Welcome Address from the Chairman

Yoji SATO

Chairman of Eurasia Foundation (from Asia)

I am Yoji Sato, Chairman of the Eurasia Foundation. Ladies and gentlemen, welcome to the "Eurasia Convention Bangkok 2023". The Covid-19, which lasted for almost three years, prevented us from holding the convention. After four years since the last convention in Seoul in August 2019, it is with great pleasure to see both new and familiar faces here in Bangkok and I would like to congratulate you all on your good health and wellbeing.

This convention was made possible by the full cooperation of members at Thai-Nichi Institute of Technology. We would like to express our sincere thanks to them. Thank you very much.

I also would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude towards professors who addressed us at the opening ceremony and to all the presenters at this convention.

How has the Covid-19 situation that the world has faced for the last three years changed and affected you? And how do you perceive those years? Before the pandemic, we travelled across the world and visited universities to give a lecture in person. After the COVID-19 outbreak, such our activity had to stop completely. However, with the efforts of the professors in charge, the classes at each university were conducted online and successfully completed almost same as in previous years. I would like to thank them again for their efforts.

Over the past three years, the world seems to have accelerated its trend. Unfortunately, the war in Ukraine has been going on for more than a year. In this context, the balance of power in the world seems to have changed significantly.

While G7 countries are actively working on sanctions against Russia, there are countries, mainly BRICS countries (Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa), that do not participate in the sanctions. As many as approximately 120 countries in the world seemed to have joined them: about 20 Arab League countries, Iran, Syria, and Türkiye, for instance. Moreover, African countries, Latin America, Central Asia, South-East Asia, etc. Such current situation in the world could lead to a major change of the world economic order, with the US dollar as the key currency. After three years of Covid-19, the world economic system appears to be going through significant changes.

Furthermore, there is an idea called globalism advocated mainly by Professor Klaus Schwab, who hosts the World Economic Forum. The aim of this globalism is the establishment of a unified world politics. In contrast, antiglobalist movements have been active in the last three years.

The Foundation does not take the position which sides is right or wrong. Our purpose is to provide a platform where both sides can present their views.

What is important for the future is for young university students to be able to listen to each opinion of the argument, and to be able to make their own considered decisions about the future. However, we hope that in the future, all people in the world will aspire to a world 'free from war, free from poverty, free from disease and free to enjoy life'. That is also the goal of the Foundation.

What was in your mind during the three years of Covid-19?

We hope that you will enjoy meeting friends, old and new, for the two days. The Foundation has no boundaries between all expertise area. Our activities are supported by the passion and cooperation of professors from all disciplines. We thank you all for your efforts.

Next, I would like to give you a brief report on the current status of the Foundation's activities in the form of charts.

2023 年 7 月 31 日 理事長 佐藤洋治

ユーラシア財団理事長の佐藤です。皆さん、ようこそ「ユーラシア・コンベンション・バンコク 2023」にご参加くださいました。約3年間続いたコロナによって、コンベンションの開催ができませんでした。2019年8月のソウルのコンベンション以来、4年目にして、ここバンコクにて開催することができました。懐かしい皆様と再会することができ、とても嬉しい気持ちでいっぱいです。皆様が元気で健康であることに、心よりお喜び申し上げます。

今回のコンベンションは泰日工業大学の皆様の全面的な協力により開催できました。泰日工業大学の皆様方には、心より厚くお礼申し上げます。 誠にありがとうございました。

さらに開会式にて、ご挨拶をいただきました先生方、そして今回のコンベンションにおいて発表される全ての先生方に心より感謝を申し上げます。

今回世界が直面した、約3年間のコロナの状況は、皆様にとってどのような変化と影響があったでしょうか? そして、今回のコロナの約3年間をどのように受け止めていますか?

当財団においては、コロナの期間中は移動ができませんでした。しかし、 オンラインによって授業をすることができ、各大学における当財団の授業 は、例年と変わることなく進めることができました。担当された先生方の 努力の賜物であるといえます。先生方の努力に感謝いたします。

この3年間、世界はその流れを加速したように見えます。残念なことに、 ウクライナにおける戦争は1年以上続いています。そのような中におい て、世界のパワーバランスは大きく変化しているように思います。

