

Overview and Evaluation on the First Three Years' Activities of the GU8 Consortium

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Introduction

This Report of the First Chair of COP deals with a brief outline of developments and key facets of GU8 activities. This Report is divided into three parts:

- (i) a historical overview of the inception of the consortium and factual accounts of the work carried out by COP, the Education Committee, the Joint Research Committee, the Building Administrative Capacity Committee, together with conferences and workshops, including references to the relevant documents since the inception of 1st Steering Committee for establishing Global University 7 Consortium.
- (ii) a section evaluating performances of the three committees, and highlighting, in a non-exhaustive manner, key issues based on the progress reports and minutes of the three respective committees and GU8 Status Reports, and
- (iii) a section of recommendations about GU8 Future activities that, in view of the Chair of COP, presidents of GU8 members need to deal with for the sustainable development of GU8.

This Report is submitted by the First Chair on his own responsibility and is without prejudice to the positions of participants at the Fourth COP.

Part I Historical Overview of GU8

1. Inception of GU8

Today's world is facing unprecedented challenges and opportunities. Technologies have made possible that the global community is becoming more open, accessible, transparent and interrelated.

Education has been traditionally considered to be a passport to success. It seems still true today, however, it requires to adjust to changing environment of globalization and Hi-Technology dominancy.

The consortium was conceived during my personal talks with some of university presidents abroad and home when I endeavored to explore the possibilities of developing Inha University to a global standard of excellence in 2003 and 2004. After several rounds of contacting internationally recognized universities, I organized the first Steering Committee meeting to discuss the idea of establishing the Global University Consortium in December, 2003 in Jeju Island, Korea. The meeting was attended by most of current member universities of GU8 and Erasmus University of Rotterdam in the Netherlands as well as Australian National University, developing the ideas into more visible form of purpose, structure, activities, membership, meetings and legal framework of the consortium. (see the minutes on the website of GU8: <http://u8.inha.ac.kr>: document number GU7/SC1/MIN/2003-12/INHA)

The Second Steering Committee meeting was held in February, 2004 in Xiamen, China to further discuss and finalize some pending points from the First Steering Committee meeting as well as to prepare inviting presidents of founding member universities of the Consortium. (see the minutes on the website of GU8: <http://u8.inha.ac.kr>: document number GU7/SC2/MIN/2004-02/XIAMEN)

To respond to the ever-increasing challenges faced by tertiary education institutions, seven presidents from decent universities in the world got together three years ago at Inha University to envision developing a new approach in education.

The Consortium was officially founded on April twenty ninth in 2004 by the seven presidents' signing the Agreement of the Consortium.

2. Vision and Objectives of GU8

We dreamed together about strategic global alliance in education arena as many people have witnessed similar emergence in various industry sectors. The alliance will provide us with an excellent platform for cross-cultural education, enhancing global research network and upgrading our administrative capacity.

The Global U8 Consortium's purpose is to meet a growing demand for: cross-cultural education through student exchange and the adoption of a common curricula; a response to new challenges posed by the need for Global Logistics, Business Administration, Marine Affairs, and Advanced Technologies (e.g., information technologies, bio-technology, nano-technology) as well as interdisciplinary activities by conducting joint-research and expanding outreach programs; and the need to strengthen global cooperation among university administrations. Thus the Global U7 Consortium concentrates its cooperative and collaborative efforts on three main areas:

- to develop a joint education system, which may feature common curricula, distance learning (e.g. cyber class using the Internet), credit transfer and joint degrees;
- to conduct joint research; and
- to build administrative capacity (e.g., information sharing to upgrade administrative systems to a global standard).

3. Structure of GU8

3.1. Council of Presidents and Secretariat

There is a Council of Presidents (COP) first headed by Dr. Seoung-Yong Hong, the President of Inha University and now succeeded by Dr. Robert Carothers, the President of URI comprising the principal officers (or their alternates) from member institutions, which do their utmost to facilitate the functions and objectives of the Global U8 Consortium through a Secretariat and a series of Committees. The First Secretariat of the U8 Consortium was headed by Professor Young-Tae Chang, the professor in Asia Pacific School of Logistics (APSL) in Inha University for three years and now replaced by Dr. Judy Beckman, Professor in College of Business Administration in URI.

