The Lima Declaration
University Presidents’ Meeting Peru-Japan
in
The Asian and Pacific University Presidents’ Conference

We, presidents and representatives of 21 universities and one educational institute from Peru, Japan, Canada, and the United States of America, gathered in Lima, Peru, for a two-day meeting from November 5-6, 2009 on the theme of “Human Security and the Role of Universities in the Global Society.” This theme was selected in order to facilitate discussion on issues related to the realities of the present world. We exchanged views on a wide range of topics concerning the responsibilities of educational institutions to promote the establishment of “human security” in the global society.

We recognized that at present, one of the most important roles of universities and educational institutions is to discuss and research global issues and actively tackle ways to establish “human security.” Following the principle and spirit of the Asian and Pacific University Presidents’ Conference, we formulated the following conclusions based on general consensus at the end of the conference as our commitments regarding the further cooperation of participating institutions in Peru and Japan toward establishing human security in the global society.

In order to facilitate the realization of our commitments, we shall first establish a consortium of Peruvian and Japanese universities. (The secretariat in Peru will be in Alianza Estrategica and the secretariat in Japan will be at the Head Office of International Affairs at Tokai University.) The consortium will work towards the following:

1. To establish a student exchange scheme between Latin America and Japan which will be based on the Alianza Estrategica exchange program;

2. To directly contribute to the establishment of “human security” through technology exchanges, cooperation for establishing food security, especially the safe and stable supply of food, for improving public health, for reducing the impact of climate change and for tackling environmental issues;

3. To promote and exchange prevention mitigation programs for natural disasters, such as JICA/JST’s “Global International Scientific Cooperation Program”;

4. To organize the next University Presidents’ Meeting Peru-Japan in Japan.

We express our appreciation to Alianza Estrategica (UNMSM, UNI, and UNALM) and Tokai University for organizing and hosting the University Presidents’ Meeting Peru-Japan in the Asian and Pacific University Presidents’ Conference. We also express our appreciation to Ambassador of Japan to Peru, H. E. Shuichi Megata for his contributions and for making this conference possible. In addition, he is the key catalyst promoting the official event of the 110th anniversary of the first Japanese immigration to Peru this year. The discussions from this conference shall not end here. We shall continue our fruitful dialogue and develop further cooperation in order to realize the above stated declaration.
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