Promoting Student Mobility in Asia and the Pacific

An introduction to UMAP

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1. About UMAP

What is UMAP?

• UMAP is an acronym for the “Univrsity Mobility in Asia and the Pacific”.

• Initiated in 1991, it is a voluntary association of government and non-government representatives of the higher education (mainly university) sector.

• UMAP currently comprises 36 eligible countries / territories with over 570 participating universities/institutions.
Conference to Discuss Higher Education Co-operation in Asia/Pacific Region
(Canberra, Australia, 17-19 September 1991)
1. About UMAP

Organization of UMAP

UMAP Chair is Dr. Sumate Yamnoon, Former Secretary-General for then Higher Education Commission of Thailand and UMAP Ambassador Thailand is UMAP Chair Host Country from 2019 to 2020.

Toyo University, Japan, serves as the UMAP International Secretariat (IS) for 5 years (January 2016 – December 2020).
New UMAP Member Country (USA)

James Madison University

Western Washington University

(UMAP National Secretariat as of 2020)
New Member Country (Australia)

Curtin University

(UMAP National Secretariat as of 2020)
1. About UMAP

Eligible countries / territories

All accredited public and private universities/institutions in following countries/territories can participate in the UMAP Exchange Programs. Other countries can also join UMAP with the approval of the governing authority of UMAP, the UMAP Board.

**Australia** as of 2020/ Bangladesh / Brunei / Cambodia / Canada / Chile / People’s Republic of China / Ecuador / Fiji / Guam / Hong Kong / India / Indonesia / Japan / Kazakhstan / Republic of Korea / Kyrgyz/ Laos / Macao / Malaysia / Mexico / Mongolia / Myanmar / New Zealand / Papua New Guinea / Peru / Philippines / Reunion Island / Russia / Samoa / Singapore / Taiwan / Thailand / Timor-Leste / USA / Vietnam

Note: Orange shows FULL member (22 Countries/Territories as of Feb. 10th, 2020)
2. What We Do

Programs Offered by UMAP

- Program A: Multilateral Student Exchange
- Program B: Bilateral Student Exchange
- Program C: Super Short-Term Student Exchange
- Research Net: Research Collaboration Program

......and more special programs such as **UMAP Summer Program**
2. What We Do

How we operate Program A

◆ UMAP IS call for participation to Pledged institutions 4 times a year.
◆ Participating institutions offer their program through UMAP Student Connection Online (USCO) System. Participating institutions nominate their students to other participating institutions (two persons per semester).
◆ If an institution accepts more than two students, the institution is able to send an equal number of excess students from the following semester (Quota system).
◆ Tuition fee should be waived by host institutions.
◆ We recommend the use of UMAP Credit Transfer Scheme (UCTS).

Length of study abroad:
One or two semesters
3. Merit of UMAP-Scholarship-

**Japanese Government Scholarship** *(For short-term & semester-long)*
- Approx. $700/month for international inbound students in Japan under UMAP programs.
- Approx. $500-$900/month for Japanese outbound students under UMAP programs.

**Taiwanese Government Scholarship** *(For semester-long only)*
- Approx. $700/month for international inbound students in Taiwan under UMAP programs.
- Approx. $700/month for Taiwanese outbound students under UMAP programs.
UMAP-COIL Honors Program 2019
4. About UCTS

• UCTS is an acronym for the “UMAP Credit Transfer System”.
• It originally modeled ECTS, but it adopted the concept of “Asian Academic Credits” in 2013.
• UCTS is currently used for UMAP exchange programs with UMAP Study Plan form and UMAP Transcript Report.
Statistical Data

Program A&B
Number of Participating Institutions* (2011-2019)

* Participating Institutions:
Institutions that submitted their program information to UMAP-IS with the intention to accept exchange students.
Number of Participating Institutions by country/territory (2011-2019)

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Statistical Data

Program C
372 (plus 154) students in the past eight years
1. Do we have to pay membership fees? No!
2. Do we have to commit extra paper work? No!
3. Do we have to do matching? No!
4. Are our students eligible to receive credits and scholarship? Yes!