

March 6, 2014

International Connections Faculty Grant Proposal  
**Establishing Official Exchange with Kanazawa University in Japan**  
Kiri Lee, Associate Professor, MLL/Director, Asian Studies Program  
(Expected Trip Dates: October or November 2014)

**Professional and personal goals:**

My Goal with this proposal is to develop an official exchange with Kanazawa University (KU: <http://www.kanazawa-u.ac.jp/e/>), in Japan, based on the connections we already have through my professional exchanges with Dr. Mariko Saiki, who is a faculty member there. I met Dr. Saiki in a linguistics conference in 2004. Since then, I have visited KU and given lectures several times. My most recent visit was in summer of 2013 when I conducted a field research in sociolinguistics by interviewing both Japanese and international KU students. Dr. Saiki had a chance to visit Lehigh briefly in Fall 2012. Also my students in the Japanese language program have participated in Kanazawa University Short-Stay program in the past two winters. I would like to use some of my time (while on sabbatical in fall 2014) to discuss logistics to pursue this goal with faculty members and administrators at KU.

**Expected outcomes:**

Short-term:

- Undergraduate student exchange.

For Lehigh students who study the Japanese language, particularly those who are majoring in science and engineering find it very difficult to do study abroad. KU offers a winter short-stay program in Japanese language and culture for three weeks, which turns out to be a big success among such students. In the past two winters, of five students who have participated in this program, three were Engineering majors, and one was double-majoring in Physics and Asian Studies. I have been personally facilitating this exchange with the study abroad office at KU, but it would serve Lehigh students better if Lehigh Study Abroad Office is officially involved.

KU students are strongly encouraged to study abroad also. Lehigh can offer a short-stay program in ESL. In fact Lehigh already offers the intensive, academic English as a second language program (StepUp) during the summer, and this program can be easily customized to fit KU students' need. I have already discussed this possibility with Dr. Tim Cauller in the ESL program, and he enthusiastically supports it.

Long-term:

- Undergraduate student exchange.

Upon the establishment of official exchange, undergraduate students at Lehigh and KU can spend one semester/year at each other's campus freely. Unlike present exchange sites in Japan, such as Kansai Gaidai University or Temple University Japan, Kanazawa University is a comprehensive university with a prestigious medical school, and they offer wide-ranging courses in English. Therefore, not only students in humanities and social science, but students in science and engineering will have an option to do a semester/year-long study

abroad. They can especially take advantage of KU's study abroad program for science and engineering students such as KUSEP-SE, which is only available for their partner schools. Likewise, KU students can take advantage of our course offerings in CAS, CBE, and College of Engineering.

- Faculty and Graduate students research exchange.

Lehigh and KU can develop research exchanges at the faculty and graduate students' level. In 2003, Dr. Takahiro Kiwata of Kanazawa University spent the fall semester at Lehigh working with Prof. Donald Rockwell in Mechanical Engineering. Based on his experience, Dr. Kiwata will help me identify more areas where faculty exchange is possible. Also, faculty members and graduate students in Psychology department will benefit from having a research site in Japan to collect data from Japanese speakers in their cross-language studies. I am well-aware of such needs through serving in thesis/dissertation committees in Psychology. KU faculty members in fields such as linguistics, psychology, language education can also use LU for data collection from English speakers. During my visit at KU, I will explore more possible research exchanges and faculty collaborations.

**Pre-trip Planning & Professional Contacts:**

Dr. Mariko Saiki, Professor, International Student Center, Kanazawa University  
 Dr. Takahiro Kiwata, Professor, College of Science & Engineering, Kanazawa University

I have already had several discussions with Dr. Saiki and Dr. Kiwata since I was at KU last summer. They are supporting my visit for this proposed purpose, and will be the point persons to facilitate meetings with appropriate people. See attached for their endorsements.

**Expected Follow-up:**

I will submit a report in a timely manner, and discuss necessary steps with the OIA officials to formalize the Lehigh-Kanazawa exchange.

**Proposed Budget:**

Item	Amount (USD)
Airfare: Newark-Komatsu round trip economy airfare	\$1,800
Ground transportation: transportation to Newark Airport	\$ 100
Japan Rail Pass (28,300yen for one-week)	\$ 300
Lodging: For 10 nights in Kanazawa (\$100/night with breakfast)	\$1,000
Meals: \$50/day for 10 days	\$ 500
Total:	\$3,700



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March 4th 2014

Dear Professor Kiri Lee,

It was very nice to see you again last July in Kanazawa.

As you know, I had a wonderful time doing my research in Mechanical Engineering with Prof. Donald Rockwell in 2003 at Lehigh University. It is a great idea to expand our connections and explore the possibility of establishing the official exchange.

I will be happy to be a contact person when you visit this October/November.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "T. Kiwata".

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March 5, 2014

Dear Professor Kiri Lee,

It is my great pleasure to serve as a contact person to develop the official exchange with Lehigh University. I have already talked to my colleagues about your prospective visit and we are all delighted about the chance to invite you again to our university.

On your visit to Kanazawa University, I will coordinate and arrange meetings with both our faculty and staff members based on your purposes. In particular, I would like to introduce you to the details of the Exchange Program for Students in Science and Engineering (KUSEP-SE) during your visit. This is a program encouraging participation of students in the fields of science/engineering from our partner universities. I would also like to discuss with you the possibility of further participation of Lehigh students to the Kanazawa University Short-Stay Program (KUSS).

Kanazawa University has been benefitted so much from your previous visits. We are all looking forward to your return in the coming fall semester.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mariko Saiki' in a cursive style.

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