ロシアに対する制裁について、主として G7 の国々が積極的に取り組んでいる一方、制裁に参加しない国々が表面に出てきました。特に BRICS (ブラジル、ロシア、インド、中国、南アフリカ) を中心とする国々です。そこに加わる多くの国々。例えば、約 20 カ国のアラブ連盟とイラン、シリア、トルコ等の国々です。さらにアフリカ諸国、中南米、中央アジア、東南アジア等。世界約 120 カ国になります。このような世界の現状は、アメ

リカのドルを基軸通貨とする世界の経済秩序が、大きく変化しようとしています。コロナの3年間を経て、世界の経済システムが大きく変化してゆくように見えます。

さらに世界経済フォーラムを主催するクラウス・シュワブ教授を中心とする考え方、すなわちグローバリズムです。そのグローバリズムの目指すところは、世界統一政府の樹立です。それに対して、反グローバリズムの動きもこの3年間にそれぞれ活発に動いています。財団はどちらが正しくて、どちらが間違いであるという立場ではありません。どちら側の意見も発表できるプラットフォームでありたいと考えています。

未来に向けて大切なことは、若い大学生の皆さんが、どちら側の意見も聞くことができ、そして熟慮した上で、それぞれ未来を決定していくことだと考えます。

ただし、世界中の人々が未来において、「戦争がない、貧困がない、病気がない、そしてより自由に生活を楽しめる」世界を目指してほしいと願っています。そのことは、財団の目標でもあります。

コロナの3年間、皆様はどんなことを考えていらっしゃいましたか? 皆様におかれましては、この2日間、旧知の方々並びに新しく参加され た方々との出会いを積極的に楽しんでいただけましたら幸いです。

この財団には、あらゆる専門分野の垣根はありません。あらゆる分野の 先生方の情熱と協力により、この財団の活動が支えられています。すべて の先生方のご努力に感謝します。ありがとうございます。

次に財団の活動の現状を図表により簡単に報告させていただきます。

Foundations' activities and for the future

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Eurasia Foundation (from Asia)



Past Conventions

| Date(s) | Location (Cooperating University) | No. of Participants (Country/Region) | | | | |
|--|---|--|--|--|--|--|
| July 1 st , 2011 | Tokyo | 300 (7), 35 Universities etc | | | | |
| July 6 th -7 th , 2012 | Incheon (Incheon National University) | 350 (15), 70 Universities | | | | |
| March 22 nd -23 rd , 2013 | Bandung (Indonesia University of Education) | 280 (14), 74 Universities | | | | |
| August 1 st -2 nd , 2014 | Jeju (Jeju National University) | 580 (29), 200 Universities | | | | |
| July 31 st -August 1 st , 2015 | Shanghai (Fudan University) | 600 (30), 240 Universities | | | | |
| 5 th -6 th August, 2016 | Phnom Penh (Royal University of Phnom Penh) | 600 (31), 250 Universities | | | | |
| August 4 th -5 th , 2017 | Nagoya (Aichi University) | 600 (30), 300 Universities | | | | |
| August 3 rd -4 th , 2018 | Hanoi (Vietnam National University Hanoi, University of Languages and International Studies) | 650 (31), 300 Universities | | | | |
| August 5 th -6 th , 2019 | Seoul (Konkuk University) | 650 (32), 325 Universities | | | | |
| 2020,2021,2022 Postponed | | | | | | |
| July 31 st -August 1 st , 2023 | Bangkok (Thai-Nichi Institute of Technology) | 600 (36), 320 Universities | | | | |
| | July 1 st , 2011 July 6 th -7 th , 2012 March 22 nd -23 rd , 2013 August 1 st -2 nd , 2014 July 31 st -August 1 st , 2015 5 th -6 th August, 2016 August 4 th -5 th , 2017 August 3 rd -4 th , 2018 August 5 th -6 th , 2019 | July 1st, 2011 Tokyo July 6th-7th, 2012 Incheon (Incheon National University) March 22nd-23rd, 2013 Bandung (Indonesia University of Education) August 1st-2nd, 2014 Jeju (Jeju National University) July 31st-August 1st, 2015 Shanghai (Fudan University) 5th-6th August, 2016 Phnom Penh (Royal University of Phnom Penh) August 4th-5th, 2017 August 3rd-4th, 2018 Hanoi (Vietnam National University Hanoi, University of Languages and International Studies) August 5th-6th, 2019 Seoul (Konkuk University) 2020,2021,2022 Postponed | | | | |

