



Declaration of The First JUNBA Academia Summit

The San Francisco Bay Area is a region where talented people and advanced technology from all over the world converge, capped by the world's largest concentration of venture capital. In particular, Japan has a long history of economic and cultural links with the Bay Area, which continue to grow today.

In April, 2004, Japanese national universities were reorganized as autonomous "national university corporations." As a result, they increased adoption of private-sector approaches and started employing people from outside their institutions. Private and public universities in Japan have also stepped up their international focus, leading to a dramatic increase in the establishment of Bay Area offices.

These overseas offices started working together by forming a liaison forum in the summer of 2004. Then in 2006, they formed a new organization called the Japanese University Network in the Bay Area (JUNBA). The mission of JUNBA is to encourage collaborative projects and strengthen members' relationships with both U.S. universities and industries. JUNBA aims to stimulate innovative educational, research, training and business opportunities between the U.S. and Japan.

Today, the first JUNBA Academia Summit was held to discuss international strategy in higher education, future JUNBA events and increased collaboration among JUNBA members.

JUNBA, under the authority of the Board of Directors, is dedicated to the following activities in order to achieve the mission stated above:

I. Sharing Information

JUNBA shall support internationalization activities of Japanese universities by sharing useful information while respecting the unique attributes of each member.

II. Organizing Scientific Symposia

JUNBA shall, from time to time, organize scientific symposia in order to effectively introduce the results of new and important research conducted by Japanese universities to the U.S. audiences.

III. Supporting Activities of Member Universities

JUNBA shall support member universities in their own activities such as lectures and symposia by providing information and promotional materials.

IV. Supporting Educational Activities

JUNBA shall support educational activities of each university such as English study programs, internships and Bay Area company visits by providing necessary information and resources. JUNBA shall also support students from Japan and encourage U.S. students to go to Japan.

V. Supporting Research Activities

JUNBA shall support Japan-U.S. cooperation in all fields of research by introducing new research trends and opportunities for cooperative research to both U.S. and Japanese researchers.

VI. Supporting University-Industry Cooperation

JUNBA shall support international collaboration between universities and industries by presenting Japanese universities research results and intellectual property to U.S. industries, as well as U.S. industry trends and model academia-industry relationships to Japanese universities.

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