3.2. Three Committees

There are three committees, which are created by the COP and composed of a representative nominated by each member institution on:

- Education (The Chair is Associate Professor Eveline Fallshaw from RMIT University from the beginning till now);
- Joint Research (The Chair has changed from Dr. Janett Trubach through Dr. Lynn Pasquerella to Dr. Peter Alfonso, with all three being Vice-provosts from University of Rhode Island); and
- Building Administrative Capacity (The Chair has changed this year from Mr. Tongwen Mao, Head of International Office from Xiamen University to Mr. Baruch Marzan, Vice-President for Administration from Haifa University).

Based on above organizational structure, "GU8 Structure and Personnel Information" is referred to the document of the GU8 website (GU7/SEC/ORG/2004-04/ Rev2006/INHA).

4. Chronology of GU8 Major Activities

4.1 Council of Presidents and Declaration

Following both the First Steering Committee in Jeju Island, Korea between December 9 and 12, 2003 and the Second Steering Committee in Xiamen University, China between February 25 and 27, 2004, the First Council of Presidents' Meeting was held in Inha University and Jeju Island, Korea between April 29 and May 1, 2004. The 1st Council of Presidents' meeting culminated in the signing of the Agreement of Global U7 Consortium (GU7/COP1/AGE/2004-04/INHA). At the end of meeting, the Incheon Declaration (GU7/COP1/DEC/2004-04/INHA) was announced affirming the Objective of Global U8 Consortium member.

The Second COP was held in Xiamen University, China between May 26 and 27, 2006. At the end of the Meeting, the Xiamen Declaration (GU8/COP2/DEC/2005-05/Xiamen) was adopted, among others, affirming:

- A. GU 7 founding members' approval of the addition of Japan's Meiji University, Tokyo. (Hereafter, the official name has been called the Global U8 Consortium),
- B. establishment of the Master of Global Logistics Management (MGLM) Program at Inha University from March, 2006,
- C. introduction of double degree programs in undergraduate logistics in the field of Logistics, Marine Affairs and Engineering, decision of student exchange for the first three (3) years, a prearranged number of exchange students, up to ten (10) per year,
- D. fund-raising of US\$10 million dollar for joint research over the next three years,
- E. exchange of information, development of a staff training program, and
- F. publication of the Fact Book of GU8 (GU8/SEC/FS/2005/INHA).

The Third COP was held in the University of Rhode Island, USA between September 27 and 28, 2006. At the end of the Meeting, the Newport Declaration (GU8/COP3/DEC/2006-09/URI) was adopted, among others, affirming

- A. extending the Agreement of the consortium from 3 years to 5 years from the termination date of the Agreement
- B. welcoming the Fourth COP meeting at the University of Le Havre in June 2007 in conjunction with a High-Tech Conference and the Fifth COP meeting at RMIT in association with a major conference with the theme of Global Cities and Sustainability in 2008
- C. electing Dr. Robert L. Carothers, the President of the University of Rhode Island, as the Second Chair of COP for three years commencing from the April 29, 2007 with the Secretariat of Global U8 Consortium based at the University of Rhode Island as well as granting President Seoung-Yong Hong 'Honorary Chair of the COP' upon the termination of his term of office
- D. setting up an educational hub for each of the following four fields with the task of

designing and implementing joint education program: (1) Global Logistics: Graduate School of Logistics at Inha University; (2) Marine Affairs: Department of Marine Affairs at the University of Rhode Island; (3) Advanced Technology: Department of Biotechnology at Inha University; and (4) Business Administration: UW Business School at the University of Washington

