



# Overseas Liaison Offices and International Joint Education Programmes of Tohoku University

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In April, 2004, all national universities in Japan became legally independent of the national government.

# Three options for former national universities

1. Concentration on highly limited specific fields
2. Community college
3. Striving for a world-class university

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II	10~30	Tokyo
III	30~60	Kyoto
IV	60~120	Osaka, Tohoku, Nagoya

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To become a world-class university, Tohoku definitely has to internationalise itself totally and drastically. To this end, Tohoku U. has utilised both ready-made and custom-made international networks.

# Ready-made international networks

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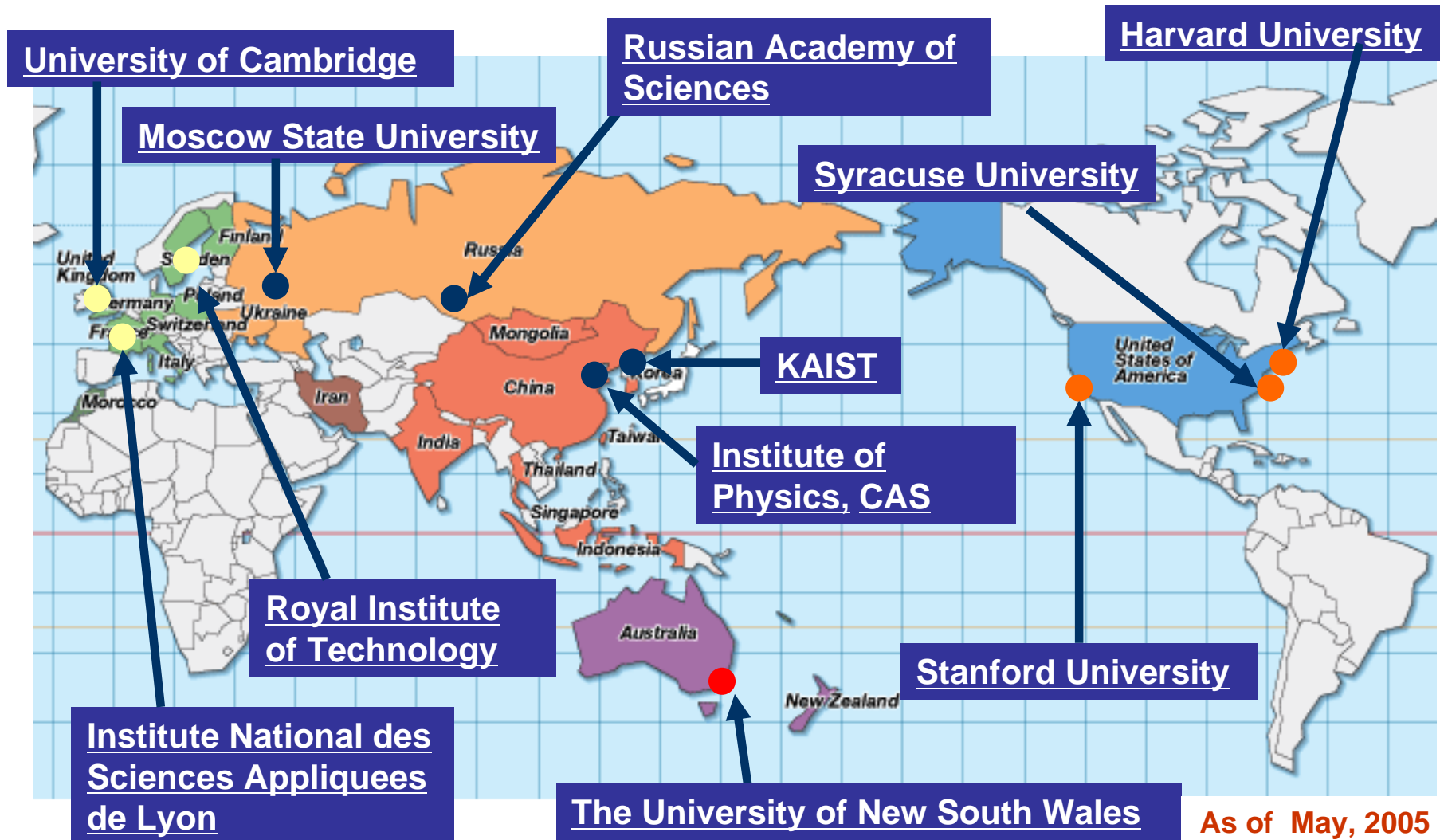
- AEARU
- Franco-Japanese Joint Doctoral Programme

# Tohoku University's major custom-made international networks

1. Overseas liaison offices
2. Joint educational programmes

# Liaison Office

11 offices in the world





# Main aims of the liaison offices

1. To promote student exchange
2. To promote joint research
3. To promote sales of IP
4. To form special relationships with host institutes

# Joint educational programmes

1. Double degree programmes with 6 eminent French Grandes Ecoles (INSA-Lyon and Ecole Centrale Group)
2. Joint education programme with Tsinghua University (China)

# Major aims of the joint educational programmes

1. To obtain highly selected brilliant graduate students
2. To encourage Tohoku graduate students to go abroad

# Results

1. Promising in the first aim
2. Unsettled in the second
3. Prompting a reform in education at Tohoku University
4. Likely to improve visibility and credibility of Tohoku University