

## Main Events

2002	6	First AC21 International Forum: <i>The University – Architect of the New Century</i> , Nagoya University
2003	10	First Steering Committee, Nagoya University
2004	7	Second AC21 International Forum: <i>Universities, Cities and Society in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century</i> , University of Sydney Second Steering Committee, University of Sydney First General Assembly, University of Sydney
2005	7	Third Steering Committee, Nagoya University First Student World Forum: <i>The Co-existence of Nature and Humans</i> , Nagoya University
2005	10	Symposium: <i>Sustainable Urban Transport and City – Technologies and Policies for Long-Term Planning and Expo 2010</i> , Tongji University
2005	11	Nagoya University Shanghai Forum: <i>International Academic Exchange</i>
2006	7	Third AC21 International Forum: <i>Global Education – Universities in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century</i> , University of Warwick Fourth Steering Committee, University of Warwick Second General Assembly, University of Warwick
2007	7	Second Student World Forum: <i>Sustainable Cities</i> , Ecole Nationale des Ponts et Chaussées
2007	10	Fifth Steering Committee, Nagoya University AC21 International Symposium: <i>Quality and Evaluation in Higher Education</i> , Nagoya University
2007	11	Symposium: <i>Nagoya University-Shanghai Jiao Tong University International Conference for Research Exchange on Environmental Studies</i> , Nagoya University
2008	7	Fourth AC21 International Forum: <i>University Partnerships: Global Collaboration and Innovation for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century</i> , North Carolina State University Sixth Steering Committee, North Carolina State University Third General Assembly, North Carolina State University
2009	6	Third Student World Forum: PRODUCTION-Meeting the Global Challenges, Chemnitz University of Technology
	10	Seventh Steering Committee Meeting, Nagoya University
2010	10	Fifth AC21 International Forum: <i>Competition and Cooperation Among Universities in the Age of Internationalization</i> , Shanghai Jiao Tong University Eighth Steering Committee Meeting, Shanghai Jiao Tong University Fourth General Assembly Meeting, Shanghai Jiao Tong University
2011	5	Fourth Student World Forum, Chulalongkorn University Ninth Steering Committee Meeting, Chulalongkorn University
2012	6	Sixth AC21 International Forum, University of Adelaide Tenth Steering Committee Meeting, University of Adelaide Fifth General Assembly, University of Adelaide
2013	(TBA)	Fifth Student World Forum, Tongji University
2014	(TBA)	Seventh AC21 International Forum, Stellenbosch University
2015	(TBA)	Sixth Student World Forum, University of Strasbourg

## Organization

### Member Institutions/General Assembly

Chemnitz University of Technology (Germany) \*  
Chulalongkorn University (Thailand) \*  
Gadjah Mada University (Indonesia)  
Huazhong University of Science & Technology (P.R. China)  
Jilin University (P.R. China)  
Kasetsart University (Thailand)  
Nagoya University (Japan) \*  
Nanjing University (P.R. China)  
National University of Laos (Laos)  
North Carolina State University (U.S.A.) \*  
Northeastern University (P.R. China)  
Peking University (P.R. China)  
Shanghai Jiao Tong University (P.R. China) \*  
Stellenbosch University (South Africa)  
Tongji University (P.R. China)  
University of Adelaide (Australia) \*  
University of Freiburg (Germany)  
University of Minnesota (U.S.A.)  
University of Strasbourg (France)  
University of Sydney (Australia) \*

\*Steering Committee Members

### AC21 Partners

Advantage West Midlands  
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CHUBU Electric Power Co., Inc  
ITOCHU Corporation  
NGK Insulators, LTD.  
Toyota Motor Corporation

### General Secretariat

Nagoya University, AC21 Office

### Membership

Membership is open to research-led universities with a commitment to the principles of AC21, an engagement as demonstrated by having university-wide exchange agreements with two or more existing members, and the motivation to contribute to AC21 events and activities. Organisations, both public and private, sharing this commitment, are invited to join AC21 as partners. Enquiries with regard to membership/partnership should be made to the AC21 General Secretariat at [office@ac21.org](mailto:office@ac21.org)