- E. encouraging members of the GU8 to conduct more active and extensive research with a prime focus on global issues
- F. welcoming the first edition of *Fact Book* of member institutions developed by BACC and encouraging GU8 members to further develop and update their own information on regular basis
- G. endorsing the establishment of the Second Campus of Inha University at Songdo New Town, Incheon, allowing Inha University to take the first initiative of facilitating the Global U8 Consortium's major activity centers such as: (1) the Language Training Center; (2) Logistics Hub; (3) High-tech Hub; and (4) Marine Affairs Center
- H. Accepting a GU8 logo and symbol designed by Inha University to be used in all official GU8 activities
- I. Making a series of amendments to the Agreement of Global U7 Consortium, which changed all references from Global U7 to Global U8; altering the organization's structure to recognize the role of the Chair and Secretary-General; agreeing that the Chair of the COP should be elected for a three-year term; redefining the role of the Secretary-General; noting the change in the agreement from three to five years; and developing a mechanism for dealing with frequently absent member institutions
- J. designating a Coordinator for GU8 activities on their home campuses to facilitate meetings of institutional representatives from the Education, Research and Building Administrative Capacity Committees to monitor progress and assist in the implementation of Committee initiatives

The Second Chair of COP, President Carothers officially nominated Dr. Judy Beckman, Professor in College of Business Administration at URI as the Secretary-General and this nomination was announced in April, this year to the members of GU8.

4.2 Meetings of the Three Committees and Workshop held upto the Second COP inclusive

The followings are concerned with chronological information on hosting institutions, opening dates, and number of attendees of the steering committees, respective three committees, and workshops, including and up to the Second Cop in May 2005. In summary, total 8 meetings and two workshops were held where total 159 people attended, comprising of two steering committees; two COP

meetings; two EC meetings; one JRC meeting; one BACC meeting; and 2 workshops. The number of such events held in a very short period of one and half year was a remarkable record.

- a. 1st Steering Committee Meeting : Dec. 9-12, 2003, Jeju Island, Korea
* Attendees(20): Inha(10), URI(2), UW(1), Le Havre(3), RMIT(2), Erasmus(1), NUA(1)
- b. 2nd Steering Committee Meeting : Feb. 25-27, 2004, Xiamen University, China
* Attendees(23): Inha(6), URI(1), UW(1), Le Havre(1), RMIT(2), Haifa(1), Xiamen(10), NUA(1)
- c. 1st Council of Presidents' (COP) Meeting : April 29-May 1, 2004, Inha University and Jeju Island, Korea
* Attendees(21): Inha(8), URI(2), UW(2), Le Havre(2), RMIT(1), Haifa(1), Xiamen(3), Erasmus(1), NUA(1)
- d. 1st Joint Research Committee (JRC) Meeting : Sep. 21-23, 2004, University of Rhode Island, USA
* Attendees(10): Inha(4), URI(2), UW(1), Le Havre(1), Xiamen(1), Haifa(1)
- e. 1st Education Committee (EC) Meeting : Oct. 21-23, 2004, RMIT University, Australia
* Attendees(15): Inha(5), URI(1), UW(1), Le Havre(1), RMIT(5), Xiamen(1), NUA(1)
- f. Biotechnology Workshop : Dec. 10, 2004, Inha University, Korea
* Attendees(6): Inha(1), URI(1), UW(1), Le Havre(1), RMIT(1), Xiamen(1)
- g. Workshop on Multimodal Transportation, Logistics and the Environment : Feb. 14, 2005, Hawaii, USA
* Attendees(14): Inha(3), URI(5), UW(2), Le Havre(2), RMIT(1), Xiamen(1)
- h. 1st Building Administrative Capacity Committee (BACC) Meeting : March 14-16, 2005, Xiamen University, China
* Attendees(15): Inha(7), URI(1), UW(1), Le Havre(1), RMIT(1), Xiamen(3), Haifa(1)
- i. 2nd EC Meeting : March 14-16, 2005, Xiamen University, China
* Attendees(13): Inha(5), URI(2), UW(1), Le Havre(1), RMIT(2), Xiamen(1), Meiji(1)
- j. 2nd COP Meeting : May 26-27, 2005, Xiamen University, China
* Attendees(22): Inha(6), URI(2), UW(1), Le Havre(2), RMIT(2), Xiamen(6), Haifa(1), Meiji(2)

