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**Forms of academic mobility and
cooperation between universities
in Japan and Russia in modern
conditions**

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Partnership: MSU and Japanese universities

Chiba University of Commerce

Hitotsubashi University

Hokkaido University

Hosei University

Kanazawa University

Keio University

Kindai University

Meijo University

Nagoya University of Commerce and Business

Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University

Ryukoku University

Soka University

Sophia University

Tohoku University

Tokai University

Tokyo University of Agriculture and Technology

Tokyo University of Foreign Studies

University of Tokyo

University of Tsukuba

Waseda University

Yokohama National University



Forms of cooperation

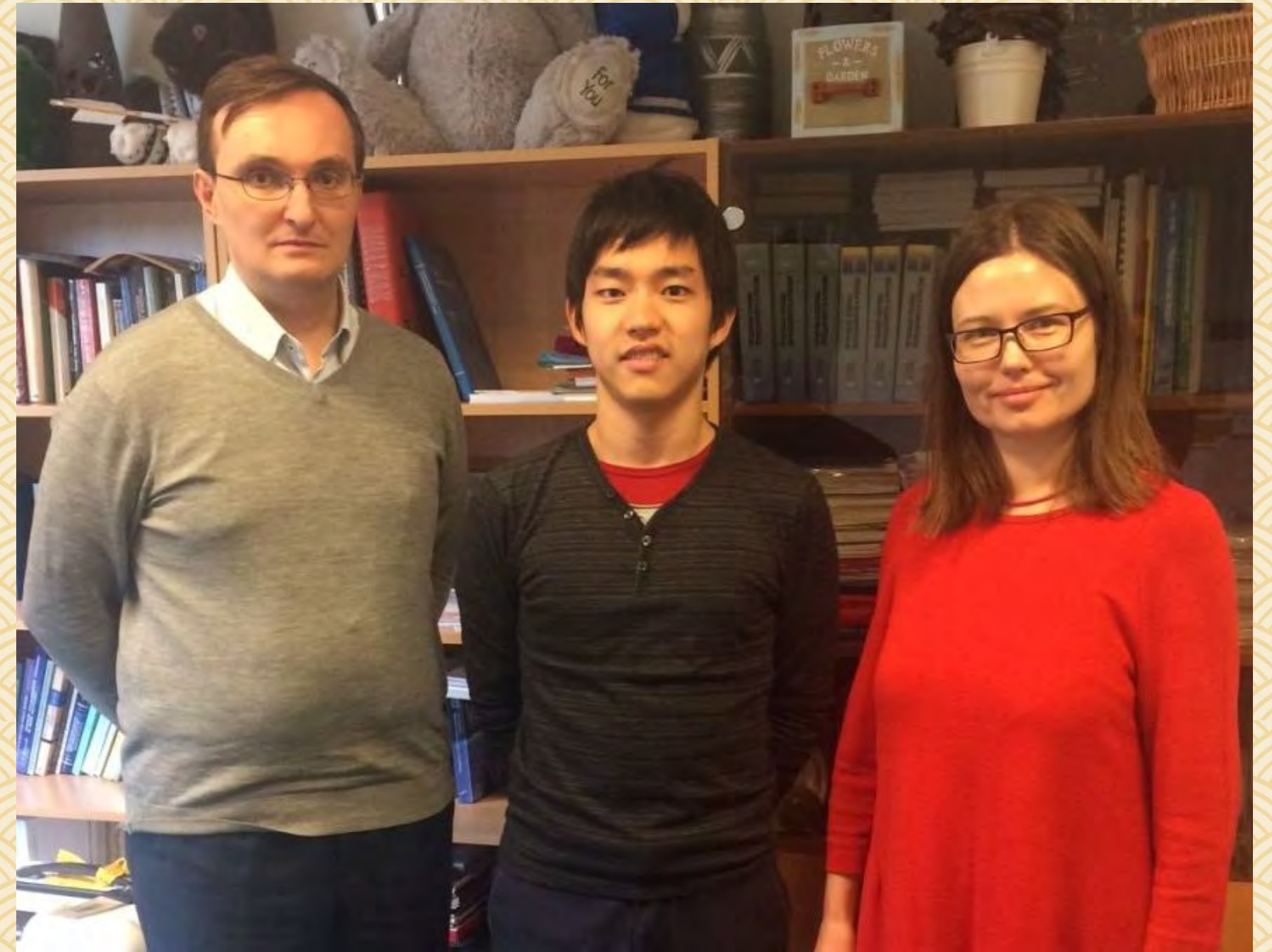
- Semester academic exchange programs for students: traditional and virtual mobility
- International study courses, internships, fieldwork and practical training
- Short term cultural and educational visits
- Summer/winter specialized schools
- Social projects
- Exchange of professors and scientists
- Joint scientific seminars and projects - a format for involving young scientists in world-class research
- Double degree programs - a format for expanding transnational education

