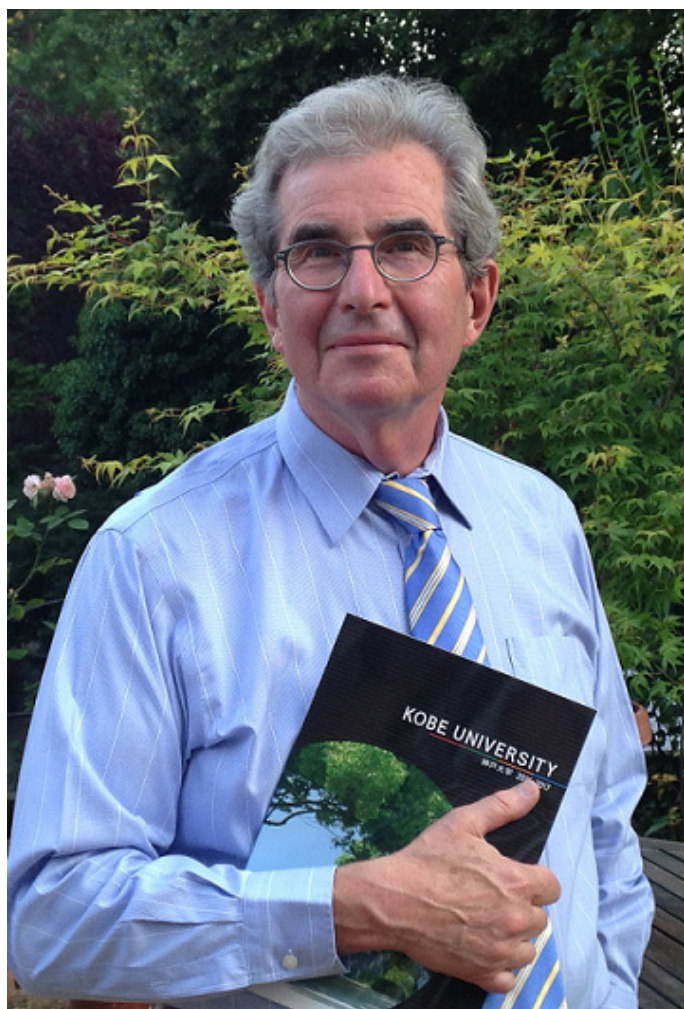


Kobe University Brussels European Centre Newsletter



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◆ NEWS

New advisor appointed to the Kobe University Brussels European Centre

Kobe University opened the Brussels European Centre (KUBEC) in September 2010 and established the Centre for EU Academic Collaboration in July 2013 to promote further exchanges with Europe. Our activities in Europe include seminars, workshops, student and scientist exchanges, joint research projects, as well as an annual high-level symposium organised at Kobe

University Brussels European Centre (KUBEC). This year's event, organised in conjunction with the Vrije Universiteit Brussel, will take place on 21 November 2017.

In February 2017, Mr. Patrick Vittet-Phillipe, formerly Head of Japan and Russia Desks at the Directorate-General for Research and Innovation, European Commission, was appointed as the new Advisor to KUBEC. As part of his previous responsibilities, Mr. Vittet-Philippe regularly presented to Kobe University the European Commission's policy for

international cooperation in research and higher education, and encouraged the University to develop its activities in Europe, particularly through participation in European research programmes.

We are looking forward to working with him in his new capacity as Advisor to KUBEC in order to reinforce Kobe University's presence in Europe. His role will include providing policy advice, supporting applications to European education and research funding schemes, helping organise outreach activities, and developing collaboration with European academic and research partners. We will continue to use our, now reinforced, Brussels European Office to promote increased cooperation in the fields of education and research between Japan, Belgium and Europe.

Comment from Mr. Patrick Vittet-Phillipe:

'I am truly delighted and honoured to have been asked to contribute to the Initiative for Excellence launched by one of the most forward-looking universities in Japan. I am impressed by Kobe University's resolute engagement in international research activities, particularly with Europe, and by its commitment to meet the challenges and expectations of 21st Century education in the global environment. Engaging in a constructive dialogue between Japan and Europe, and building innovative international partnerships represent, in my view, the best ways to develop students with a global mindset and find answers to the World's key societal challenges'.

http://www.kobe-u.ac.jp/en/NEWS/info/2017_02_28_01.html

http://www.kobe-u.ac.jp/en/NEWS/info/2016_12_20_01.html



Vice-Chancellor of the University of Essex visited Kobe University

On February 24, Professor Anthony Forster (Vice-Chancellor, University of Essex) paid a courtesy visit to President TAKEDA Hiroshi. Kobe University concluded an inter-university academic cooperation agreement with the University of Essex in May 1992 and since then the two universities have been involved in joint research projects mainly in the humanities and social sciences. The Graduate School of Law concluded a double degree programme agreement with Essex's Department of Government and sent the first cohort in 2015.