4.3 Official Meetings of the Three Committees and Workshops since the Second COP

The followings are concerned with chronological information on hosting institutions, opening dates, and number of attendees of the respective three committees, and workshops held since the Second COP including the Third COP in September 26-27, 2006 at URI. In summary, total four meetings and three workshops with one conference were held where total 127 people attended, comprising of one COP in conjunction with Logistics Conference; one EC meetings; one JRC meeting; one BACC

meeting; and three workshops. All the events were successfully held as planned, except Nano-Technology Workshop. But it was due in December in 2006.

- a. 2nd BACC Meeting : April 20-21, 2006, University of Washington, USA
* Attendees(9): Inha(3), URI(1), UW(3), Le Havre(1), Xiamen(1)
- b. 1st Library Workshop : April 21, 2006, University of Washington, USA
* Attendees(7): Inha(1), URI(1), UW(4), Xiamen(1)
- c. 1st Fund Raising Workshop: April 20, 2006, University of Washington, USA
* Attendees(11): Inha(1), URI(1), UW(7), Xiamen(1), Haifa(1)
- d. 2nd JRC Meeting : May 9-10 2006, University of Rhode Island, USA
* Attendees(11): Inha(2), URI(6), Le Havre(1), Xiamen(1), Haifa(1)
- e. 3rd EC Meeting : June 26-28, 2006, University of Le Havre. France
* Attendees(9): Inha(2), URI(1), UW(1), RMIT(2), Le Havre(1), Xiamen(1), Haifa(1)
- f. Fusion Technology Workshop : June 27, 2006, University of Le Havre. France
* Attendees(10): Inha(3), URI(1), UW(2), Le Havre(3), Xiamen(1)
- g. GU8 Logistics Conference : September 25-26, 2006, University of Rhode Island, USA
* Attendees(148): members(18) - Inha(5), URI(9), RMIT(1), Le Havre(1), Haifa(1)
+ participants(30)
- h. 3rd COP: September 27-28, 2006, University of Rhode Island, USA
* Attendees(22): Inha(5), URI(4), UW(1), RMIT(1), Le Havre(3), Xiamen(6), Haifa(2)

4.4 Official Meetings of the Three Committees and Workshops since the Third COP

The followings are concerned with chronological information on hosting institutions, opening dates, and number of attendees of JRC and BACC committees, and workshops held since the Third COP including the Fourth COP in June 28-29, 2007 at Univ. of Le Havre. In summary, total three meetings and two workshops with one conference were held where total 79 people attended (the number of attendees of the international symposium, 2007 and the 4th COP is estimates as of writing this report), comprising of one COP in conjunction with Advanced Technologies Symposium; one JRC meeting; one BACC meeting; and two workshops. All the events were successfully held as planned.

- a. Forum on Business Administration: October 23-24, 2006, Inha University
* Attendees(9): Inha(7), URI(1), Le Havre(1), RMIT(1), Haifa(1), Xiamen(3)
- b. 3rd JRC Meeting : April 17-19, 2006, University of Haifa, Israel
* Attendees(7): Inha(2), Haifa(2), URI(1), Le Havre(1), Xiamen(1)
- c. 3rd BACC Meeting : April 17-19, 2006, University of Haifa, Israel
* Attendees(8): Inha(2), Haifa(2), URI(2), Le Havre(1), Xiamen(1)

- d. 2nd Library Workshop : April 17-19, 2006, University of Haifa, Israel
* Attendees(4): Haifa(1), URI(1), Le Havre(1), Xiamen(1)
- e. GU8 International Conference : June 26-27, 2007, University of Le Havre, France
* Attendees(29): members(23)-Inha(10), Le Havre(10), URI(1), Xiamen(2) + participants(6)
- f. 4th COP: June 28-29, 2007, University of Le Havre, France
* Attendees(22): members(18)-Inha(4), URI(4), UW(1), RMIT(2), Le Havre(3), Xiamen(3), Haifa(1) + Observers(4)

Part II: General Evaluation of GU 8 Activities

Reviewing all the meetings and major activities of GU8 Consortium since the inception of the consortium, the Secretariat reported me that most of the plans and commitments have been implemented in right time and right place, more importantly, with dedication and strong leadership of our GU8 member universities, which I fully agree with.