Traditional student mobility

Semester academic exchange programs for students, STEPS programme



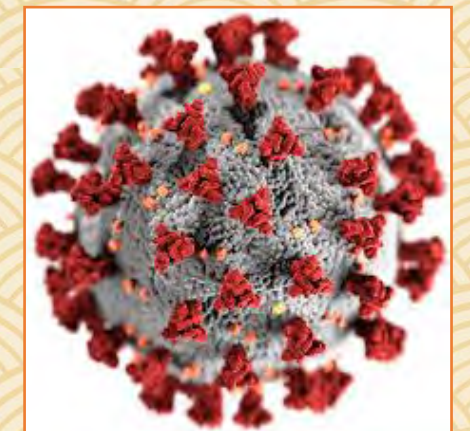
MSU student in Waseda
University



University of Tokyo student in MSU
(STEPS programme)

Virtual mobility

Flexibility to get international experience without crossing borders



COVID-19

Started in 2020 due to pandemic restrictions

Transfer of credits (academic mobility)

Challenges in transferring credits earned at a partner university

	MSU	Japanese partner university
Different number of disciplines per semester	8-12	6-8
Number of credits per course (av.)	2-6	2-3
Number of credits per semester	30	16
Understanding the meaning of credit	1 MSU credit = 45 min × 36 (total workload) Contact hours ≈ 30-50% of total workload	1 JPU credit = 50 min × 7 class meetings, self-studying workload is not considered
Credit equivalence	1 MSU credit = 1 ECTS	1 JPU credit = 1,5 ECTS

MSU Solution

■ Count for credit equivalence	1 MSU credit = 1 ECTS	1 JPU credit = 1,5 ECTS
■ Comparable set of disciplines, no more than 2-3 disciplines of academic difference		
■ Comparable content of disciplines in relation to the topics studied		
■ Relevance of the competency-based approach only in case of double degree programs		

International study courses

Joint Russian-Japanese student project in international business and international financial analysis (since 2015)



Academia: MSU Business School, Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University and Meijo University. Business: DyDO Drinco Rus, AIPRO Inc , Skylight Consulting Inc., Mitsubishi Electric, QOL Holding, TalentEx Co Ltd., Yamasan Co. Ltd., RunEdge

Internships, fieldwork and practical training

The opportunity to gain first-hand experience in conducting research or practical activities



MSU Business School MSU – Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University Fieldtrip in Russia “Doing Business in Russia” (February 2020).
The online implementation is scheduled for February 2021.

Summer/winter specialized schools

- Short-term Russian language schools
- Summer school about Russian foreign and domestic politics



- MSU Institute of Asian and African Studies
- MSU Faculty of Political Science since 2012

Short term cultural and educational visits

Fieldtrips in Japan: Japanese culture, language, business



- Students of MSU Institute of Asian and African Studies
- Students of MSU Business School

Social projects

“Hiroshima Green Legacy” project



Since 2016, MSU Business School students take part in the Green Legacy Hiroshima initiative. The students have grown saplings from the seeds of the ginkgo biloba tree that survived the Hiroshima atomic bomb, and now they are growing on the territory of Moscow State University.

Exchange of professors and scientists



Dr. Kimitaka Mazusato
(University of Tokyo) – honorary
professor of the MSU Faculty of
Politology



Dr. Alexander Raevskiy (MSU)
Visiting professor at Tohoku
University

Joint scientific seminars and projects

Exchange of young scientists and joint research schools



Visit of a group of young scientists
from the University of Tokyo
to Moscow



Visit of a group of young scientists
from MSU to the University of Tokyo



Future steps

Enablers:

- Interest in cooperation with Japanese universities is growing among Russian scientists, professors, students, and business representatives
- Possibilities of virtual exchange and interaction

Barriers:

- Physical mobility restrictions
- Need to find sources of funding

MSU plans:

- Develop all existing formats
- Unleash the full potential of virtual mobility
- Develop double degree programs



Thank you for your attention!