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A New Initiative in Educational Collaboration:
"Global College Program"

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<<Abstract>>

In the context of rapidly changing higher education of the global society, international education also should change the way of thinking in development and implementation. In the past the "student exchange program" between two universities has been a traditional form of international education. To provide students with truly international education, however, we need more flexibility in the structure of the program: we ought to step forward from this binary structure and develop a multi-dimensional one under the auspices of partner universities.

The "Global College program" operates a joint education program formed from an education cooperation consortium of strategically selected partner schools (participant schools) with which there was already a foundation of prior exchanges. The global college is not the establishment of a college, but rather an arrangement wherein participant schools each offer courses and allow others to use their study abroad programs in order to jointly arrange and co-own several international education programs as a common software for participant schools to utilize. This is a rich curriculum composed of traditional face-to-face semester and year courses, summer term focused courses, on-demand courses, and long/short-term study abroad programs. Planned educational content includes global issues: historical/cultural/business and other courses from specialized fields; academic skills; logical thinking skills and methodology. The global college established subject courses will be accepted as a shared credit regardless of the location or method of completion. If all requirements are satisfied, proof of completion and/or degrees will be conferred.