

Univ. Grenoble Alpes Delegation at Okayama University

— Monday 15th (月) of May – 2017

Between Univ. Grenoble Alpes* and Okayama University exchanges are already active: several Okayama University delegations to Grenoble have already been made in a recent past. Furthermore, many students are now scheduled to join scientific research teams at Okayama University: in 2017, 12 Master students from Univ. Grenoble Alpes will be at Okayama University for 3-6 months research periods from February. This student mobility is greatly facilitated by a University level framework agreement signed in 2015.



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Visits of Univ. Grenoble Alpes by Okayama U. researchers are numerous and several joint research projects are underway. As exposing students from the youngest age to International Science and Cultures is of prime importance at Okayama University, a group of high-school students from Okayama have been in Internet mediated contacts with CSI students in Grenoble from October 2016. They visited their counterparts for a 10 day trip in France from March 15th. This study visit is a part of a "Globalising" program (GSCO: <http://www.science.okayama-u.ac.jp/sakidori>) aiming at initiating high-school students to International research

and culture. Such a program, offering in particular thorough exchanges with European counterparts in Grenoble and Poitiers, practicals at top research centres in the world (ESRF for instance), and visits to top flight research centres, is probably unique world-wide.

The delegates from Grenoble were:

Professor Jeanne Duvallat : Vice President in charge of International Affairs, Grenoble INP Institute of Engineering Univ. Grenoble Alpes

Ms. Elisa Glangeaud: Head of International Affairs of Communauté Université Grenoble Alpes

Ms. Anne Fracchia: Head of the Administration of the "Collège des Ecoles Doctorales" (CED) - Communauté Université Grenoble

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The Okayama University delegation - 17 members - was headed by Pr H. Kanzaki, Vice President of International Affairs (from April 2017).

The objectives of the May-2017 visit to Okayama University were focused on:

a – strengthening the existing relationships between both Universities in terms of:

- Student mobility and in particular the related ERASMUS supports provided by the EU Commission,
- Staff exchanges,
- Joint programs in the field of Research and Education, supported by JSPS and JST in Japan and CNRS or ANR in France.

b – exploring further collaborations.

The opening address of the Monday meeting was given by Professor H. Kanzaki Vice-President of International Affairs who in particular reminded the audience of the excellence of Grenoble University and mentioned some prestigious scientists like J. Fourier of world-wide renown from the XIXth century and more recently L. Neel (Nobel Prize in Physics in 1970) and L. Benabib (Lasker award in 2014).

Mme Glangeaud, Head of the Office of International Affairs at Grenoble recalled that Okayama University is a "**privileged**" university in the development strategy to Japan of Univ. Grenoble Alpes.

Finally, Professor S-I. Yamamoto, Executive Board member of Okayama University and former Vice President of research at Okayama University delivered a brief closing address mainly reviewing the tremendous collaborative work already done between both universities and expressed his best wishes in going further deepening the relationships.

In the afternoon a visit to several high-level medical technological platforms was organised on the Shikata Campus - The Grenoble delegation was welcomed by Professors H. Nasu, Dean of the Graduate School of Medicine, Dentistry and Pharmaceutical Sciences, A. Ootsuka, Dean of the Medical school, and I. Date, Vice-Director of Okayama University Hospital. After a brief presentation given by Pr. Nasu of some of cutting-edge outcomes recently obtained by the Medical teams, the Grenoble Delegation was invited to a tour of main medical technological platforms including an introduction of the BioBank project by Assistant Professor S. Tomida.

The visit ended at 17:30

*** From left to right on the photograph

Dr. E. Uneyama

Pr. H. Kanzaki

Dr. B. Chenevier

Pr. H. Makino

Pr. J. Duvallat

Ms. E. Glangeaud

University Research Administrator - Okayama University

Vice President of International Affairs - Okayama University

Senior University Research Administrator - Okayama University

President - Okayama University

Vice-President of Grenoble INP Institute of Engineering Univ. Grenoble Alpes in Charge of International Affairs

Head of International Affairs - Communauté Université Grenoble Alpes

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Head of the College of Doctoral Schools - Communauté Université Grenoble Alpes
Vice-President of Research - Okayama University

*Univ. Grenoble Alpes is a research university which pools the multidisciplinary forces of:

- Université Grenoble Alpes,
- Grenoble INP Institute of Engineering Univ. Grenoble Alpes
- Sciences Po Grenoble School of Political Studies Univ. Grenoble Alpes
- ENSA Grenoble School of Architecture Univ. Grenoble Alpes
- Research Organisms : CEA, CNRS, Inria, Irstea, Inserm
- University Hospital : CHU Grenoble Alpes

Our institution continues to forge bonds with other academic and research departments through Communauté Université Grenoble Alpes.