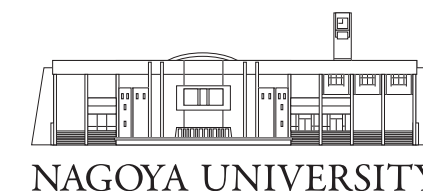


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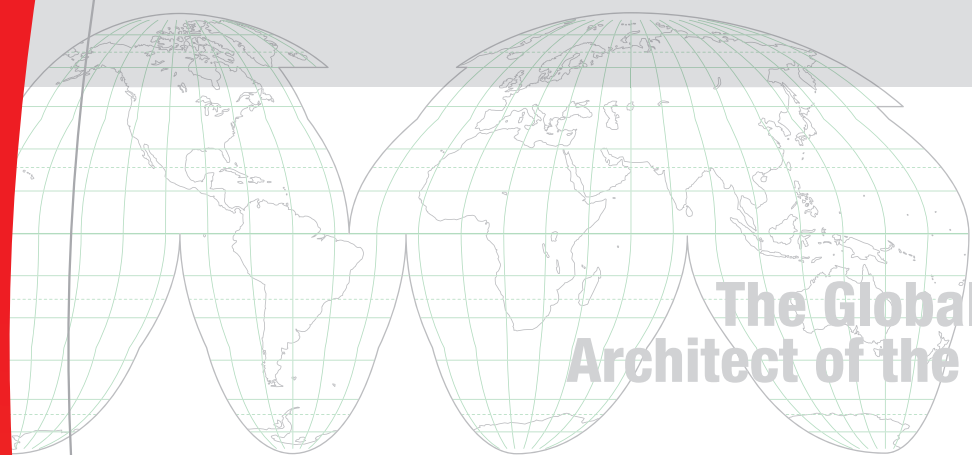
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# AC21

## The Global University – Architect of the New Century

An international partnership of leading research universities committed to innovation in education, research and academic governance through collaborative action.

<b>Australia</b>	University of Adelaide University of Sydney
<b>China</b>	Huazhong University of Science and Technology Jilin University Nanjing University Northeastern University Peking University Shanghai Jiao Tong University Tongji University
<b>France</b>	University of Strasbourg
<b>Germany</b>	Chemnitz University of Technology University of Freiburg
<b>Indonesia</b>	Gadjah Mada University
<b>Japan</b>	Nagoya University
<b>Laos</b>	National University of Laos
<b>South Africa</b>	Stellenbosch University
<b>Thailand</b>	Chulalongkorn University Kasetsart University
<b>United States</b>	North Carolina State University University of Minnesota



The Global University – Architect of the New Century

The Academic Consortium for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century (AC21) was established on June 24, 2002 at the International Forum 2002 hosted by Nagoya University, Japan. The Forum brought together the presidents and high-ranking delegations from twenty-five of the world's leading education and research institutions, and resulted in the founding of a new and vigorous global partnership in higher education, "Academic Consortium 21".

The principal theme of the inaugural forum, "The Role of Universities in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century", continues to guide AC21's activities to this day. In an era of continuous change, we believe that institutions of higher education must take the initiative in responding to the rapidly transforming needs of society, and that an international university network, with its common pool of knowledge, expertise and experience, comprises the optimum means to accomplish this. As demonstrated by the scale of our projects and activities, AC21 is firmly committed to contributing to the global knowledge sector.



5<sup>th</sup> International Forum (Shanghai, Oct. 2010)



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## AC21 Activities

AC21 considers itself a dynamic consortium. Our mission fosters collaboration amongst members through the following forums, activities and projects.

### 1 Governance

- Steering Committee (STC)/General Assembly (GA)**  
 Convening annually, the Steering Committee acts as the executive branch of the General Assembly. It develops and reviews the strategic direction and implementation of AC21 policies and collaborative projects, reporting the results to the General Assembly. General Assembly meetings are held biennially, and involve all AC21 member institutions.



4<sup>th</sup> General Assembly (Shanghai, Oct. 2010)



8<sup>th</sup> Steering Committee (Shanghai, Oct. 2010)

### 2 Collaboration in Research & Education

- International Forums**  
 Held every two years, international forums provide members with the opportunity to reassess the role of higher education in society through the staging of keynote addresses by prominent public figures, presentations and panel discussions. These forums are complemented by more specialised 'parallel' sessions and workshops, which enable representatives from member institutions to present on and discuss the latest developments in areas of research, technology and international education.
- Research Projects**  
 Support for research networking amongst AC21 members is offered through the provision of funding and resources, which aim at developing and sustaining collaborative projects. The AC21 Special Project Fund (ACSPF), launched in 2009, endeavours to promote research and educational exchanges between member institutions.



3<sup>rd</sup> Student World Forum (Chemnitz, June 2009)

- Workshops**  
 Workshops serve as knowledge creators and foster the professional development of faculty members and staff. AC21 keenly supports such platforms, thus far sponsoring international symposia in environmental studies and urban planning.

### 3 Initiatives for Students

- Student World Forums**  
 Biennial conferences at which students from member institutions are invited to exchange ideas on issues of international concern. The conferences facilitate international friendship, encourage students to develop a global mindset, and strengthen the AC21 network. Past Student World Forums have tackled human co-existence with nature, the sustainability of cities and competition and cooperation among universities in the age of internationalization.



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### 4 Industry- Academia-Government Collaboration

- The ploughing back into society of research results comprises one of the most important social responsibilities of universities. AC21, taking advantage of its international network, seeks to facilitate collaboration between academia, industry and government at the global level. Current plans envisage the transfer of information, technology, licensing of patents, joint and commissioned research, as well as the setting up of business enterprises with interested member institutions and their business networks.



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