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Three Missions

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1. Creation of a world-leading research center for integrated Asian studies through international and interdisciplinary collaboration

KUASU is a center for interdisciplinary integration of research on the Asian region while maintaining the uniqueness of each research discipline. We are taking the lead in realizing the systematization and integration of Japanese studies and Asian studies in collaboration with partner universities and research institutions.

2. Global human resource development through an international collaborative program for graduate studies

The international collaborative program for graduate studies is a program that realizes the education and research supervision of graduate students through international collaboration with partner universities. Joint courses, workshops, field work, internships, and other joint undertakings are implemented. Students can carry out a part of their course work in partner universities and write their theses under joint supervision from professors from partner universities. Professors are dispatched in both directions, and course development and accreditation are carried out jointly.

3. Establishment of a common foundation for mutual understanding and problem-solving

KUASU focuses on reinforcing international ties between academic institutions to jointly explore the economic, social, and cultural diversities and commonalities among Asian countries. In particular, KUASU is laying the foundation for further international joint research activities in the Asian region. For example, KUASU is collecting, translating and sharing fundamental data sets and important research achievements published in different languages in the region, and building databases for international comparative research

For further information about KUASU and the partner universities/organizations, please refer to: [KUASU Official site](#)

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