach logistics course and carry out joint research, co-develop teaching programmes and train students, exchange students and teaching faculty, and provide services to local ports.

Challenges and Proposed Improvements:

XMU will be engaged in more multilateral agreement under the framework of GU8, rather than limit to one-to-one cooperation, no matter in personnel exchange or scientific collaboration.

However, as one-on-one student exchange program becoming stereotypical, it is getting harder and harder to meet the growing demand of students for multi-cultural exploration and stimulate their interest to involve in the formulaic exchange programs. On the other hand, student exchange “gap” grows among universities. Certain regions and countries have always been favored by students, and continue to get hotter, while the other regions lack attractiveness and find no way to overturn it. The reasons of attractiveness are various, but what behinds the unpopular programs is almost the same, lack of competitive English courses and disadvantageous location.

Suggestion 1: VARIOUS PROMOTIONS

It is important to realize that each university has its own appealingness, but lack of proper promotion. Various channels should be created to promote the students exchange programs such as orientation focusing on some unpopular university to promising exchange students, campus talk from host university to counterpart university, Q&A board on line on the website of GU8.

Suggestion 2: ESSENTIAL STUDENT MOBILITY

Although the exchange programs go regularly between GU8 universities, we should pursue essential cooperation and benefits by these programs. Multiple forms should be implemented to enhance the essential students’ mobility such as lectures and academic competition among exchange students and so on.

Suggestion 3: MULTIPLE OPTIONS

Besides regular programs which are based on semester systems, other substituted options could be offered to students, such as winter program, summer program and so on. These multiple options will encourage students to take part in the exchange program with flexibility so that the equivalence between GU8 could be reached in the long term.

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