In the meeting, participants discussed the scholarship schemes of the British and Japanese governments, and Essex's international strategies in response to Brexit. Afterwards, the two heads signed the new student exchange agreement between Kobe University's Graduate Schools of Humanities, Intercultural Studies, Economics, and Law, and Essex's Faculties of Humanities and Social Sciences.

http://www.kobe-u.ac.jp/en/NEWS/info/2017_02_28_03.html

Visit to review Kobe University's international communications activities

On February 17, Mr. Stephen Gosden, former Webmaster at the European Commission Research and

Innovation DG visited Kobe University to review our international communications, focusing on website-based initiatives.

Kobe University is strengthening international communications to attract students and staff from all over the world. As part of this initiatives, new English website has launched on March 2016.

In order to enhance web-contents with suggestions from international organisations, Professor UCHIDA Kazunori (Executive Vice President in Charge of Public Relations) invited Mr. Stephen to ask for his advice based on his experience in the European Commission.

We will continue to act on advice from Mr. Gosden to enhance our international communications activities.

http://www.kobe-u.ac.jp/en/NEWS/info/2016_11_16_01.html



Visegrad Project Kick-Off Workshop held in Kraków, Poland

On May 29, Kobe University held the Visegrad Project Kick-Off Workshop titled "Prospects of Visegrad Project: Comparative Studies on Migration and Social Movements in V4 Countries, Japan and Asia" at Jagiellonian University in Kraków, Poland.

Using the Visegrad University Studies Grants, from October 2017 Kobe University is starting a course titled “The Place of V4 Countries in Europe and Japan” to study the importance of Central and Eastern Europe within the EU, links between Japan and the region, and its position in Japan.

The course is expected to be offered to exchange students from partner universities of Kobe University, and taught with cooperation from scholars in our V4 partner universities: Jagiellonian University (Poland), Eötvös Loránd University (Hungary), Comenius University in Bratislava (Slovakia), and Charles University (Czech).

This course is also planned to form part of the Kobe University Educational

Program on Current Japan, an English and Japanese-taught program focusing on current issues in Japan.

The workshop was attended by Professor INOUE Noriyuki (Executive Vice-President in Charge of International Exchange), Professor YUI Kiyomitsu (Executive Assistant to the President in Charge of International Collaboration, Executive Director of the Centre for EU Academic Collaboration) and Professor SHIRATORI Yoshihiko (Vice-Dean, Graduate School of Humanities). The attendees discussed issues including the scholars from V4 partner universities who will conduct the project, course operation, and expansion of exchange activities between Kobe University and the V4 partners.

Visegrad Project kick-off symposium will be held at Jagiellonian University

on 19 October 2017 to examine research collaboration with V4 partner universities taking opportunities to manage the Visegrad Project. Through this project, Kobe University will promote further collaboration between Japan and Central and Eastern Europe in education and research.

http://www.kobe-u.ac.jp/en/NEWS/info/2017_06_16_02.html



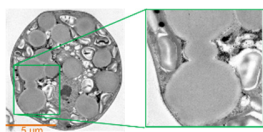
◆ Research at Kobe University (1st half of 2017)



Research at Kobe has launched!

A website focused on Kobe University research activities has opened on March 2017.

All you need to know about our research is now on the website including news, spotlight, researchers, facilities and collaboration.



- Making oil from algae – towards more efficient biofuels

http://www.kobe-u.ac.jp/research_at_kobe_en/NEWS/news/2017_01_30_01.html

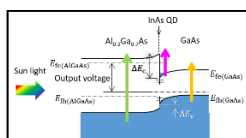
Environment, Science



- How parenting styles influence our attitudes to marriage

http://www.kobe-u.ac.jp/research_at_kobe_en/NEWS/news/2017_02_02_01.html

Social Sciences, Psychology



- Solar cell design with over 50% energy-conversion efficiency

http://www.kobe-u.ac.jp/research_at_kobe_en/NEWS/news/2017_04_21_01.html

Engineering, Technology, Energy



- New method for early screening of colorectal cancer

http://www.kobe-u.ac.jp/research_at_kobe_en/NEWS/news/2017_04_26_01.html

Medical, Life sciences

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◆ Past Events in 2017

18 May.	First Japanese Law Workshop at Kobe University Brussels European Centre(KUBEC) http://www.office.kobe-u.ac.jp/ipiep/materials/flyer20170518.pdf
10 Mar.	Global launch of investigation research on Residual information on Communication by using international network
6 Mar.	Japanse vereniging voor de studie van België Association japonaise d'études belges Japanische Vereinigung für Belgische Studien http://www.office.kobe-u.ac.jp/ipiep/materials/flyer20170306.pdf

◆ In-house seminars and workshop at KUBEC

Information on academic seminars and workshops at KUBEC can be found at:
http://www.office.kobe-u.ac.jp/ipiep/kubec/index_en.html

If you are interested in participating in those events, please contact us at
[intl-kobe_u_bxl\(a\)office.kobe-u.ac.jp](mailto:intl-kobe_u_bxl(a)office.kobe-u.ac.jp)
for further information.

◆ Social Media

Kobe University is now on Social Media!



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◆ Let us know what you think about our English website

Feedback is always welcome. Please let us know your opinion by filling in a 3-minute questionnaire about the new website: Link to [questionnaire](#)

Thank you very much for reading this newsletter. We wish you all a joyful summer holiday!

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