Current Status of the Subsidized Course

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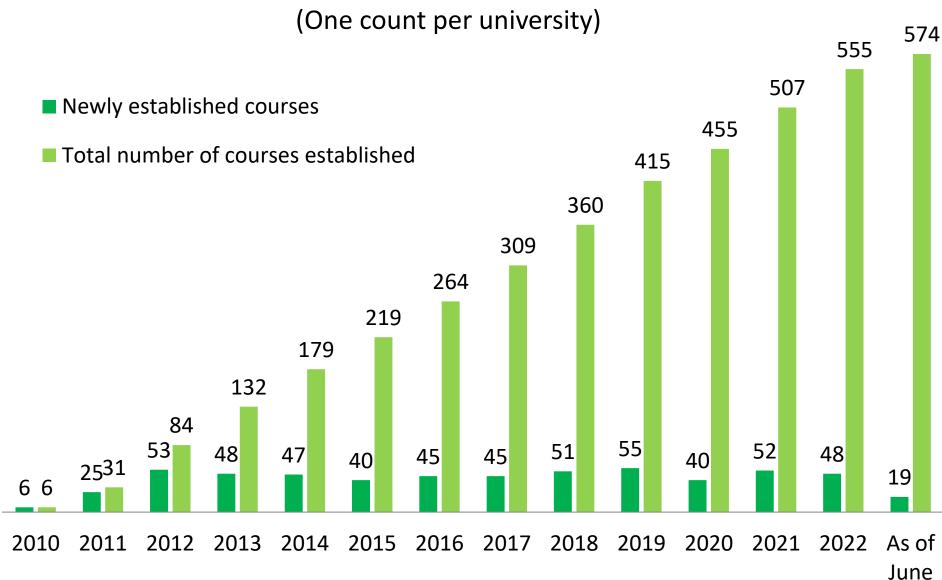
| Country / Region | Started | Prep | Country / Region | Started | Prep | Country / Region | Started | Prep |
|------------------|---------|------|------------------|---------|------|------------------|---------|-------|
| Japan | 77 | 45 | Pakistan | | 1 | Germany | 1 | 1 |
| South Korea | 101 | 15 | Bangladesh | 1 | 1 | Austria | 1 | |
| China | 201 | 24 | Laos | 5 | | Finland | 1 | |
| Hong Kong | 5 | 2 | Bhutan | | 1 | Denmark | 1 | |
| Macau | 1 | 1 | Kyrgyz | 7 | | Russia | 2 | |
| Taiwan | 28 | 4 | Kazakhstan | 9 | 1 | Ukraine | 1 | |
| North Korea | | 1 | Turkmenistan | | 1 | Poland | 2 | 1 |
| Singapore | 1 | 2 | Uzbekistan | 1 | 2 | Hungary | 2 | |
| Thailand | 5 | 4 | Tajikistan | | 4 | Belarus | | 1 |
| Mongolia | 4 | 5 | Australia | 5 | 1 | Slovenia | 1 | |
| Vietnam | 6 | 2 | New Zealand | 2 | | Bulgaria | 1 | |
| Myanmar | | 4 | USA | 17 | 2 | Lithuania | 1 | |
| Nepal | | 2 | Canada | 3 | | Turky | 4 | 2 |
| Philippines | | 3 | Mexico | | 1 | Egypt | | 1 |
| Cambodia | 31 | 3 | UK | 2 | 2 | Congo | 1 | |
| Indonesia | 16 | 4 | France | 2 | 2 | Morocco | 1 | |
| East Timor | 1 | | Spain | 7 | | Ecuador | 1 | |
| India | 4 | 4 | Portugal | 2 | | Kenya | 1 | |
| Malaysia | 2 | 1 | Ireland | 1 | | Sub Total | 574 | 151 |
| Sri Lanka | 2 | | Italy | 3 | | Total (58) | 725 | Univ. |

(As of June 2023)