Since the inception of the consortium in 2004, we have witnessed many meetings held in North America, Asia, Europe, Australia and now in France. Notable meetings among these are three presidential meetings at Inha, Xiamen and URI; three Education Committee meetings at RMIT, Xiamen and Le Havre; three Joint-Research Committee meetings at URI twice and at Haifa; and finally three Building Administrative Capacity Committee meetings at Xiamen, the University of Washington and Haifa.

In addition, the Consortium held numerous workshops and two international conferences including the one just held prior to this COP. This Fourth COP is the Consortium's 24th meeting.

In education area, we agreed to exchange ten students per university between any member institutions, therefore enabling each university to send seventy students to other member universities and also to receive seventy students from them every year. Credits are transferred between exchanging universities for the students. Furthermore, joint-degrees are being developed in the areas of global logistics, marine affairs and global MBAs.

Le Havre and Inha university started the first dual degree program in logistics area in 2003 even before the inception of the consortium. RMIT and Inha University offer dual degrees in logistics to undergraduate students with three plus one program. Master of global marine affairs program was agreed among URI, Inha and Xiamen university. Global MBA program is also agreed among URI, Le Havre, Inha and Xiamen University with the expressed participating intension of Meiji University.

Inha University's launching Graduate School of Logistics based on ten million dollars government support last year can be ascribed largely to the joint-efforts of our Education Committee. The flagship program of the school, so called 'Master of Global Logistics Management' program is truly the output of concerted and consistent efforts of the Education Committee from the very beginning.

In joint-research area, a series of workshops and conferences were held for the purpose of developing joint-research ideas and developing them into actual projects. Some workshops led to developing these ideas into fruition like joint-researches in logistics area. Some others are attempting to follow this path.

The logistics workshop in Hawaii, 2005 resulted in the development of two on-going joint-researches and one just funded new joint-research. The on-going projects have involved URI, Inha, and Le Havre and the new one will involve most of our member universities. This Hawaii workshop alone has led to developing the projects amounting to be over one million dollars.

It is noteworthy that a core researchers in our consortium had a meeting yesterday morning here to develop a global scale project. The theme is combination of logistics, security and Information Technology, aiming to study best practices and then develop global standard model eventually. Based on yesterday's meeting, they plan to prepare and host a workshop early next year in Hawaii involving most of member universities.

I hope the workshop in Hawaii next year once again can develop into much larger in budget and more global in scale projects, particularly this time underpinned by our new member, University of Hawaii.

Compared with the logistics area, however, other areas are deemed to be yet either small-scaled or dormant.

In administration area, administrative staffs and librarians were exchanged as agreed by the respective committee through short term on-the-job training, courtesy visits and language training program. But it may be fair to say that this committee's outcomes are relatively less visible and effective compared with other committees.

The expansion of the consortium by allowing Meiji University as a new member at the second COP in 2005 was thrilling, making us agreeing that we would expand into GU11 Consortium in the future.

Despite that GU8 members have striven to develop new approaches in higher education and achieved remarkable outcomes, there are still certain areas that we need to draw our attentions.

The following sections list up GU8 successful activities and ones needing more of our attentions.

