



General Objectives of the Project

The EU Institute in Japan, Kansai (*EUIJ-Kansai*), a consortium formed by Kobe University (coordinating university), Kwasei Gakuin University and Osaka University, was established on 1 April 2005 with financial support from the European Commission, for the purpose of strengthening ties between Japan and the EU by promoting educational and academic interactions, enhancing public relations and sending out information.

Amid the accelerated speed of EU integration, and the increasingly enhanced role of the EU around the world, the understanding of the EU among the Japanese public, however, has not yet reached a satisfactory level.

Considering the importance of these activities, we are proud to launch *EUIJ-Kansai's* Phase-II on 1 April 2009, expanding our operations by concluding cooperation agreements with the Institute of Economic Research, Kyoto University and Kansai University.

The *EUIJ-Kansai* intends to develop the following broad activities:

To become an EU educational and academic centre

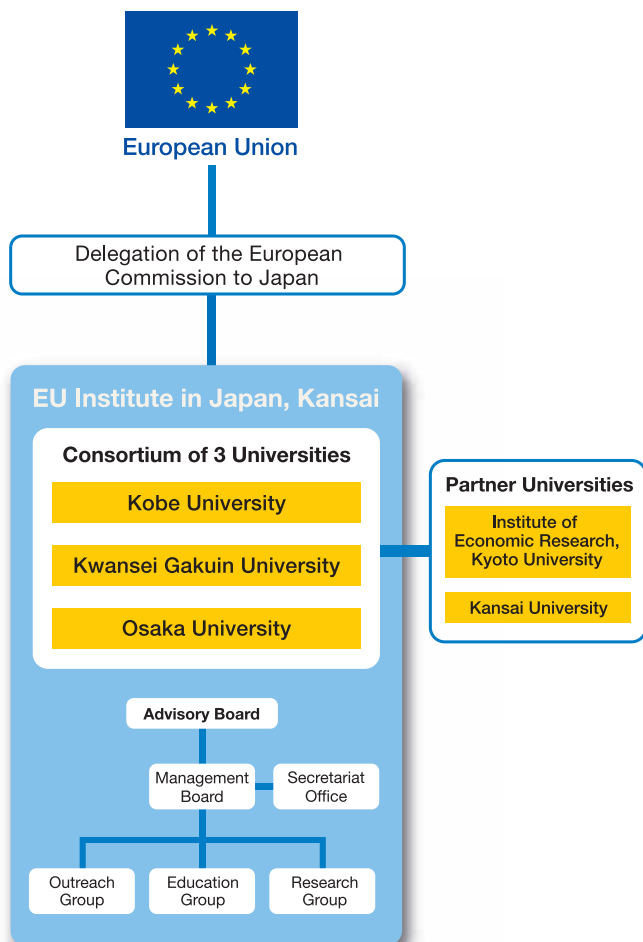
Offering new EU-related courses and an extensive credit-transfer among the three universities, the *EUIJ-Kansai* awards Certificates to students who have successfully completed the stipulated EU courses. The *EUIJ-Kansai* also encourages academic exchanges with European universities and institutions, offering scholarships for students, inviting professors from the EU Member States, conducting joint researches, and organising EU-related seminars and international conferences.

To become a source of EU information

In close collaboration with the Delegation of the European Commission to Japan, the *EUIJ-Kansai* collects useful information, and widely distributes them not only to universities but also to the general public and elementary, junior-high and high school students by utilising the *EUIJ-Kansai* website and other various programmes.

To promote EU outreach activities

Open public seminars and business seminars on general subjects of the EU issues, such as the dynamics of the EU integration, its legal and institutional aspects, and economic, social and cultural aspects of the EU Member States, are conducted by the members of the *EUIJ-Kansai* and the partner universities.



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