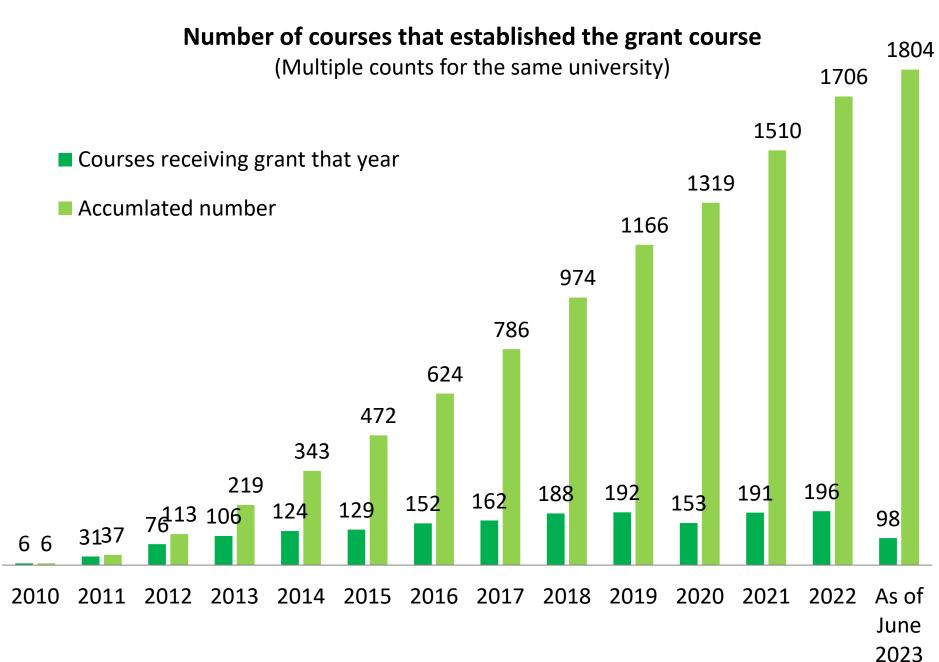
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Number of universities that established the grant course



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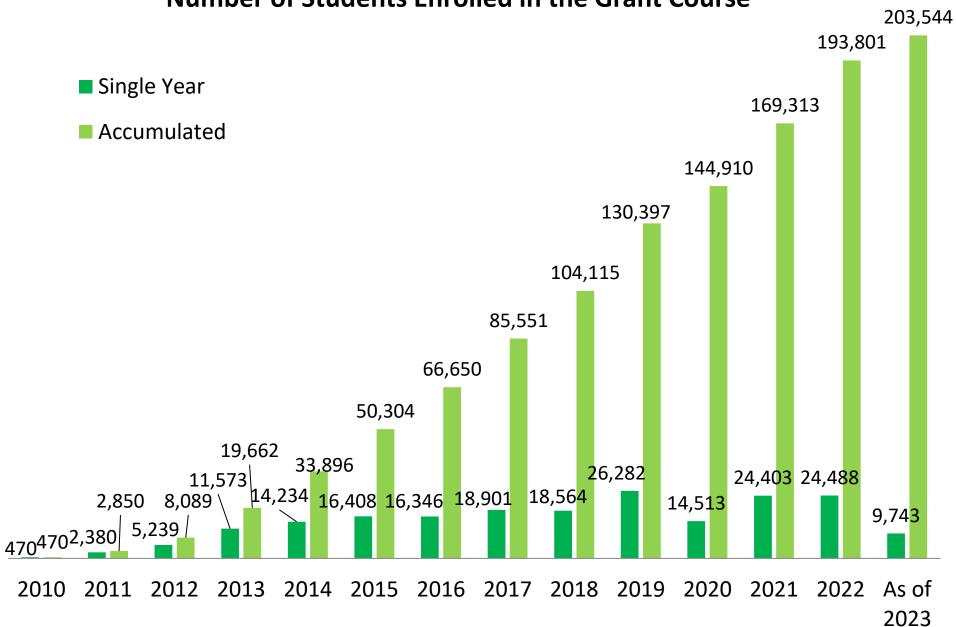
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Total number of universities established by year 1-10

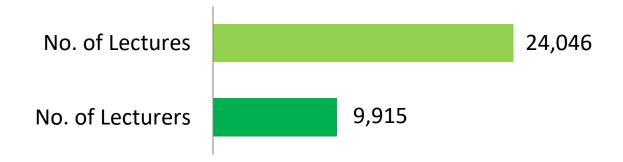
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| Year | Approved Number | | | |
|-----------------------|-----------------|--|--|--|
| 1st Year | 574 | | | |
| 2 nd Year | 425 | | | |
| 3 rd Year | 266 | | | |
| 4 th Year | 172 | | | |
| 5 th Year | 123 | | | |
| 6 th Year | 88 | | | |
| 7 th Year | 61 | | | |
| 8 th Year | 42 | | | |
| 9 th Year | 31 | | | |
| 10 th Year | 22 | | | |
| Total 1804 | | | | |

Number of Students Enrolled in the Grant Course



Lecturers Participated (As of June 2023)



Related Publications:

(Publications in Japanese, English, Korean, Indonesian and Russian etc.)