1. GU8 Successful Activities

- To hold successfully regular GU8 COP and Committees' meeting more than 1 time per 1 year (2 times Steering Committee Meetings, 3 times COP meetings, 3 times EC meetings, 3 times JRC meetings and 7 times workshops and 1 international conference)
- To establish the web site of Global U7 Consortium, but we need to link with the website of each member
- To Approve the addition of Japan's Meiji Univ. and change official name into Global U8 Consortium (GU8)
- To develop Master of Global Logistics Management (MGLM) Program at Inha
- To develop double undergraduate 3+1 degree programs on logistics between Inha and RMIT, double graduate 1.5+0.5 degree program on Marine Affairs between Inha, URI and Xiamen, and Global MBA Program among URI, Inha, Le Havre, Xiamen and possibly Meiji University.
- To exchange students up to ten (10) per year among members for the first three years, but we need agree the bilateral agreements among member universities to exchange student actively
- To accept GU8 logo and a series of amendments and extend from 3 years to 5 years of the termination date of the Agreement
- To establish an Advanced Technology Task Force spearheaded by Choul-Gyun Lee of Inha Univ. and supported by nominated members from other GU8 universities, but we need to nominate members from other GU8 universities
- To set up an educational hub for each of the following four fields of study; Global Logistics - Graduate School of Logistics at Inha University, Marine Affairs - Department of Marine Affairs at University of Rhode Island, Advanced Technology - Department of Biotechnology at Inha University and Business Administration - UW Business School at University of Washington
- To hold the workshop on on Biotechnology at Inha Univ. in 2004
- To hold the workshop on Ports, Multimodal Transportation, Logistics, Security and Environmental Dimensions at Hawai'i, USA in 2005
- Workshop on Information Technology at Inha Univ. in 2006
- International Conference on National Security, Natural Disasters, Logistics and Transportation : Assessing the Risks and the Responses at URI in 2006
- Forum on Business Administration at Inha Univ. in 2006
- To exchange of all books published during the last 7 years by each GU7 university press,

lists of periodicals and databases, multimedia products and e-books and presentations from academic and research seminars

- To develop administrative capacity building programs comprising regular administrative staff workshops, administrative staff exchanges, and staff training programs
- To complete Fact Book by member universities
- To hold BACC Workshop on Library and development of fund-raising at UW in 2006
- To endorse the establishment of the Second Campus of Inha University at Songdo New Town, Incheon, allowing Inha University to take the first initiative of facilitating the Global U8 Consortium's major activity centers such as: (1) the Language Training Center; (2) Logistics Hub; (3) High-tech Hub; and (4) Marine Affairs Center

2. Activities needed more attention from members

- To invite new members and introduce Associate membership
- To regulate frequent absent members of GU8 at committee meetings, workshops and COP meetings
- To explore further possibilities regarding student mobility which would be facilitated by these activities
- To publish a researcher directory by URI, which includes a listing of research centers, names of researchers, contact information, web page links and the GU8 strategic area focused on by the researchers
- To nominate GU8 Coordinator for GU8 activities on each home campus
- To review the balance rules involving more than three students in bilateral exchanges at the end of the current Chair's term of office
- To utilize gathered data and information to prepare a roadmap of long-term research projects and detailed strategic plans
- To fund-raise from the member institutions, government agencies and industrial sectors of a ten million dollar research fund as we targeted at the 1st JRC meeting over the next three years
- To examine the feasibility of new business models for the development of university companies
- To submit the long-term strategy and development plans of each university

Part III: Recommendations for the Future Activities of GU8

In spite of the progresses, there are a few areas to which we should pay more attention for further

development of GU8 activities in the future.

First and foremost, we need to pay attention to low level of participation at GU8 activities by some members, particularly, Meiji University. Although I facilitated this new membership by meeting the President of Meiji in Japan, I learned a lesson that we should allow a new member university based on explicit presidential commitment at a COP meeting. We should develop a more formal procedure of admitting new members at this COP in this direction.

Second, we should expedite bilateral agreements among member universities to further galvanize student exchange. The Consortium concluded that each university could send and receive seventy students, per year, inbound and outbound, respectively. From the previous COPs, we also agreed that actual student exchange shall be implemented based on bilateral agreements between universities. We should take actions.

