



# Expansion of Collaboration: National Yang Ming Chiao Tung University and Tohoku University Together Establish the University-Level Joint Research Center

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President Chi-Hung Lin led a delegation of thirteen representatives from National Yang Ming Chiao Tung University (NYCU) in a visit to Tohoku University in Japan from June 4 to 6. The aim of the visit was to deepen collaboration between the department research centers of each university. These research centers started collaborating a few years ago, and the visit further elevated the level and scope of collaboration by facilitating the signing of a university-level memorandum to establish a Joint Research Center.



President Chi-Hung Lin and President Hideo Ohno of Tohoku University in Japan signed a university-level memorandum.

The delegation consisted of President Chi-Hung Lin, Senior Vice Presidents Jenn-Hwan Tarn and Chien Chou, Vice President of the Office of International Affairs Wensyang Hsu, Dean Cheng-Chang Lien, Professors Seiji Samukawa, Ching-Yao Huang, Ming-Lung Hsu, and Wen-Liang Lo, Associate Professor Szu-Ting Chen, Assistant Professor Yu-Cheng Lin, Dr. Tsai-Yu Chang, and Vice Administrator Chiu-I Chou. NYCU and Tohoku University plan to expand collaborations in several fields, including materials, communication, medicine, humanities, social sciences, and innovation and entrepreneurship.

According to Senior Vice President Chien Chou, the visit focused on humanities and social science research. The rapid advancement of technology has led to intense global competition and created various economic opportunities. As a leading institution in higher education, NYCU is responsible for guiding technological development, promoting ethical and healthy competition, and creating fair, diverse, and inclusive opportunities. NYCU and Tohoku University both believe that incorporating various perspectives from humanities, social sciences, economics, law, education, and ethics enhances the depth and applicability of technological research and ensures the sustainable development of human society, given its highly dynamic and evolving nature.

Exchanges between NYCU and Tohoku University began 18 years ago in 2005. At that time, National Chiao Tung University (NCTU) and Tohoku University signed agreements for academic and student exchange, and in 2010, the universities began organizing bilateral seminars and research activities in the field of nanoelectronics and semiconductors. In 2017, the universities established a joint office. To emphasize the significance of the occasion, Professor Susumu Satomi, President of Tohoku University at the time, led a delegation of ten senior executives to NCTU to participate in the unveiling ceremony of the joint office at NCTU and organized bilateral seminars. In November of the same year, President Mau-Chung Chang of NCTU led a delegation in return, attending the unveiling ceremony of the joint office at Tohoku University, holding bilateral seminars, and visiting various laboratories and research institutes. In 2018, the Department of Dentistry at National Yang-Ming University signed a college-level memorandum with Tohoku University and mutually established offices for talent exchange between the two institutions.

Given the profound history between NYCU and Tohoku University and the fruitful achievements together attained, NYCU established a Collaborative Research Center at Engineering Building 5. Today, President Chi-Hung Lin once again led a team to elevate the Collaborative Research Center to a university-level Joint Research Center, marking a significant milestone in the research partnership between the two universities. The unprecedented level of hospitality provided by Tohoku University reflects their strong commitment to collaboration, and the academic accomplishments and aspirations of NYCU demonstrate NYCU's capability to achieve academic excellence with Tohoku University.

