

Economics and Business Project Group Session

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Representatives from KU and CMU had a round table discussion on how to continue with the international exchange possibilities for Business and Economics.

Firstly, regarding the next CMU-KU symposium, CMU is keen that KU Econ and Business send 3 participants each for the next symposium tentatively scheduled in November 2014 and hopefully joint work is presented. KU responded by promising to do its best and recruit 6 visitors from Econ (3) and Business (3). The topics of interest seemed to be Small Businesses, Retailing Business, Life of Semi-retired people, Happiness etc.

Secondly, regarding exchange of faculty, since nobody from KU Econ or Business has visited CMU yet a visit was planned. The possibility of a few lectures as visiting professors was discussed. Visits to KU are welcome but since KU does not have easy funds for visiting professors teaching to the Japanese students. The situation needs to be assessed better.

Thirdly, about the exchange of students, CMU is very keen that KU sends students for a short visit to CMU. KU will make an effort to send a group of students in August 2013 and then will try to host a visit later in the year. The CMU promises to look after the stay in Thailand but KU has to arrange the funds to pay for the stay in Takamatsu. We need to work on this problem. We will also like to include the Law Faculty students as they do not have too many possibilities of International Exchange.

Fourthly, regarding exchange of other Materials etc, there was a possibility discussed about exchange of credits. Currently this is not possible for Master's program. And only to a limited extent possible for undergraduate studies. There was also some talk about KU faculty joining the editorial board and referee panel of CMU Econ journal. It was decided to probe this further. The discussion was fruitful and was optimistic about future collaboration.