Third, we need to disseminate news and information of GU8 activities within each member university, for instance, on their websites or via newsletters. This will bring about more active interaction among member universities.

Finally, we need to support the following GU8 future meetings and workshops.

GU8 Future Plan

- A. The 4th Education Committee Meeting in November, 2007 at RMIT University
- B. Best Practice in Global Logistics workshop in January, 2008 at East-West Center, Hawai'i
- C. Marine Affairs Workshop in April, 2008 at University of Rhode Island
- D. The 4th JRC, 4th BACC Meeting on September 22-23, 2008 at University of Le Havre University
- E. Business Administration Conference in October, 2008 at Inha University
- F. The 5th COP and International Conference in 2008 at RMIT University
- G. Business Model Innovation Workshop in October, 2009 at Xiamen University

Appendix 1) Consortium's official meetings in the chronological order

Dec. 08~12, 2003	The First Steering Committee in Jeju Island, Korea
Feb. 25~27, 2004	The Second Steering Committee at Xiamen University, China
Apr. 29~May 01, 2004	The First Council of Presidents' Meeting at Inha Univ., Korea <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Establishment of Consortium and the First COP: University of Washington, University of Rhode Island, in USA; University of Le Havre, in France; Xiamen University in China; Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology University in Australia; University of Haifa in Israel ● Election Dr. Seoung-Yong Hong as the First of Council of Presidents (COP)
Sep. 21~23, 2004	The First Joint Research Committee Meeting at URI, USA
Oct. 21~23, 2004	The First Education Committee Meeting at RMIT Univ., Australia
Dec. 10, 2004	Workshop on Biotechnology at Inha University, Korea
Feb. 15~17, 2005	Workshop on Ports, Multimodal Transportation, Logistics, Security and Environmental Dimensions at Hawai'i, USA
Mar. 14~16, 2005	The First Building Administrative Capacity Committee and The Second Education Committee Meeting at Xiamen Univ., China
May. 26~27, 2005	The Second Council of Presidents' Meeting at Xiamen Univ., China <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Approval Japan's Meiji University as a new institution ● Changed the official name into the Global U8 Consortium (GU8)
Feb. 14, 2006	Workshop on Information Technology at Inha Univ. Korea
Apr. 20~21, 2006	The Second Building Administrative Capacity Committee Meeting at UW, USA
May 09~10, 2006	The Second Joint Research Committee Meeting at URI, USA

June. 26~28, 2006	The Third Education Committee Meeting and Workshop on Fusion Technology at Univ. of Le Have, France
Sep. 25~26, 2006	International Conference on National Security, Natural Disasters, Logistics and Transportation : Assessing the Risks and the Responses at URI, USA
Sep. 27~28, 2006	The Second Council of Presidents' Meeting at URI, USA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Election Dr. Robert Carothers as the 2nd Chair of Council of Presidents (COP) ● Granted Dr. Seoung-Yong Hong as Honorary Chair of COP
Oct. 23~24, 2006	Forum on Business Administration
Apr. 17~19, 2007	The Third Joint Research Committee and Building Administrative Capacity Committee Meeting at Univ. of Haifa, Israel
June. 25~26, 2007	Global U8 Consortium International Symposium on Advanced Technologies at Univ. of Le Havre
June. 25~26, 2007	The Fourth Council of Presidents' Meeting at Univ. of Le Havre
Nov. 28~30, 2007	The Fourth Education Committee Meeting at RMIT Meeting, Australia
Feb., 2008	Best Practice in Global Logistics workshop at Hawai'i, USA
Apr., 2008	Workshop on Marine Affairs at URI, USA
Sep., 22~23, 2008	The Fourth Joint Research Committee and Building Administrative Capacity Committee Meeting at Univ. of Le Havre, France
Oct., 2008	International Conference on Business Administration at Inha Univ., Korea
2008	The Fifth Council of Presidents' Meeting and International Conference at RMIT Univ., Australia
Oct., 2009	Business Model Innovation in the Global Era at Xiamen University